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Welcome to the Village of Kenilworth Newsletter. We hope to keep you informed of activities and information impacting our Village. Please also refer to the Village website or call Village Hall if you have any questions.

Special points of interest:

- Village Manager Resigns
- Village Board Actions April—May 2006
- Home Rule Committee Report
- Village Financial Update
- Construction Management Rules
- The Permitting Process
- National Register Historic Districts Explored
- National Trust
- Tree Talk

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Letter from the Village President



Wow! We have had a lot going on.

This issue of the Village Newsletter is particularly large. It contains a significant amount of information on a number of important topics. Let me encourage you to take the time to read the entire Newsletter. It will bring you up to date on activities and topics being discussed in Village meetings and around town.

With the start of the warm weather, we are entering "construction season". In this issue, we have tried to answer many "frequently asked questions" around construction and the permitting process. We will explain when you need a permit and how the process works, as well as highlight some of the changes that have been made in our policies in the last year, including construction management.

On another issue, the topic of Home Rule is being reviewed and discussed in the communities all around us. To ensure that we are doing our due diligence on Home Rule, I appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee to investigate and study the issue with regards to

Kenilworth. We extend a special thank you to Doug Petrie, Will Hagenah, Jack Mills, Rich Nicolaides and Jane Williamson for the hours of time and intensive research they have given to the study of Home Rule on behalf of the Village. After months of work, they presented their findings to the Board of Trustees at the May 2006 meeting. Their findings are presented beginning on page 6 of this Newsletter. Please give it careful study as it will be a topic our Village will discuss in future meetings.

May is the time the Village passes its annual budget. The Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees have spent a considerable amount of time analyzing and preparing both long-term and annual financial information. A recap of our current financial standing begins on page 8.

We have several Village-wide meetings planned. We encourage you to attend. The first will be on the topic of National Register Districts for Historic Places on May 31st and the second will be a Workshop in which you can be an active participant as we begin the planning process for the Kenilworth Comprehensive Plan. We hope to see you at

both public meetings.

On a sad note, I regret to announce the resignation of our Village Manager, Max Slankard. Max has been a tremendous asset to the Village during his four year tenure. He has recently accepted a new position as the Director of Public Works for the Village of Skokie. Max is making this career change to spend more time with his family. We are happy for him, but will sorely miss him. We are in the process of conducting a search for his replacement and expect to have someone in place in the next month or so. We will keep you informed.

We will hosting a reception for Max at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall on Friday June 9 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Mary at 847-251-1666.

We welcome your thoughts, suggestions and active participation in areas of interest to you. Meeting dates are on the website, posted in the Train Station, at Village Hall and listed in this Newsletter.

Tolbert Chisum

Village Update

Village Manager Announces Resignation

After four years of service, Kenilworth Village Manager Max Slankard, is resigning his position effective June 13, 2006, to accept the Director of Public Works position with the Village of Skokie.

"We are very disappointed to see Max go" said Village President Tolbert Chisum, "and we thank him for his leadership and hard work on behalf of our community". The Village will be embarking on a selection process for a new Village Manager immediately.

"I have enjoyed my four years of service to the Village of Kenilworth. It has been my pleasure to serve the Board and residents of Kenilworth and I have enjoyed the challenges that have come with the position. This was a difficult decision to make. As all of you know, the position of Village Manager is an extremely time consuming one, and the acceptance of my new position

will allow me to spend more time with my family. I feel this decision is best for me and my family" Slankard explained.

He continued, "I will be assisting with the search for my replacement and am confident that you will have a talented pool of applicants from whom to choose. I look forward to working with President Chisum and the Board to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you for your support, friendship and guidance during the last four years."

Kennedy Consulting has been engaged to undertake the search for a new Village Manager. A Search Committee has also been appointed. It is comprised of: James Hughes (Chairman), President Tolbert Chisum, Lois Colberg, Rick Cooper, William Folland, and Robert Seebeck.

For further information please contact Village President Chisum.

Former Village Treasurer, Peter Dyson Honored

At the May 2006 Village Board Meeting, the Board passed a "Resolution of Appreciation" for Former Village Treasurer, Peter Dyson. Mr. Dyson was acknowledged and thanked for the time and energy he selflessly gave to the Village Board, the Park District, the Police Pension Board and numerous other committees. Peter helped to improve the financial condition of the Village and assisted the staff with special projects, going well beyond the call of his duties as Treasurer. During his tenure, he oversaw the completion of a number of community improvements, which will benefit the residents for many years to come. As a Village we extend heartfelt gratitude to Peter Dyson for his past commitment and service.

Three New Village Appointments

As of April 10, 2006, Jim Junewicz was nominated and approved by a unanimous vote of the Village Board to serve a two year at-large term on the Plan Commission. Mr. Junewicz has degrees from New York University, Duquesne University and Georgetown University. He is a Partner at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, Chicago.

Vicki Thompson was also nominated and approved by a unanimous vote of the Village Board to fill the remaining portion of a five year term (ending June 13, 2010) on the Zoning Board of

Appeals. Ms. Thompson is also a lawyer by training with experience at G.D. Searle & Co, Rudnick & Wolfe, and Jenner & Block. She earned degrees from University of Illinois, Miami University and Cornell College. Ms. Thompson will be serving the remainder of Mr. Jeff Geldermann's term. Mr. Geldermann recently resigned.

Effective May 8, Rachel Noel was nominated and approved by a unanimous vote of the Village Board to complete the unexpired term (December 2007) on the Building Review Commission. Ms. Noel will fill the position previously held by Commissioner Elizabeth Duquette who resigned. Ms. Noel earned degrees from Boston University, Harvard University and Byrn Mawr College.

The Village Board of Trustees and wants to thank Jeff Geldermann and Lili Duquette for their years of service to our Village.

In the last Newsletter, the appointment of two new Building Review Commissioners to replace outgoing Commissioners Mr. Jack Barriger and Ms. Gwen Sommers Yant was announced. The Board of Trustees wants to thank Mr. Barriger and Ms. Yant for their years of service to our Village.

It is the commitment and willingness to serve our community that helps keep Kenilworth a special place. If you are interested in serving on any of the village committees, visit the website at: www.villageofkenilworth.org.

Please contact Tolbert Chisum, Village President to let him know of your interest.

Board Action Update

Current Activities and Actions of the Board of Trustees

In this issue, the business of the Board of Trustees during the months of April and May 2006 are highlighted.

More detail can be found on the Village website.

Building Planning and Zoning

- Passed Ordinance #951 Amending Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Kenilworth, 1959, as Amended, Regarding Subdivisions. This Ordinance addresses three issues: flag lots, through lots, and establishes an escrow amount to enable the Village to recoup its expenses associated with processing subdivision requests.
- Passed Resolution R-2006-06 Establishing Application and Filing Fees for Subdivisions. This Resolution establishes a \$1000 non-refundable fee to be charged for filing an application for subdivision.
- Approved motion to engage Houseal Lavigne Associates for consulting use by the Building Planning and Zoning Committee.
- Approved Ordinance #956 Amending Chapter 32 of the Village Code, 1959, regarding Lot Dimensions and Public Streets. This Ordinance establishes that any lot of record created must have a minimum frontage along a public street, which will prevent the creations of new flag lots and prevent the creation of new private streets.
- The Building Review Commission is reviewing applications concerning 315 Essex Road, 112 Oxford Road, 126 Abingdon Avenue, and 626 Melrose Avenue. On June 19 it will review a demolition application for 527

Abbotsford Road.

Community Affairs

- Announced a Public Hearing to discuss National Register Historic Districts will be upcoming on May 31st to explain the proposed plan.
- Instructed the Village Manager to talk with cell carriers about their needs around the Water Tower.

Finance

- Reviewed, discussed and passed the Fiscal Year 2007 budget as presented with additional spending of \$268,000, with the proviso that the Village find revenues that solve the excess spending (\$40,000) from reserves.
- Approved the authorization to pay the March 2006 bills in the amount of \$160,797.60.
- Approved Ordinance #953 Abating a Tax Levied for the Year 2005 to Pay Debt Service on \$5.0 million G.O. Bond Series 1999.
- Approved Ordinance #954 providing for the Issue of \$425,000 G.O. Limited Refunding Bonds, Series 2006.
- Approved Ordinance #955 Making a Supplemental Appropriation for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006, revising the previous amount.
- Approved the following Beach Fees beginning in 2006. For Residents: Family Season Pass \$45, Individual Season Pass \$25, Daily Fee \$5. For Non-Resident: Family Season Pass \$105, Individual Season Pass \$60, Daily Fee \$10.
- Approved the authorization of the May bills in the amount of \$106,148.93.

Police and Fire

- Approved Ordinance #952 Relating to the Surcharges for the 911 Emergency Telephone System. The current surcharge of \$5 will be reduced to \$3. It was raised 24 months prior to secure funding for the necessary upgrades to the system. The upgrades are being phased in and are paid for, therefore the surcharge will go back to the \$3 amount.
- Revered Myers of the Church of the Holy Comforter has agreed to serve as the Police Chaplain for another year. He has been doing so since 2002.
- The new speed display unit which attaches to street posts was stolen on the evening of April 1st. The Department is looking for any and all help to have it returned.
- Mr. Jason Kalinowski has been hired as a Probationary Police Officer, effective May 1, 2006 to fill the vacancy position. He is currently attending the basic training course at the Police Training Institute, which will conclude at the end of July 2006.
- The Police Department Open House was held on Sunday May, 21, 2006 following the Memorial Day Parade. It was a great success!

Water and Electricity

- Approved engagement with Hampton, Lenzi and Renwick to undertake engineering services relating to the street light system.

Other

- Requested Manager Slankard have an ordinance prepared to cover approval of a special use for the Kenilworth Assembly Hall to renovate as proposed.

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In More Detail

Construction Management

UTILITY LOCATION:

Prior to excavation, CONTACT J.U.L.I.E. AT 1-800-892-0123 for Underground Utility Location.

Call the Village of Kenilworth to locate Village Utilities:

PUBLIC WORKS 847-251-9210

WATER DEPARTMENT:
847-251-1094

CONSTRUCTION HOURS:

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mon-Fri

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturdays

No construction is permitted on Sundays, or the following legal holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day).

Noise produced outside of permitted work hours or work days is considered under Village of Kenilworth ordinances to be a nuisance and disorderly conduct.

No construction materials or equipment may be delivered to a residential site, except during the above stated construction hours.

INSPECTIONS:

Inspections must be requested at least 24 hours in advance, by calling 847-251-1666.

For Electrical Inspections, please call 847-251-1094.

For Sewer Inspections, please call 847-251-9210.

All final inspections must be approved and a Certificate of Occupancy be issued prior to any building being occupied.

THERE IS A \$75.00 FINE FOR INSPECTIONS THAT ARE CANCELLED OR CHANGED FOR ANY REASON.

LITTER CONTROL & CLEANUP:

All litter and debris at the site shall be controlled at all times. The permit holder shall designate a person to be responsible to assure that no litter or debris leaves the site, and that it shall be cleaned from the site and the surrounding areas, and is deposited into a dumpster at the end of every day on which work was conducted on the site. Dumpsters shall be emptied or removed when full. All dumpsters shall be located entirely on the lot for which the permit is issued.

PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY:

All public rights-of-way, including streets, alleys, sidewalks, and driveways crossing sidewalks, shall be maintained on a clean, safe and accessible condition. The applicant shall remove all dirt, mud, gravel, and other debris generated at the site from the public rights-of-way regularly at the end of every work day, and more frequently as necessary to prevent a hazardous situation. No construction materials, including dumpsters, shall be permitted within the public rights of way. Sidewalks shall remain passable at all times, except for when part of the sidewalk must be removed or replaced during construction, in which case the Applicant must provide an alternative clean, safe, and accessible walkway. No part of the sidewalk shall be out of service for more than 3 days.

DUST & PARTICULATE CONTROL:

Airborne particles generated during demolition, stone and brick cutting, and other dust-emitting activities, shall be controlled by thoroughly saturating all affected portions of the structure, building materials, equipment and surrounding construction site with water. Such spraying shall be undertaken at any time necessary to thoroughly control the creation and migration of dust and other airborne particles.

PORTABLE TOILETS:

A portable toilet or other indoor sanitary facilities shall be provided at every construction site, no later than immediately after completion of excavation for the foundation. The portable toilet must be located at the rear of the lot, and

out of plain view of any public right-of-way. Under no circumstances may the portable toilet be located in the front yard, or in the case of a corner lot, in a side yard facing a street, unless an administrative waiver has been obtained.

SAFETY FENCING:

A 6 foot tall fence shall be erected (i) around every property where an existing structure is to be demolished and a replacement structure is to be constructed, (ii) around the perimeter of any open excavation more than 1 foot deep, and (iii) around every property with internal work and the building or structure is not secure to the outside. Fencing must be installed after the Demolition Permit is issued and prior to the commencement of demolition. All safety fencing shall be located entirely on the lot for which the permit is issued, and may not block sidewalks or other public rights-of-way when opened. Fences shall be securely closed during non-work hours and at any other time when the construction site is unattended.

PARKING:

Workers may not park at the construction site so as to block access to or through any public street, sidewalk, crosswalk, alley, or any driveway.

PENALTIES AND FINES:

Any person who violates any of these Construction Site Management Regulations shall be fined not less than \$50.00 for the first violation, \$100.00 for the second violation, and \$150.00 for any successive violation within the same 12 month period. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offence. After the third violation, a stop work order may be issued in addition to a citation for the violation, and all work at the site must cease. Once the violation has been abated and a \$500.00 stop work fee has been paid to the Village to cover the cost of administrative processing, the Village shall release the stop work order in not less than 2 business days, at which time work may resume. For the purposes of this provision, a person shall be deemed to have violated these regulations whenever that person, or any contractor, subcontractor, agent, or employee of that person, shall have violated these regulations.

The Permit Process

WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Often residents ask “why do we need a building permit?” The Community Development Department is charged with the responsibility concerning life safety issues in the built environment and the enforcement of the zoning requirements of the Village. The building code adopted by the Village states that “the purpose of the building code is to provide minimum standards for the protection of life, limb, health, property, environment and for the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public, and the owners of and occupants of buildings regulated by this code.” For these reasons, a permit is required.

A building permit is a license which grants legal permission to start construction of a building project. Permits allow the enforcement of the codes which have been adopted as law. The permit also provides the means for the Village to inspect construction to ensure that standards are met and appropriate materials are used. The enforcement of codes is carried out to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Before any construction or remodeling work may begin, a permit must be obtained. The Village checks to be sure that the proposed work is permissible under existing zoning ordinances and building codes. If a permit is not obtained, the work will be stopped until a permit is issued, a fine will be added to the cost of the building permit, and any work performed without a permit may be subject to removal at the inspector’s determination.

After the permit is issued, the work will be inspected by a Village inspector to assure that the workmanship is satisfactory and in accordance with various codes. The owner’s and public’s interest and

property values are also protected.

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

- **New house or garage**
- **New addition to an existing house**
- **Alteration to a structure**
- **Structural repairs**
- **Site Work:**
 - Patios, decks, stairs, walks
 - Fences, arbors, trellises
 - Driveway paving
 - Railings
 - Sheds
 - Swimming pools
- **General:**
 - Chimneys, fireplaces, flues
 - Kitchen remodeling, cabinets, appliances
 - Bath remodeling
 - Porches – open and enclosed
 - Windows – change in size or location
 - Doors – change in size or location
 - Framing - floors, walls, roofs
 - Interior & exterior demolition
 - Skylights
 - Stairways
 - Roofing – re-roofing & tear-offs
 - Fuel tank removal
- **Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical**
 - Furnaces, heating units
 - Central air conditioning
 - Sump pumps, drain tile – interior & exterior
 - Sewer repair, clean outs
 - Hot tubs, jacuzzi, spas
 - Lawn sprinkler system
 - Interior piping changes
 - Water service upgrade
 - Electrical outlets, wiring changes
 - Electrical service upgrade, new electrical panel
 - Electric back-up generator
- **Special / Miscellaneous:**
 - Signs, awnings and canopies - commercial
 - Elevators, wheelchair lifts
 - Tents – more than 7 days

• **Public Property:**

Carriage and public sidewalks
Driveway apron – new, repair
Street openings & parkway openings

PERMIT ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR:

Playground equipment, treehouses
Moveable sheds
Landscaping (hardscapes require permit)
Replacing windows in existing openings
Replacing exterior siding, shingles
Replacing gutters, downspouts
Tuckpointing mortar
Water heater replacement
Window air conditioners
Wall coverings, painting
Patching, repair walls & ceilings

PERMIT PROCESS

Submit a completed **permit application** (building permit, fence permit, tree permit) with all the necessary information (i.e. plans, plats of survey, work proposal).

The plans and /or other documents submitted are reviewed for compliance with the Village’s building codes (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing) and Village ordinances (zoning, tree preservation, other ordinances). Permit applications that involve new houses, new garages, additions to an existing house, and impervious surfaces will have a zoning review, in addition to a plan review.

After the permit application is approved, you will be notified that the permit is ready and the cost of the permit. Payment is made at the time the permit is issued.

After the permit has been issued, you may begin construction. Call the Village to schedule inspections of the work as indicated on the Required Inspection Sheet. Upon completion of the work, call the Village for a final inspection to close out the permit process. A Certificate of Occupancy is required for new houses and existing homes that were unoccupied during construction.

Home Rule Investigation

As many surrounding communities have debated the issue of Home Rule, President Chisum asked a group of citizens to explore the issue for Kenilworth and report their findings to the Board of Trustees. The Blue Ribbon Committee on Home Rule consisted of William J. Hagenah, John W. (Jack) Mills, Richard H. Nicolaides, Jr., R. Douglas Petrie (Chairman), and Jane T. Williamson. They reported their findings at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. Their findings are presented below.

The objective of the committee was to understand the home rule system of government and evaluate its application to the Village of Kenilworth. The investigation and evaluation process included:

- Review of published materials including reports and studies prepared by various state and local agencies as well as The Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University,
- Review of publications and data compiled by various local municipalities who have recently or are currently considering home rule,
- Interviews with officials in neighboring communities which are/ are not home rule or which currently are considering home rule,
- Interviews with former and current Village of Kenilworth officials.

The philosophy of the committee was to evaluate intellectually and pragmatically the concept of home rule as an alternative form of government for the Village of Kenilworth.

Background on Home Rule

Home rule power was granted to Illinois municipalities through the 1970 revision of the Illinois Constitution:

“... a home rule unit may exercise *any power* and perform *any function* pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to,

the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur debt.”

Home rule status comes automatically to communities with a population of 25,000 or more. Communities of less than 25,000 may elect home rule through a referendum. Home rule governments can use any power relevant to local government that is not denied to them by law. Home rule municipalities may not license for revenue or impose taxes upon, or measure by income, earnings, or upon occupations. Limitations exist on the amount of debt a home rule municipality may incur.

Home rule finds its rationale (1) in the disparate circumstances of many different municipalities in the state, (2) in the belief that what might aptly apply to one community has no application in another, and (3) that state government is in no position to draw the distinction. Intent and language of the law, along with its application and interpretation over the years, encourages local municipalities to adopt this form of government.

How is home rule applied?

There are approximately 170 home rule communities in Illinois. About 45% of that number elected home rule by referendum. More than 7,000,000 people in this state of over 12,000,000 live under home rule. In the past 25 years no home rule community in the state has abandoned home rule.

Neighboring communities who have come to home rule either by virtue of their size or by referendum include: Arlington Heights, Bannockburn (2006), Barrington Hills(1990), Buffalo Grove (1980), Deerfield (1975), Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Golf (1976), Gurnee, Highland Park, Lake Bluff (2005), Lake Forest (2004), Lincolnshire (1975), Lincolnwood (1997), Mettawa (1990), Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Mundelein, Niles, Northbrook, Riverwoods (2006), Skokie, Waukegan, Wilmette, Winnetka (2005).

The reasons neighboring villages have

adopted home rule include the philosophical beliefs that individuals operating at the local level can do a better job of managing their affairs than legislators in Springfield and that home rule provides the flexibility needed to respond to local problems and conditions. There is also the belief that mandates imposed by the state often create more problems than solutions and that mandates imposed by the state often create new levels of expense without providing compensating revenue.

Additionally, practical reasons for adopting home rule included revenue related opportunities that impact Village finances. The data suggests that home rule communities are using a variety of taxes to produce revenues from non-residents.

Revenue-Related Applications

<u>Type of tax</u>	<u># using it</u>
Additional retail sales tax	53
Hotel-motel tax	52
Real estate transfer tax	31
Sales tax/food and beverage	22
Gasoline tax	15
Amusement tax	12
Wheel tax	7
Retail sale/motor vehicle tax	2
Use of natural gas	2
Other	4
Not using any home rule tax	14

There are practical reasons for adopting home rule that are non-revenue related. The most commonly mentioned example was that of the affordable housing legislation. There is a perception that home rule communities will not have to comply with affordable housing legislation. This remains to be determined by the state.

Home rule municipalities have exercised a broad range of powers:

- Economic development
- Reduction of the cost of debt
- Buying/selling/leasing property
- Licensing
- Government structure changes
- Environmental control

Home Rule Investigation Cont.

There are a number of Home Rule Misperceptions

Misperception #1: Home rule communities will raise taxes at a faster rate than non-home rule communities.

According to Dr. James M. Banovetz, Emeritus Professor and Senior Fellow at the Center on Government Studies, at Northern Illinois University:

- On average, home rule communities derive a smaller proportion of their revenue from property taxes than do communities without home rule,
- There is no evidence supporting the contention that home rule communities increase property taxes at a faster rate than non-home rule communities,
- The opposite appears to be true. Non-home rule communities have increased property taxes at a faster rate than home rule communities.

Misperception #2: Home rule extends broad powers to local governments, which creates the potential for abuse of those powers.

The courts have usually been disinclined to interfere with or reverse the exercise of home rule power. The Illinois Supreme Court has rarely found abuse (home rule powers upheld in 80% of the cases heard).

There are a number of safeguards under home rule.

Safeguards include: Village official term limits and turnover, rescission of home rule, state pre-emption authority, judicial review and oversight, state constitutional prohibitions, obligations imposed by the General Assembly, and peer pressure.

Observations Specific to All Home Rule Communities.

The Upside:

- Greater range of financial alternatives
- Freedom to deal with local issues locally
- Freedom from state mandated regulations
- A common political bond with adjacent communities.

The Downside:

- Increased power to tax and regulate placed in the hands of the Village board
- A broader range of expertise and/or diligence may be needed at the board and Village staff levels to deal with a wider range of issues
- Possible increased costs needed to evaluate options and/or to monitor new initiatives.

Observations Specific to the Village of Kenilworth

The circumstances of the village of Kenilworth are of the same general nature as those of the surrounding villages that have adopted home rule with one important exception, Kenilworth is a residential community with almost **no commercial base**.

Therefore, Kenilworth's ability to generate incremental revenues, particularly from the citizens of neighboring communities, is limited—virtually non-existent unless a commercial element can be added.

Kenilworth property taxes represent almost 50-60% of village revenues. In neighboring communities property taxes represent less than 25% of village revenues because those communities have the benefit of an array of other taxes and fees derived from their commercial base.

In terms of revenue generating potential, the absence of a commercial base in Kenilworth is exacerbated by the fact its principal source of revenue (the property tax) is capped at “5 percent per year or the increase in the CPI, whichever is less”. Over the last twenty years the increase in the CPI has averaged less than 4% and over the last ten years less than 3%.

The expenses of the village run primarily to the cost of maintaining its staff—salaries, insurance, pensions (between 55% and 60%). Consumer prices are not related in any discernible way to the costs of running the village. The cap on property taxes is imposed by artificial and irrelevant constraints.

With the CPI growing at less than 3%

and the cost of salaries, insurance, and pensions now growing in the range of 4% to 10% or more, the Village is ultimately in an unsustainable financial position. Its only current financial option is to periodically submit referenda to its citizens seeking more money;. Alternatively, it can reduce services and/or draw down reserves.

As a home rule community, a limited number of options potentially would be available to Kenilworth to help its financial circumstances:

- The Village could raise property taxes on an “as needed” basis without periodic referenda or the need to compete with other taxing authorities which also must, and routinely do, utilize the referenda option.
- The Village could impose a wider range of fees than is currently possible.
- By adopting home rule through a referendum and, through a following referendum, adopt a real estate transfer tax, the Village could generate an important incremental component to its income stream.

A real estate transfer tax is a sales tax imposed at the time of a sale/purchase of a residence; it is based on the actual selling price and the rate is established by the municipality; the tax can be imposed on the seller or on the buyer. The authority to levy a real estate transfer tax is not available to non-home rule communities; it is available to home rule communities only if specifically authorized by the citizens through a separate referendum. On an annual basis the total amount of the transfer tax would represent an important increment of revenue for the Village. Rationale: The tax is levied on those entering the village who will be the beneficiary of infrastructure put in place and paid for (in whole or in part) by those who preceded them.

Non-financial dimensions of home rule are important but not as compelling:

- Historically, state mandated legislation/regulation has not created a particular hardship on the village.
- Affordable housing probably represents the most potentially onerous consequences imposed by the state.

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Village Financial Update

Over the past year there has been a great deal of discussion about the finances and future of our village. We have great pride in what exists in Kenilworth and would like to continue to efficiently serve our residents. To achieve this goal the Board and village management have been working over the last three years to strengthen the financial reporting systems in the village and develop long term financial plans that match the greater goals and needs of the village with financial prudence. We have restructured the finance staff, improved the financial systems and reporting, brought in low cost financial consultants to review these improvements, and hired a new audit firm. In addition to this, we are pleased to report that our reserves are stronger than any time over the last twenty years. Reserves are like the family savings account – money held for unexpected changes in income and special projects. A couple decades ago when the state delayed property tax income to the village, Kenilworth would be out of cash and have to borrow against those future expected taxes. Obviously we are in a much stronger position today and want to maintain that security. Recent semi-annual property tax receipts put us at a high point in the annual cycle of cash, so in May our operating reserves were near \$3 million against next year's baseline operating budget of \$3.45 million.

This surplus has been amassed over the last ten to fifteen years in spite of the fact that those boards have had to deal with well over \$15 million of improvements including: replaced critical water mains, the village storage facilities, rebuilding the water plant, launching a sewer relining program that has relined the critical risk points, and

resurfacing all the roads in the village as well as negotiating and working with the state and utilities to reconstruct Sheridan Road plus all the infrastructure under it, replace critical electrical systems throughout the village and rewire much of the village telephone access.

Aren't we done yet? Of course not. Asphalt roads require resurfacing about every 10 years so we dedicate a motor fuel tax from the state to maintain those programs. We also have a dedicated sewer fund to continue the sewer relining program started about 7 years ago. Management of these has been intuitive over the last decade or so but are now working through the known sewer, water main and resurfacing needs to coordinate the use of these funds to maximize those resources. This does not mean there is distress. It means we are trying to most efficiently use the dollars available to the village dedicated to these projects.

There are other capital expenses that will arise in the next few years such as a street sweeper that will cost over \$100,000 and those water mains mentioned above would cost \$1.5 million if done in one year (which we would not normally do). Appropriately scheduled over a number of years and coordinated with other needs, we have the strong capacity within the restricted funds and annual refunding bonds to address most of these small and medium sized needs as they arise.

The other large capital project on our wish list involves the study of bringing the village hall into the 21st century. We have begun a review of the options available to us and will be bringing you updates on those thoughts and options as they

develop. Preliminary plans developed a couple of years ago placed the cost of upgrading the facility between \$.8 million and \$1.5 million. A project this large would probably require a general obligation bond offering unless we could phase the developments over many, many years. Since we will regularly communicate with you during this process, we are sure that we will confidently present our findings and, if appropriate, bring investments to you for approval once the plans are completed.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we are planning to refinance outstanding bonds to save you and the village some money. In the case of outstanding 1999 general obligation bonds, we will hold public hearings and with board approval put on the November ballot a referendum to refinance those bonds over the same time period now used for those bonds at a set rate which is estimated to save over \$200,000 over the remaining life of the bonds – money that will be directly reduced from your property taxes. We are also proposing refinancing the 2002 alternative revenue bonds used to rebuild the water plant over the useful life of that equipment. The net present value of this is only slightly positive. The reason to refinance these is that current dollars are shifted into future years. This spreads the cost over those using the improvements and thereby deferring approximately \$100,000 or approximately 10% of the current water plant budget annually until 2023 through 2031. The board will subsequently decide how much of these current "savings" will be used to reduce water rates and whether a portion will be used to upgrade outdated water meters and replace the aging water mains mentioned above.

Village Financial Update Cont.

We should close by mentioning that the annual operations of the village continue to be prudently managed and we should thank Max Slankard for 4 great years of oversight. Our fiscal (financial accounting) year runs from May 1st to April 30th. We have closed out last year that was budgeted to have a "loss" of \$43,000 but revenues exceeding expenses by over \$111,000.

In the new fiscal budget for 2007, excluding special investments, the board has budgeted a "loss" of \$34,000 which includes bringing most employees into the average salary ranges of similar communities. We are reviewing some fees and already see some stronger revenue in permits. As we continue our planning we hope to match last year's surplus budget results.

We have a long standing policy to maintain cash reserves equal to or greater than at least six months of normal operating expenses to deal with potential (and previously

experienced) swings in the receipts from the state. The excess revenues from last year as well as previous prudent management allowed the board to invest in the comprehensive planning and some minor capital expenses over the last couple of years and in the coming year. The board explicitly decided to use reserve funds again in the coming year to meet these and other critical village needs with an additional \$211,000 of special project funding. The investments include completing the comprehensive plan, new safety equipment for the police, safety equipment for public works, a new bobcat for public works and an engineering study of our street lighting system. This is the continuation of the program begun approximately seven years ago. The water plant which "lost" money in the mild seasons a couple years ago and "made" money from the extreme drought last year is budgeted to break even on an operating basis in the coming year.

We continue like the boards that have gone before us to improve the infrastructure of Kenilworth so that services and operations are as invisible as possible.

We are proud of the work we have done to date and thankful we were given such a strong foundation to build upon. If you see Max or fellow residents who have served on the prior boards, thank them for positioning us well for the future. This board and future boards will use this strength to continue to meet the village needs and balance the Kenilworth goals with financial prudence to maintain our top financial rating and focus on stability.

Home Rule Investigation Cont. (from p.7)

Conclusions and Recommendations

The adoption of home rule by the village of Kenilworth would have important long term benefits. The primary benefit of home rule for Kenilworth runs to the matter of finances.

The village is facing an untenable position financially as a result of:

- Unrealistic tax caps
- New levels of built-in costs
- Cost escalation that other communities are experiencing
- An abundance of capital requirements

Options without home rule are limited:

- Defer capital programs
- Cut services
- Raise property taxes through referenda

Except for the affordable housing issue, the non-revenue side of the issue, while clearly important, is not as compelling as it has been for neighboring villages with a broader array of objectives and opportunities.

Home rule in Kenilworth should be viewed as the first step in a two step process leading to the adoption of a real estate transfer tax. Without a real estate transfer tax, and with essentially no commercial base, the advantages of home rule for Kenilworth are significantly diluted and preclude realizing an important revenue opportunity.

Moving Ahead...

- Complete the study currently underway of the potential for a modest "commercial development" along Green Bay Road; the financial implications of such a development should be well quantified as the results are relevant to home rule.
- Complete the long range financial plan being developed for the Village by the Board and the Special Planning Group as the findings, implications, and conclusions are particularly relevant to a home rule initiative.
- Ultimately the Board has to decide whether or not to put the matter of home rule to the citizens; necessarily, the Board would need to develop a conviction about the merits of home rule and be willing to take the primary leadership role as an advocate of home rule for the village of Kenilworth.

In More Detail

Plan Commission

On April 3, the Plan Commission met to begin the Comprehensive Planning process. John Houseal of Houseal/ Lavigne led an Initiation Workshop with the commission members and Ad Hoc Committee members who were in attendance. This exercise was structured to identify village related issues and priorities. He asked the group to identify at least five issues facing the village then ranked and prioritized the results. This exercise

was stimulating and well received by the attendees. On June 5 at 7:00pm, Houseal/Lavigne will conduct a Community Workshop at The Kenilworth Assembly Hall. All residents are invited to share their own ideas and issues at this very important community meeting. These results will form the basis for development of the Comprehensive Plan. Also, Jim Junewicz was recently named to the Plan Commission to fill our lone vacancy.

The members of the Plan Commission are as follows: Robert Smietana, Chairman, Tim Dugan, Gwen Sommers Yant, Henry Mawicke, Dirk Degenaars, Elizabeth Bannon, Susan Hoopes, Jim Junewicz, Tolbert Chisum (Ex-officio, Village President), Robert Cunningham (Ex-officio, ZBA Chairman), Thomas Feeney (Ex-officio, Park District President).

Kenilworth Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop

7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5, 2006—Kenilworth Assembly Hall

The Village of Kenilworth is beginning the process of developing its new *Comprehensive Plan*. The *Comprehensive Plan* is intended to serve as a “road map” to help guide the community policy and decision making over the next 10 to 15 years.

This *Community Workshop* will “kick-off” the community planning process and provide residents with an opportunity to express their concerns and desires regarding the Village of Kenilworth. We encourage you to attend and participate in the Community Workshop. Your input will help shape the context of the Plan and help to ensure that it reflects the interest of the community.

For questions or comments, please contact the Village at (847)-251-1666.

Board Action Update Cont.

(Continued from p.3)

Other cont.

- Approved to change telephone carriers to Call One, based on lower costs.
- Approved Resolution of Appreciation for Former Village Treasurer, Peter Dyson.
- Approved the engagement of Kennedy Consulting to undertake the search for a new Village Manager.

- Approved the appointment of a Search Committee comprised of: James Hughes (Chairman), , President Chisum, Lois Colberg, Rick Cooper, William Folland, and Robert Seebeck.

Upcoming Issues

- Building, Planning and Zoning is discussing zoning credits.
- Community Affairs is discussing National Register Historic Districts.

- Water and Electricity is pursuing background on a Street Lighting program.
- The Plan Commission is conducting a Community Workshop to introduce the planning process.

The Village Board Community Affairs Committee invites you to a *Village Forum about National Register Historic Districts* Wednesday, May 31st, at 7 pm at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall

Speakers will include Jean Follett, architectural historian and Village of Hinsdale Trustee and James Bayley, Chairman of the Village of Wilmette Preservation Commission. This informative presentation will cover what the National Register of Historic Places is, the benefits of being listed, the nomination process, and Wilmette's recent experience in listing over 700 homes in the "Cage" area.

National Register listing was recommended to the Village Board by the Ad Hoc Committee for Community Planning based upon the Village survey results: 73% of respondents want historic districts that

encourage preserving or renovating existing homes, and 62% indicated that they supported historic preservation districts. National Register designation:

- Does not restrict an owner's ability to modify or demolish their home and requires no review of planned renovation work,
- Provides owners attractive voluntary financial incentive options that encourage renovation over demolition,
- Can encompass the greatest number of properties therefore providing the greatest number of homes access to various incentives.

However, the greatest benefit may be the honor, prestige, community pride and awareness, and marketing opportunities of being part of the National Register of Historic Places.

Being part of the National Register of Historic Places is consistent with the Village Vision Statement adopted by the Village Board on 2005 to: "Protect the Village of Kenilworth's character as a community of the highest quality through preservation of the built and natural environment, and the maintenance of homes, neighborhoods and special places that lend significant aesthetic and cultural value to the community". Please plan to join us on May 31st.

Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation

This information was sent to landscape companies regarding the new ordinances on Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation.

The Village of Kenilworth has recently adopted two ordinances that concern the landscape of homes: Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation.

These ordinances were passed to preserve the character of the Village with its mature tree canopy, landscaped natural environment, and open front yards.

VEGETATION ROWS

This ordinance limits the use of natural growing hedges, shrubs and other plant life that is placed or used in whole or in part as a boundary or barrier along front and side property lines. The use of tall "green" fences along property lines is not consistent with Kenilworth's landscape history, which favors open front yards, and will only be allowed following the guidelines listed below.

The following limitations are placed on Vegetation Rows which are taller than four feet and within eight feet of:

1. The front lot line
2. Any side lot line abutting a street
3. The interior line of the corner sight triangle on the lot
4. The interior line of any driveway sight triangle on the lot

The Vegetation Row is limited to 30% of the front lot line, the side lot line abutting a street and the interior side lot line within the required front yard setback.

TREE PRESERVATION

This ordinance discourages the removal of large trees over 10" in diameter and requires protection for trees during construction.

A Tree Permit is required to remove the following trees:

1. Trees that measure 10" or greater



in diameter

2. Conifer trees that exceed 30 feet in height, regardless of diameter
 3. All trees on Village owned right-of-ways, including parkways
- Permit fees and replacement requirements are

required for the removal of healthy trees.

A Tree Protection Plan is required for all building permit applications for house additions, new houses and other construction activities which can impact existing trees on the lot, parkway, or adjacent lots. The plan must provide for the root zones of trees greater than 10" in diameter to be protected by construction fencing and to remain undisturbed during construction. Violations of this ordinance will result in fines and/or work stoppage.

Copies of the Vegetation Ordinance and the Tree Preservation Ordinance will also be sent with this information.

Kenilworth Recognized by National Trust

On the morning of May 10th in Washington, D. C., Richard Moe, the President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, announced the Trust's 2006 list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places". This list includes the Village of Kenilworth. Mr. Moe explained later that day on the MacNeil Lehrer News Hour that "every year the Trust issues the 11 most endangered historic places list to bring attentions to different kinds of threats to different kinds of historic places all over the country. It's meant to be a representative list. It goes through a vetting process. It's very competitive, and it's highly desirable to get placed on this list because being on the list almost invariably brings very positive attention and often resources. The Trust can bring money to a project as well as publicity and bring people together to get things done. To view the list, go to www.nationaltrust.org.

Mr. Moe went on to say the threat to Kenilworth is the teardown phenomenon, and "this is happening all over the country. I think it may be the most serious threat to historic communities and historic neighborhoods." A press conference at the Kenilworth train station announcing Kenilworth as one of the designees followed later that morning. Speakers at the press conference were:

David J. Brown, Executive Vice President of the National Trust,

Robert Mallot, long-time Kenilworth resident and council member of the National Trust,

Tolbert Chisum, Kenilworth Village President, accepting an award from the Trust acknowledging Kenilworth's historic and architectural significance,

David Bahlman, President of Landmarks Preservation Council of

Illinois,

Susan Benjamin, architectural historian, and author of the recent book, North Shore Chicago,

Beth Baxter, resident and member of Citizens for Kenilworth, who sponsored the nomination,

Roy Leonard, prominent T.V. and radio personality, serving as master of ceremonies.

That same day, all Kenilworth residents received a letter from the Director of the Midwest Office of the National Trust, Mr. Royce Yeater, explaining the designation. Excerpts from the letter are below.

Mr. Yeater and Ms. Genell Scheurell, Midwest field representative for the ***National Trust, will be at the 7:30pm June 12th Village Board meeting*** to discuss the designation and the services the Trust can offer to our village. **Please join us at that meeting for more information.**

Excerpts from the letter sent to Kenilworth residents from Royce A. Yeater, Midwest Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation:

May 9, 2006

To the Citizens of Kenilworth:

The National Trust is honored to recognize the Village of Kenilworth for its outstanding architectural character as well as its significant history. Kenilworth is a remarkable community with a legacy of thoughtful planning making it a "suburban ideal". Its distinguished sense-of-place is characterized primarily by first generation homes, many of which were designed by noteworthy architects for equally noteworthy residents. However, your village, like others across the nation, is in danger of losing the exceptional character that has been so consciously and carefully nurtured over the years. In recognition of the work you have begun in preserving the character of your community, and the considerable work that remains to be done, ***The National Trust for Historic Preservation*** has designated Kenilworth one of "America's 11 Most

Endangered Historic Places". Of all the historic places in America, Kenilworth is deemed to be among the most worthy of this recognition for the year 2006 because of the quality, cohesion, and integrity of its historic character, and because the fate of that character is in the balance NOW, depending upon how challenges to it are addressed by you.

The National Trust is not alone in its recognition that Kenilworth's architectural character and integrity is at risk. It has been brought to my attention that the results of your own Village Survey reflected the concern of the vast majority of respondents about the erosion of village character. It was recently reported that major portions of some North Shore and Western suburbs of the Chicago area are no longer eligible for honorary National Register Historic District designation due to the large numbers of demolitions and the resulting loss of historic character.

There have been 45 teardowns over the last ten years in Kenilworth, and permits have been filed to demolish six more homes in the very near future. I am told that this number does not include other currently endangered homes in the village which are owned by speculators and/or are endangered for other reasons. Considering the architectural value of your homes, and the size of your village, you too, may find these numbers alarming.

It is obvious that over time the homes in your community have been well maintained, restored and remodeled with care and attention to their original design and the character of your existing neighborhoods. This is in stark contrast to homes often built today by speculators, who reuse architectural plans from other communities and build homes designed without regard for, or knowledge of, the size, scale, and proportion of adjacent homes.

You should know that ***The National Trust's*** designation of Kenilworth as one of "America's 11 Most Endangered Places" is honorific only, and has no impact on individual property owners or decisions they might make about their homes. This designation does, however, bring national recognition each year to eleven historic places in America that are at risk, and it creates an awareness of the unique value of endangered properties. For a list of past and present winners, please see the website of ***The National Trust for Historic Preservation*** at www.nationaltrust.org.

Sincerely, Royce A. Yeater, AIA

Tree Talk

Village residents value trees, and the village staff and Village Board Public Works subcommittee is working hard to keep our parkway trees healthy and plentiful. The following initiatives are in progress:

Increased vigilance around Dutch Elm disease.

The Village staff will be closely monitoring Dutch Elm Disease in both parkway and private property trees this summer, as last year's drought may effect tree health this year. The Village policy, (pursuant to the State Municipal Code), will be to notify the owner of a potentially diseased tree, take a sample of the tree, and if it is determined that the tree has Dutch Elm disease, immediately notify the owner of the finding and 1)remove the parkway tree, or 2) require the resident to immediately remove a diseased tree on private property. If the resident does not comply, the Village has the authority to remove the tree, if necessary. Although no one wants to lose a tree from their yard or parkway, Dutch Elm poses a threat to the many spectacular elms we still have, and must be eliminated as quickly as possible in an effort to



save our other mature trees. Next time you're going by Kenilworth Avenue and Ridge Road, or many other places in the village, take a moment to appreciate the beauty of our elms.

A parkway tree inventory

has been started to help the village understand the species, sizes, location and condition of existing trees. The inventory was started by Arbor Green (the company that recently pruned

trees on Earlston, Sterling, and Melrose) and is expected to be completed by Max Sutter and other senior scouts from Troop 13 this summer.

This information will help the village decide which types of trees to offer in the planting program, enable us to recommend tree species to help diversify our parkway tree varieties to help protect against diseases which attack certain species like Dutch Elm, Ash Borer etc. An inventory will also help us get more accurate

estimates for trimming and removal work, and to have a record of tree sizes and locations for use in planning for utility work and sprinkler installations.

Newly planted tree pruning program.

Our Village Forester recommends pruning newly planted trees about three times during the first nine years after planting, to encourage healthy and strong growth, and potentially save us money in storm damage removal and tree pruning in the future.

The spacing and thinning of branches improves crown shape and branch structure, allows more light into the center of the tree and permits wind to pass freely through the canopy, thus limiting the amount of storm damage occurrence. Systemic pruning also removes foreseeable growth problems, like crowded or crossing branches, before they have a chance to develop and worsen. Please note that parkway trees must be pruned to withstand passing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, therefore bottom branches will be pruned higher up than those of non-parkway trees. The Public Works Department has identified which new trees need to be pruned and in which years, and will fund this program from the tree program revenue.

Household Chemical Waste Collections

Household Chemical Waste Collections are conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). SWANCC, the Suburban Waste Agency has posted their Spring 2006 Household Chemical Waste collection schedule. If you are interested in disposal of household chemicals, the next

collections for our area is on June 24th. The event will be held in Deerfield, at Deerfield High School, 1959 N. Waukegan Road, from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m..

They will be collecting: aerosol paints and pesticides, lawn chemicals, antifreeze, mercury, cleaning products,

old gasoline, drain cleaners, oil-based paint, fluorescent lamp bulbs, paint thinners, herbicides, pesticides, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, household batteries, solvents, insecticides, used motor oil.

If you have any questions, please go to the SWANCC website:

www.swancc.org/hcw/hcwcollection.html

Crime of Opportunity—Be Alert

From a crime prevention perspective: Many thefts occur simply as a crime of opportunity, and with warmer weather approaching, experience teaches us that thieves will be out looking for unattended valuables.



Each year in Kenilworth many unlocked bicycles are stolen from front lawns, bike racks and out of open garages.

The Police Department encourages residents to make sure that their bicycles (and other valuables) are securely locked or put away out of the public view. Resident adults and children can bring their bicycle to the police station and register them for free. The Police Department finds that bike licenses are a helpful tool when attempting to reunite owners with their lost or stolen bicycle.

Additionally, this summer Kenilworth police officers will be trying to put a stop to these thefts by periodically patrolling the Village on a bicycle, the officers will be wearing a safety helmet and encourage other riders to do so too!

If you have questions, please go the Police Department Website at: www.kenilworthpd.org. Or call the Police at 847-251-2141.

“Parents Who Host Lose the Most”

At the April 2006 Village Board Meeting, President Chisum proclaimed May 2006 as “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” month. This campaign’s focus is to alert parents to the dangers of providing alcohol to children under 21 years of age. The New Trier Township Police Chief’s are working together to address this problem on the local

level. The objectives of the campaign are to encourage alcohol-free and drug-free parties and activities for underage youth. We are making it known that if you serve alcohol to children you could face a maximum sentence of up to a year in jail and/or a minimum fine of



\$500 or up to a \$1000, and to encourage parents to set rules and to communicate their expectations to their children. For more information as well as tips for parents, please go to the Police Department website at: www.kenilworthpd.org.

Calendar

Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Committee meetings. Upcoming meetings follow with dates subject to change. Check the website (www.villageofkenilworth.org) or call Village Hall to confirm. Meetings are generally held at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

May 2006

5/31 - Community Forum on National Register Districts
—7:00 p.m.

June 2006

6/1 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
6/5 - Comprehensive Plan Workshop—7:-00 p.m.
6/6 - Building, Planning & Zoning Committee—7:30 p.m.
6/7 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- Building Review Commission— 7:30 p.m.
6/9 - Reception for Max Slankard—5:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
6/12 - Village Board Meeting—7:30 p.m.
6/19 - Building Review Commission—7:30 p.m.

July 2006

7/5 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
7/6 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- Building, Planning & Zoning —7:30 p.m.
7/10 - Village Board Meeting— 7:30 p.m.
7/24 - Building, Planning & Zoning —7:30 p.m.

August 2006

8/2 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
8/3 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- Building, Planning & Zoning —7:30 p.m.
8/7 - Plan Commission Meeting—7:00 p.m.
8/14 - Village Board Meeting— 7:30 p.m.
8/29 - Building, Planning and Zoning 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Architecture Foundation Adds Walking Tours of Kenilworth to Schedule

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) will conduct walking tours of Kenilworth during the summer and fall.

Walk Kenilworth's leafy streets, learn its history, and see remarkable examples of Queen Anne, Prairie, progressive Chicago Modernist, Revivalist and Austrian-Successionist inspired houses. The architect and Kenilworth resident George W. Maher was instrumental in planning the village and his many residential commissions display the evolution of

his design career.



Burley Griffin, John Van Bergen, and Nimmons and Fellows.

The South Route also includes the work of Franklin Burnham,

Other noted architects along the North Route are: Franklin Burnham, Joseph Lyman Silsbee, Walter

Daniel Burnham, Frank Lloyd Wright, Tallmadge and Watson, and Richard Schmidt.

The North Route of this tour will be given on May 28, August 27, October 22, 2006. The South Route of this tour will be given on April 23, June 25, September 24

Groups will meet at the railroad station at one p.m. and last two hours. The cost is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for seniors and students, and members of CAF free. No reservations are needed. More information at the CAF (312) 922-3432.

Save the Date for Kenilworth Historical Society

The Kenilworth Historical Society biennial dinner is scheduled for Thurs., Oct 19, 2006 at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall. To better acquaint villagers with KHS, all residents will receive invitations.

The traditional autumn event will honor the village's Centennial Houses. Bill Hinchliff, Kenilworth, native and celebrated local

historian, will tell us about "The Architecture of the North Shore". Watch the mail in September for your invitation.

Our exhibit, "The Suburban Ideal Revisited" continues to show the various styles of architecture in the village and information about the architects. Perhaps your house is included.

Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 11th

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be run on June 11th. Come to Green Bay Road between 10:15 a.m - 11:00 a.m. (approximately) to cheer on the Kenilworth team and all participants. The pace of the event is set by the runners, so for the most accurate time to cheer them on as they run through Kenilworth,

please call the Police Department at 847-251-2141.

The Police Department also wishes to thank all residents for their contributions to the Torch Run, particularly those who contributed during the Police Department Open House. Kenilworth has raised over \$1200 this year.

We hope to see you on June 11.

Garden Council

Prompted by Memorial Day, the Streets Department under Ignazio "Iggy" Fiorentino checked the American flags flown throughout the year in the Village.

Replacements are provided by the Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs as are the holiday wreaths that also appear on village streetlights. Contributions come from the four Kenilworth garden clubs and residents interested in keeping Kenilworth beautiful.

Beach Passes / Vehicle Stickers Available

2006-2007 Village Vehicle Stickers will be available beginning on June 1. The cost is \$35 per vehicle. All vehicles must have their Village stickers by July 15, 2006 to avoid ticketing.

Kenilworth Beach Passes will also be available beginning June 1. The Beach officially opens on June 10, 2006. We hope to see you there



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Monday-Friday
Max Slankard, Village Manager
Mary Cole, Office Coordinator

**Kenilworth Police
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419 Richmond Road
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847-251-2141 – Non-Emergency
John Petersen, Chief

**Winnetka/Kenilworth Fire
Department**
428 GreenBay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093
847-501-6029 – Non-Emergency
Scott T. Smith, Chief

Public Works
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847-251-9210
Ignazio Fiorentino, Superintendent

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Kenilworth Beach**
1 Kenilworth Avenue
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