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Welcome to the Village of Kenilworth Newsletter. We are working to improve communication throughout the Village, and hope this vehicle will be one of many tools you use to stay informed of activities and information impacting our Village. As you will see our hope is to have a number of sections in each Newsletter including:

<i>Special points of interest:</i>	
• Village Board Actions May—September 2005	
• Construction Regulations Updated and New Site Maintenance Regulations	
• Special Village Committees	
• Calendar	
• New Park District Playground	
• Porch Light Night	
• Kenilworth Neighbors	

- *Letter from the Village President*
- *Village Update/Board Action Update* An area discussing specific actions and activities taken by the Board of Trustees since the preceding Newsletter, as well as highlights of Ordinances, Resolutions, etc. of particular interest and upcoming Board activity.
- *News You Can Use* A section listing helpful information from across the Village.
- *In More Detail* A section highlighting a specific area of the Village, issue or information from a specific Trustee.
- *Updates from Around Town* A section, highlighting other Village activities (ie: the Park District, Beautification Committee, Kenilworth Neighbors, etc.).
- *Calendar* of key dates for the Village for the upcoming two months as known at the time of printing.

If you have suggestions on ways to improve the Newsletter or additional areas that you would like to see in it as we move forward, please let us know.

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Letter from the Village President

It is a privilege to write to you as your Village President. The last five months have been very active. The Village Board and staff are working hard and are addressing issues affecting all facets of our Village. We are excited about the progress we have made and the challenges ahead of us.

One of the major issues debated in the recent election was improved communication. We are dedicated to enhancing communication across the Village. My hope is that

this publication will be one tool used to inform you about recent activities and updated information. The website is also being redesigned and we believe that it will also be a useful tool for improved communication.

We are moving forward to ensure residents are aware of events, public hearings, issues and challenges facing us. We need your active participation. We have witnessed increased citizen involvement in the last five months. We expect to see more

citizens become involved and participating in Village affairs and government.

We welcome your thoughts, suggestions and active participation in areas of interest to you. The Board and Committee meeting dates and times are on the website, posted in the Train Station, at Village Hall and listed in this Newsletter. We look forward to working with you.

Thank you for your support.
 Tolbert Chisum

Village Updates

As of May 2005, a New Village Board was elected and sworn into office.

Thank you again to the outgoing members of the Village Board who have graciously donated four or more years of service to the Village:

L. Hamilton Kerr, President,
Richard A. Schumacher, Trustee
Hester McCarthy, Trustee
Randy Nelson, Trustee

The New Members of the Village Board include:

T. Tolbert Chisum, President
Jacquelynn Bossu, Trustee
Cristy Laier, Trustee
Katherine Dold White, Trustee
Robert A. Hastings, Clerk

Continuing Members of the Board include:

W. John McGinnis, Trustee
Craig A. Miller, Trustee
James D. Wilson, Trustee

New Board Committee Assignments

Building Planning and Zoning:

James Wilson, Chairman; Jackie Bossu and Craig Miller

Community Affairs: John McGinnis, Chairman; Cristy Laier, Craig Miller

Finance: Craig Miller, Chairman; Cristy Laier, Katie White

Police and Fire: Katie White, Chairman; Jackie Bossu, James Wilson

Public Works: Cristy Laier, Chairman, John McGinnis, Katie White

Water and Electricity: Jackie Bossu, Chairman; John McGinnis and James Wilson

Board Action Update

Current Activities and Actions of the Board of Trustees

In this issue, we will be covering Board activities from May 2005 through the September 2005 Board of Trustee meetings. Our intent moving forward is that this area will cover Village business in two month time spans.

Building Planning and Zoning

- Passed Ordinance #936 Amending Article V of the Zoning Ordinance, 1969 as Amended, Regarding Height and Side Yard Requirements. The Ordinance reduces maximum building height in the R-2, R-3, and R-4 districts from 35 feet to as low as 28 feet. Side yard setbacks in R-1 were increased by adding a total of the two individual setback requirements, based on 30% of the lot width.

(*Note: The Village is divided into four Residential districts which can be viewed on a Village map on the website.)

- Passed Ordinance #937 Amending the Official Zoning Map

of the Village of Kenilworth and Rezoning Certain Properties from R-1 Residence District to the R-4 Residence District. This Ordinance was passed because the building and lot size characteristics were inconsistent with the R-1 Residence District and were considered to be similar to those in R-4.

- Passed Ordinance # 941 Amending the Building Code and Chapter 17 of the Kenilworth Village Code regarding Construction Regulations. This Ordinance specifically states that fines will be issued in increments of \$50, \$100, \$150 followed by a \$500 fine and stop work order when violations occur. New regulations in the Ordinance include:

- Changes in construction work hours and stricter enforcement,
- Requirements for location of portable toilets,
- Limitations on commercial deliveries,
- Litter control and sidewalk clearance and clean-up
- Dust and particulate control

- Increased safety fencing.

The Ordinance also requires posting contractor contact information and the filing of insurance information. A copy of the Ordinance is available on the Village website.

Community Affairs

- Passed Resolution R2005-06 to Extend the Term of the Ad Hoc Committee by nine months. The Ad Hoc Committee will therefore complete their work by March 2006. They are studying Design Review, Real Estate Riders, Zoning Incentives and Historic Districts.

Finance

- Passed Ordinance #938, An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Corporate Fund and Other Purposes of the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2005 and Ending April 30, 2006, The funds are to provide for the 2006 budget.

- Passed Ordinance #939, An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2004 to Pay the Debt Service on \$5,000,000 General Obligation

Board Action Update continued

Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002 of the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois. This alternate revenue bond was for the recent water plant improvements.

- Approved Audit Engagement with Selden Fox Ltd.
- Passed Ordinance #943 increasing the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax from a rate of 5% to a rate of 6%.

Police and Fire

- Passed *Resolution R2005-08, A Resolution of Appreciation to the Kenilworth United Fund*, for their donation of funds to provide two portable defibrillators to be carried in active police cars. Thank you to Doug Hartman and Kenilworth United Fund President, Charlie Brown for their help in implementing this donation.

- Passed Parking Regulation Changes in the 200 Block of Raleigh Road. The changes are similar to those in adjacent blocks.
- Passed Resolution #R2005-11 agreeing to continue to work with the Former Northeastern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory, as they become an Intergovernmental Agency rather than a not-for-profit agency.

Public Works

- Passed Resolution 2005-07 Appropriating Additional Funds for Maintenance of Streets and Highways and approved contract for street repaving . The projects included the resurfacing of Earlston Road and Cumberland Avenue between Abbottsford Road and Essex Road.
- Approved Resolution R2005-09 Appointing Trustee Cristy Laier as SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of

Northern Cook County) Director and Village Manager Max Slankard as Alternate.

Other

- Passed Ordinance #942 increasing the membership of the Plan Commission from a total of nine (9) members to a total of eleven (11) members, with the appointment of Elizabeth Bannon and Susan Hoopes. Welcome Elizabeth and Susan.
- Approved A Resolution to Establish the North Shore Lake Michigan Initiative, an initiative involving cooperation with other North Shore communities regarding issues involving Lake Michigan.
- Approved Membership in the Northwest Municipal Conference.
- Approved hiring of a new Village Prosecutor, Terry Weppler, effective September 1.

Upcoming Board Business

- The Building, Planning, and Zoning Committee is holding Public Hearings on October 5 and 6 to discuss Ordinance considering Tree Preservation and Additional Dimensional Standard for Residences.
- The Building, Planning, and Zoning Committee will be reviewing the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on design review.
- The Ad Hoc Committee is discussing Zoning Incentives, Real Estate Riders and Historic Districts.
- The Village Website is in the process of being redesigned.
- The high cost of water is being reviewed along with alternatives to lower water rates.
- Sidewalk repair on Park Drive in the Commercial District is scheduled for October.
- The Finance Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of every month to discuss information for creating a 3-5 year strategic financial plan. See the Calendar for listing of topics by month.
- The Plan Commission has begun work on the Comprehensive Village Plan and a Commercial District Plan. They will meet again on October 17th.

Strategic Planning Group

The Finance Committee is also working with resident Bill Holland and a group of interested residents who have formed a volunteer committee to help with long-term financial and strategic planning. The goal of this group is to provide assistance to the Trustees and their individual committees, as they do strategic and financial planning for the future as well as address current issues. We are grateful to Bill and the entire group of volunteers for their willingness to serve as additional resources for the Village.

News You Can Use

Halloween Preparations

Halloween “Trick or Treating” will be observed in the Village on Monday, October 31st, after school until dusk. Parents and children are encouraged to observe the following Halloween safety rules:

- Trick or Treat only in familiar areas.
- Be aware of and utilize McGruff “Safe Houses” in your neighborhood.
- Wear bright reflective costumes.
- Wear face makeup instead of masks for maximum visibility.
- Cross the street only in crosswalks.
- Trick or Treat in groups, never alone.
- Have a parent check treats before they are eaten.
- Never accept treats from strangers!

Have a wonderful Halloween!



Leaf Collections

Residents are reminded that burning leaves is prohibited in Kenilworth and leaves are picked up by the regular collection



service at curbside or in alleys, where available. Leaves are to be properly bagged in special Kenilworth 30 gallon super wet-strength biodegradable paper bags available for purchase at the Village Hall and Ridge Pharmacy in Wilmette. No rocks, stone, gravel or tree trimmings should be mixed with the bagged leaves.

Do not rake leaves into the street,

as the leaves clog the street sweeper.

Since the leaves usually fall in a relatively short period of time, the Village will appreciate your cooperation in properly bagging leaves so that the collection service can pick up the leaves and continue to maintain their regular refuse schedule.

Yard Waste Collection Discontinued In Winter

Residents are reminded that the weekly collection of yard waste materials is discontinued each year in Kenilworth between December 15 and April 1. Landscape disposal sites are closed during winter months and since landscape waste cannot be

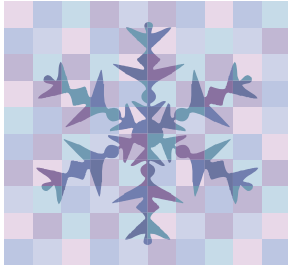
collected with the regular refuse, municipalities are required to discontinue yard waste collections in the winter. Collections resume April 1.



Snow and Ice Removal

Forecasters are predicting an early fall and winter can't be far behind. Here are some of the procedures followed by the Village during snow and ice removal in public areas.

Street Salting – When snow has fallen and/or icy conditions are present, initial salting operations are concentrated on arterial streets. Approaches to intersections with “Stop”



or “Yield” signs are the next priority for salting. When severe icy conditions exist, salt will be spread at all intersections and other necessary locations throughout the Village.

Street Plowing – When snow accumulates on streets to a depth in excess of approximately three (3) inches, and initial salting operations

have taken effect, street plowing will begin with arterial and collector streets. This operation continues until all public streets in the Village have been cleared.

Sidewalk Plowing – As a general rule, sidewalks in the Village are not plowed unless there is at least a two (2) inch accumulation of snow and unless the ground beneath the snow is frozen adequately to permit the plowing without causing damage to parkway or private property. Initial operations are concentrated on routes to the school, the train station, businesses and so on, until all public sidewalks are plowed.

In More Detail

This section will give more detail or focus on specific issues of interest or special committees that are looking into important issues on behalf of the Village. In future issues we may also highlight a specific area of Village activity.

Construction Regulations Updated

In addition to the regulations contained in the Building Codes, the Village has previously maintained a set of informal construction site maintenance rules, to be provided to owners and contractors involved in construction and demolition within the Village. The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Community Planning has recommended that certain additional construction

management standards should be adopted. The Building, Planning and Zoning Committee has reviewed the *Ad Hoc* Committee’s recommendations and found that the vast majority are for the benefit of the public health, safety, and welfare, and within the power of the Village to enact. The Board of Trustees voted to amend the Building Codes and Village Code, both to minimize the impact of

construction and demolition on Village residents, and to ensure that all construction sites are maintained in a clean and safe condition. The entire Ordinance (#941) is not reprinted here, but in addition to the Construction Site Maintenance Regulations new regulations also include:

- Noise Regulations
- Notice to Adjacent Property Owners
- Municipal Property Damage Deposit
- Certificate of Insurance

Construction

Site Management

With the passage of Ordinance #941, the following activities have new standards and regulations which apply to all construction or demolition work undertaken in the Village for which a permit is required.

- Limitations on Deliveries
- Posting of Regulations and Contact Information

- Litter Control & Cleanup
- Public Rights-of-Way
- Dust & Particulate Control
- Portable Toilets
- Safety Fencing
- Parking

Penalties and Fines: Any person who violates any of the construction site management regulations contained in this Section 17-53 shall

be fined not less than \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, and \$150 for any successive violation within the same twelve (12) month period. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. After the third violation, a stop work order may be issued in addition to a citation for the violation (\$500), and all work at the site must cease until corrected. See Ordinance #941 on the website for more details.

In More Detail

Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee for Community Planning was created in January 2004 and was charged with undertaking a community wide survey to gather resident attitudes and opinions regarding building and zoning issues in the community.

The Committee has, at this time, forwarded to the Board of Trustees its recommendations on

changes to the Zoning Ordinances regarding dimensional standards, Construction site standards and regulations and Tree Preservation.

The Committee is currently studying Design Review and then will focus on real estate riders, zoning incentives to encourage rehabilitations, and historic districts. The term of the

committee will expire March 2006.

Committee Members include: John McGinnis, Chairman, Cristy Laier, Beth Baxter, Tim Dugan, Bill Folland, Bob Smietana and John Vitt.

* Note: John Vitt was appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee in September 2005 to replace Craig Miller.

Plan Commission

The purpose of the Plan Commission is to undertake long-range planning for the Village, and to consider and issue recommendations on proposed subdivisions and/or consolidations of land. Membership is composed of four ex-officio Village officials, and seven members appointed at-large. Members serve a two year term. 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, Tolbert Chisum (Ex-officio, Village President) Robert Cunningham (Ex-officio, ZBA Chairman), Thomas Feeney (Ex-officio, Park District President, James D. Wilson (Ex-officio, Building Commissioner).

The Plan Commission met on September 21st to start their work on developing the commercial component of a comprehensive plan. The plan will focus on the commercial properties along Green Bay Road and Park Drive. This will be the Commission's initial focus. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Calendar

Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Committee meetings. Upcoming October and November 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 at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

October

- 10/4 - Water and Electricity Committee Meeting
- 10/5 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 10/5 - Building, Planning and Zoning Public Hearing—7:30 p.m., Kenilworth Club
- 10/6 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 10/6 - Continuation of Building, Planning and Zoning Public Hearing—7:30 p.m., Kenilworth Club (If Needed)
- 10/11 - Village Board Meeting—NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
- 10/17 - Plan Commission Meeting—7:00 p.m.

November

- 11/2 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 11/3 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 11/14 - Village Board Meeting

Updates from Around Town

Park District Updates Townley Field Playground

Have you seen the new playground at Townley Field? It was installed this summer after significant planning by the Park District Board and a group of interested parents. The first change was separating the bike path from the play area to make it safer for children. When the playground was created, safe surfacing, exciting equipment, and the needs of both age groups (under-5 and 5 and above) were considered. The two structures, new swings, new rocker, a sand area and two age



appropriate structures were all items the Board and committee of parents hoped would make the playground safe and enjoyable for children. Benches, an additional picnic table, and a fence between the police station and playground will all also be added to the area. The Park Board carefully staged the project over the cusp of two fiscal years. The total cost of the improvement was \$60,236. The project was funded in its entirety by the Park

District. The rubberized, poured-in-place surface was paid for from proceeds of the Storch Gift Fund. The playground opened in late July, and has been actively utilized.

Plans for Pee Wee Playground (at Sterling and Wayland) have been created. The parent committee, chaired by Katie Nahrwald, Park Board President Tom Feeney and Park Superintendent Lou Maggi welcome suggestions. They would be happy to share the plans for Pee Wee Park. Construction is tentatively scheduled for late spring/early summer of 2006.

Residents Open Their Hearts for Porch Light Night

The annual community fund raising drive to generate contributions to the Kenilworth United Fund (KUF) took place on Monday, October 3, from 7-9p.m.. Although collectors went door to door before Monday, the culmination of the effort took place Monday evening on Porch Light Night. Over 50 community volunteers went to residents' homes and picked up contributions.

"Porch Light Night is a Kenilworth tradition," says Charlie Brown, President of the KUF. The proceeds of the drive are allocated to community organizations, social

service agencies, special needs groups in Kenilworth or serving residents in nearby communities. Support for the KUF remains strong. Recent public attention has rightly focused on the flooding in the Gulf Coast, but there are still needs to be met in our area as well. Currently supported agencies include:

Congregations for Family Emergencies, Epilepsy Services for NE IL, Family

Service Center, Kenilworth Boy and Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, NE Illinois Council, Girl Scouts—Illinois Crossroads Council, Haven Youth & Family Services, Josselyn Center for Mental Health,

Kenilworth Blood Drive, LINKS, North Shore Senior Center, Volunteer Center for NT Township, Village House Youth Center of Kenilworth, and Wilpower.

"Not only is it a good cause, but it is a way for neighbors to connect and to get to know each other better. This activity showcases Kenilworth residents' hospitality and generosity."

Charlie Brown, KUF President

Kenilworth Neighbors

Kenilworth Neighbors is a club of neighbors which meets monthly for sociability, service and study. For information on Membership, please call Kelly Mangel (847) 251-4313.

The Fall calendar of the Kenilworth Neighbors includes:

October 18th: Graceland Cemetery Tour—Tricks and treats lie in wait for those who take this

fascinating tour of Graceland Cemetery. Bus transportation and box lunch included. Please note: there is no place to sit on tour so please bring a portable seat if desired.

November 15th: Sherman Kaplan, WBBM News Radio Food Critic—Learn about the fabulous new hot spots just opening in and around Chicago. Sherman

Kaplan will take our taste-buds on a tempting tour of new and old eating establishments.

December 6th & 7th: Barbara Rinella—Celebrate the season with your neighbors and friends as Barbara Rinella returns to dazzle us with her latest book review. She will review *1776* by David McCullough and *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman.



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