

Village of Kenilworth Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear Residents:

This summer season has been a delightful time for me and my family, and I hope that it was just the same for you. From afternoons at the Kenilworth Beach to joggers on the Green Bay Trail, I have seen Kenilworth residents enjoying this summer. I would like to point out the excellent work done by the Public Works Department, Water and Electricity Department, and the Park District in their maintenance and beautification of our parkways, beach, and infrastructure.

Back to School

With the summer coming to a close, I would like to remind all how important it is to watch out for youngsters now that school will soon be in session. Please obey all traffic signs and signals as well as observe the proper speed limit. Use care while driving near Sears School.

Little ones may be oblivious to potential danger, so please watch for them and be on your guard near the School, cross walks, parks, or any areas where our children may congregate.



T. Tolbert Chisum

Though distractions are inevitable, we can reduce the number of accidents by limiting distractions in our vehicles. Please refrain from applying make-up, shaving, eating, or talking on your cell phone while driving. Hands free devices do not eliminate distractions, so I implore you that if you have to make a call please do so by pulling over in a safe place and complete the conversation before resuming travel.

In addition to motorists, I would like to ask cyclists to do their best to have a safe ride. All children and adults should utilize a safety helmet while riding a bicycle in addition to other safety equipment such as knee and elbow pads. While riding at night, please install a night light or at the very least equip your bicycle with reflectors. If you have not registered your bikes with the Police Department, please do so at your convenience. Please continue to be safe and have an enjoyable summer!

T. Tolbert Chisum
 Village President

School Crossing Safety Tips

Village officials and the Kenilworth Police Department want to remind everyone school is open again and people should drive carefully. The safety of our community's children is a primary concern. Please remember to:

- Be alert for unexpected movements by children and slow down to 20 mph in school zones.
- Obey the crossing guard's signal.
- Teach children to cross only at the corner and never in the middle of the block, using crossing guard locations where available.
- Always drop off in designated areas. The loading and unloading of children at stop signs and while stopped on the crosswalk is illegal and unsafe.
- Always have your child exit a vehicle on the curb side, away from the flow of traffic.
- Please obey the turn restriction and "Do Not Enter" signs around the school crossing areas. These signs were put in place for your safety.

There are trained adult school crossing guards at the following locations:

- Abbotsford Road at Cumberland Avenue.
- Kenilworth Avenue at Abbotsford Road.
- The 500 block of Sterling Road.

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Board Action Update

Recent Activities and Actions of the Village Board of Trustees

In this issue, the business of the Board of Trustees during the months of June, July, and August 2008 are highlighted. Meeting minutes can be found on the Village website www.villageofkenilworth.org.

- June 2008 Meeting. The Village Board...
 - ...unanimously approved the Meeting Minutes of the May 2008 Village Board Meeting with changes.
 - ... unanimously approved a Resolution establishing the position of the Village Board against Local Historic Districts and Local Preservation Ordinances and Regulations.
 - ...unanimously approved the Recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee omitting properties owned by Joseph Sears School District 38 from the Village of Kenilworth National Register of Historic Places District Nomination.
 - With a 4-2 vote, the Village Board Approve Ordinance No. 998 authorizing the submission of a nomination of the Kenilworth Historic District to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Officer for designation for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - ...unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing the Kenilworth Police Department to purchase two TicketTrack Handheld Electric Parking Ticket System units and related equipment. These would replace the outdated ticketing system the KPD already utilizes.
 - ...unanimously approved an Ordinance determining the prevailing wages for Village Employees involved in public works construction work.
 - ...unanimously approved payment of \$156, 224.37 in bills for May, 2008.
 - Village President Chisum extended appointments of various members of Boards and Commissions. An article on the next page will list all appointees.
- July 2008 Meeting. The Village Board...
 - ...unanimously approved the Meeting Minutes of the June 2008 Village Board meeting with changes.
 - ...unanimously approved payment of \$220,408.55 in bills for June, 2008.
 - Village President Chisum vetoed the Ordinance authorizing the submission of a nomination of the Kenilworth Historic District to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Officer for designation for listing on the National Register of Historic Places Passed on June 16, 2008.
- August 2008 Meeting. The Village Board...
 - ...overrode with a vote of 4-2 President Chisum's veto during the July 2008 meeting.
 - ...unanimously approved a Resolution supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
 - ...unanimously approved a raffle request for Kenilworth Historical Society - Friday, October 17, 2008.
 - ...unanimously approved a Resolution waiving building permit fees for the renovation and remodeling of the Kenilworth Assembly Hall - 410 Kenilworth Avenue.
 - ...directed the Building, Planning & Zoning Committee to proceed to public hearing on proposed amendments to the Kenilworth Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fence and residential sign regulations as well as proposed amendments to the Kenilworth Demolition Ordinance pertaining to demolition application, notice requirements and demolition time-frame and escrow.
 - ...unanimously approved payment of \$148,379.32 in bills for July, 2008.

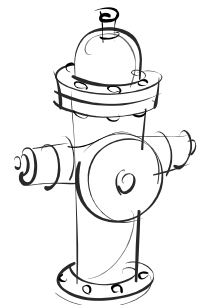
Protecting Our Water Supply

If you have a pool or irrigation system on your property, the backflow device on that system must be tested on an annual basis. If you have not had an inspection of your system in 2008, please contact your pool contractor, irrigation contractor, or plumber to complete the inspection. If you have had an inspection in 2008, please submit a copy of the certification to the Community Development Department.

If you have any questions regarding the required inspection or need clarification on whether or not this applies to your property, please contact Larry Murrin at

Update: Village-Wide Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrant flushing has been completed on the East side of town (East of Green Bay Road). The flushing for hydrants west of Green Bay Road will commence within the next few weeks. Please use caution when Water Department



National Register Nomination Process Continues

At the August 5, 2008 Village Board Meeting, the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the submission of the Village of Kenilworth National Register District Nomination to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency over Village President Chisum's veto. The proposed National Register Historic District would encompass the entire community with the exception of the properties owned by the Joseph Sears School.

After a review of the nomination, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) will publish a notice on approximately October 30th in the *Wilmette Life* regarding consideration of the proposed district at the December meeting of the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council (IHSAC). In early November, property owners will receive a courtesy letter from the Village detailing the process for expressing approval or objection to the establishment of the National Register District. Every property owner will have an opportunity to provide input to the IHSAC. Property owners wishing to oppose the establishment of the proposed district must send a notarized letter expressing their opposition to the State Historic Preservation Agency. Property owners who support the creation of the proposed district may submit written statements of support as well, but no formal action expressing support is required by the process. Property owners will have approximately 30 days to provide their input regarding the proposed district prior to the December 5, 2008 IHSAC meeting.

On November 4, 2008 a resident initiated advisory referendum question will be on the ballot. The question reads, "Should the Village of Kenilworth nominate all lands and structures within its municipal boundaries, regardless of private or public ownership, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places?" Property owners will have an opportunity to express their opinion via both the National Register public input process to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council and registered voters will also be able to vote at the ballot box on the advisory referendum question.

The following are answers to frequently asked questions regarding the National Register of Historic Places and the nomination process.

What is the National Register of Historic Places and why is the Village pursuing this nomination? The National Register of Historic Places is simply a list which formally recognizes or honors historic structures, sites and areas throughout the country. It is an official listing of neighborhoods, properties, sites and buildings that exemplify the historic development of our nation, states and local communities. The National Register was chosen as a compromise between residents who requested prescriptive programs and those who preferred none. Please consult the Village's nomination form "Part 4: Significance of Kenilworth" to read why Kenilworth is historically significant. Copies of the nomination are available on the Village website or in hard copy at Village Hall.

What opportunities result from properties being part of a National Register district? National Register designation allows qualified residential and commercial property owners to take advantage of voluntary renovation and/or preservation financial incentives, technical assistance, and facade easement programs. Incentive programs have qualifications, including spending thresholds and rehabilitation guidelines. Some programs may

result in short term property tax savings (if taxing bodies do not opt out), while others allow Federal income tax deductions. Please visit the IHPA website at <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/PS/financial.htm> to learn more about financial incentives.

Will the creation of a National Register Historic District restrict or limit what I can do to my property? Listing on the National Register of Historic Places is purely honorific and involves no review or regulations of what an owner may do to his or her property unless owners voluntarily participate in one of the financial incentive programs. Owners of National Register properties enjoy the same freedom to change their properties, without review or restriction, they had before listing took place.

How does a National Register of Historic Places District differ from a local historic district? The National Register is a list of historic properties and areas maintained by the National Park Service. It is NOT a local program, and has no local review board or local regulations associated with it.

Will a National Register Historic District lead to the establishment of a restrictive local historic district? Local historic districts were not recommended to, and are not being considered by the Village Board. At their June meeting, the Village Board passed a resolution stating they would not create a local historic district for Kenilworth.

How many properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are there other districts on the North Shore? Over 1.4 million properties, representing every state in the nation, have been listed on the National Register since 1966. Illinois has over 1500 listings, many of which are districts. On the North Shore alone, there are 17 National Register historic districts, including the nearby "CAGE" area of Wilmette. To find out more about properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, visit the National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/index.htm>.

Will the Village's National Register Historic District nomination affect The Joseph Sears School? No. All properties owned by The Joseph Sears School are not included in the proposed district.

Can I elect not to have my property included in the proposed district? The process for considering National Register District nominations does not include provisions to allow individual property owners to choose not to be included in the boundaries of a proposed district. Property owners may express their opposition to the proposed historic district to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. If a majority of property owners oppose the creation of a district, the proposed district will not officially be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

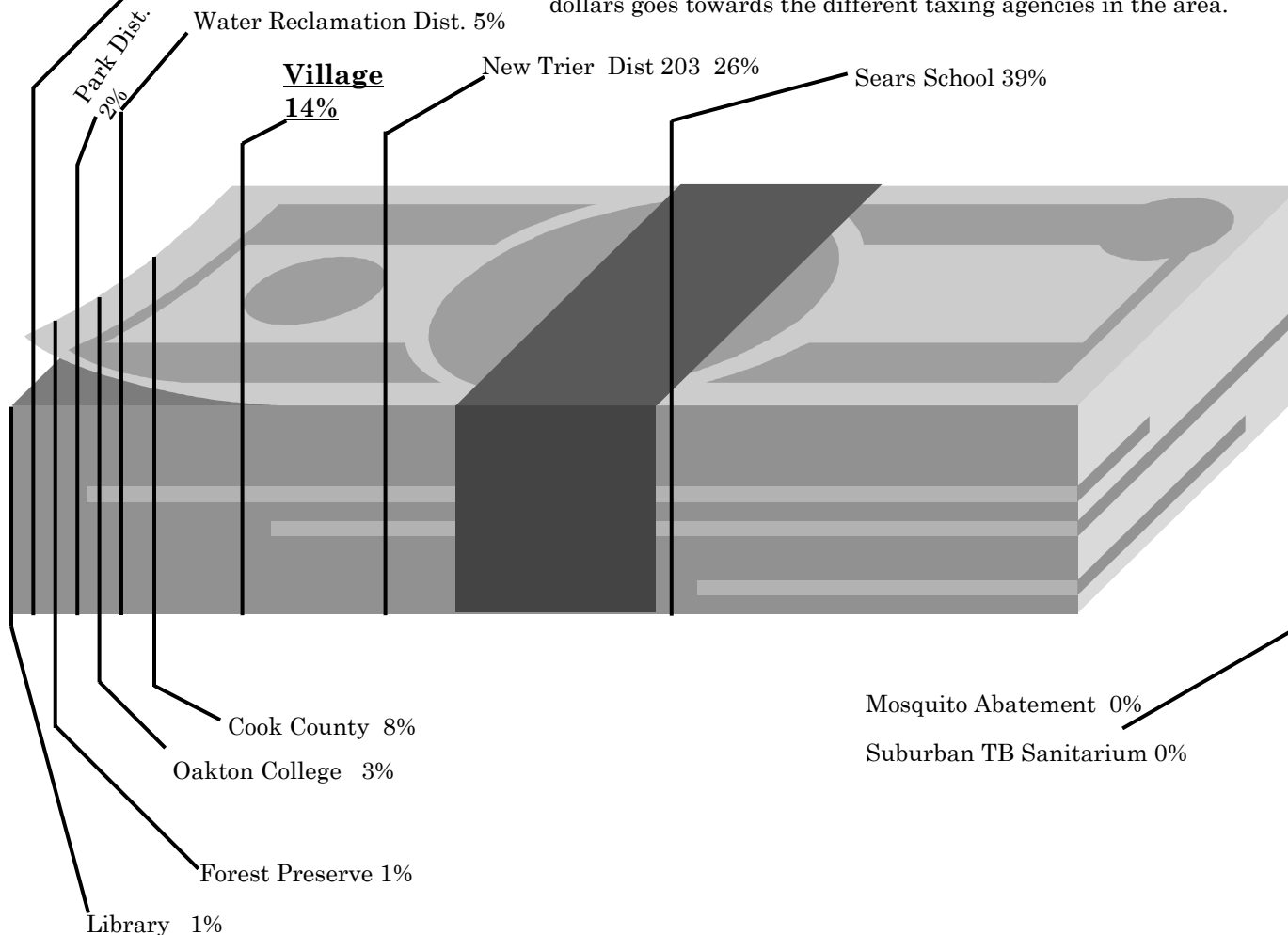
Do historic districts impact property values in the community? According to the Village's consultants, who each have over 30 years experience in architectural history and historic preservation, numerous studies on historic designation and property values have been done over the years. Of these, a majority show that historic designation increases property values, while the remainder shows it maintains property values.

For detailed information on the Village's nomination or the National Register of Historic Places please stop by Village Hall or consult the Village website, www.villageofkenilworth.org.

Where Your Property Taxes Go

New Trier Township 1%

The following graph shows just what percentage of your property tax dollars goes towards the different taxing agencies in the area.



How Kenilworth Compares

The above diagram represents the percentages of where your property tax dollars go. As you can see, the Village of Kenilworth receives 14% of your property tax dollars, Sears School 39% of the property tax, and New Trier Dist 203 26%. Kenilworth's Municipal Tax rate is in the middle range of the tax rates as compared to our neighbors.

- Glencoe - 1.189
- Winnetka - .951
- **Kenilworth - .908**
- Wilmette - .728
- Northfield - .577
- Glenview - .415
- Northbrook - .384

Average Yearly Household Expenses

Kenilworth has a .908 Municipal Tax Rate, here is how much money you can expect to go to the Village of Kenilworth in municipal related expenses

- Municipal Property Tax¹ - \$1,571
- Water & Sewer Charges² - \$719
- Utility Tax³ - \$300
- Annual Refuse Collection - \$180 (plus tax bill)
- Vehicle License⁴ - \$90
- 911 Surcharge⁵ - \$72
- **Total Municipal Related Expenses - \$2,932**
- 1 - market value of home = \$410,00
- 2- 1200 cubic feet per month usage
- 3- \$500 per month cost of utilities including gas, electric, and telephone
- 4 - Two vehicles
- 5 - two telephone land lines

Upcoming Meetings/Events

August 2008

- CANCELLED - Monday, August 18 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 21 - Revenue/Expenditure Study Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 27 - Building, Planning, & Zoning Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
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September 2008

- Tuesday, September 2 - Plan Commission Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 3 - Finance Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4 - Park Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4 - Building, Planning, and Zoning Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 8 - Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 15 - Building Review Commission Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 18 - Revenue/Expenditure Study Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 24 - Building, Planning, and Zoning Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

October 2008

- Thursday, October 2 - Park Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 6 - Plan Commission Meeting - 7:00p.m.
- Tuesday, October 7 - Finance Committee Meeting - 5:00p.m.
- Monday, October 13 - Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 20 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 22 - Building, Planning, and Zoning Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 28 - Revenue/Expenditure Study Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Committee meetings. Dates are subject to change. Check the Village of Kenilworth website at www.villageofkenilworth.org or call Village Hall at 847-251-1666 to confirm. Meetings are generally held at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

Village Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village of Kenilworth is accepting requests for the inspection of the public sidewalk in front of your property for replacement only if it is cracked, deteriorated, or offset.

The Village has offered this program for a number of years. This year the Village Board budgeted \$15,000 for the cooperative program. This program allows property owners the opportunity to have the cost of sidewalk replacement shared on a 50/50 basis with the Village. Only sidewalk panels that are deemed eligible will be replaced with this program.

This year, the cost for sidewalk replacement is \$4.20 times the square footage. For reference, a typical sidewalk panel is twenty – five (25) square feet. Therefore, the “per panel” total cost should be approximately \$ 105.00. Of that, the Village would pay 50%, and the homeowner would pay 50%.

Please consider participating in this program if the sidewalk in front of your home meets the eligibility requirements. If you elect to participate, we will inform you as to the exact cost prior to you making a final commitment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works Superintendent Iggy Fiorentino at (847) 251-9210.

Thank you for your consideration!



Signs of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Due to the spread of EAB, the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture now recommends the removal of known infested trees. Signs of EAB include branches at the top of the crown dieing, sucker sprouts at the base of tree, woodpeckers, D shaped holes on tree trunk, and dime-sized beetles. If you or your arborist suspect EAB, call the Village at 847-251-1666.



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Open 8:30-5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Brad Burke, Village Manager
Mary Cole, Office Coordinator
Susan Criezis, Dir. Comm. Dev.
Maryann Van Dyke, Finance Admin.

Kenilworth Police Department

419 Richmond Road
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-2141 – Non-Emergency
John Petersen, Chief

Winnetka/Kenilworth Fire Department

428 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093
847-501-6029 – Non-Emergency
Scott T. Smith, Chief

Public Works Department

347 Ivy Court
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-9210
Ignazio Fiorentino, Superintendent

**Water and Electricity/
Kenilworth Beach**

1 Kenilworth Avenue
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-1094—Water Plant
847-251-6642—Beach
Kevin Zeoli, Superintendent

Kenilworth Park District

347 Ivy Court
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847-251-1691
Lou Maggi, Superintendent



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