

Snow and Ice Removal Procedures

Winter is here, and the Village's snow crews are ready to battle again with Mother Nature. The following are reminders of some procedures followed by the Village during snow and ice removal in public areas.

When do snow plowing operations begin?

When snow accumulates on streets to a depth in excess of approximately two 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. 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.

Why do plows fill in my driveway?

Snowplows need to make multiple passes along each street to push snow back to the curbs so melted water can enter the storm sewer system and drain away. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the plow truck to do their plowing and not leave some snow in driveways.

What can I do to help the snow removal effort?

Observe parking restrictions and avoid putting snow on the street. When shoveling your driveway, deposit the snow on the parkway to the right side as you face the street. That way, snowplows will not end up pushing as much snow back onto the driveway.

During the winter months, residents are reminded to remove all lawn ornaments (urns, vases, decorative ornamentation) away from the edge of the sidewalk. Items left close to the sidewalk impair plowing and may become damaged during the snow removal efforts.

What about Sidewalk Plowing?

The sidewalks are plowed when one and a half (1.5) or more inches of snow falls and the snow is frozen adequately to permit plowing without causing damage to parkway or private property. The areas around The Joseph Sears School, major sidewalks to and from the school, sidewalks along Green Bay Road, and sidewalks on major streets leading to the train station are usually given priority, depending on date and time when the snow event occurs.

The Village uses a utility vehicle with a five foot "V" plow attachment that has a rubber cutting edge on the bottom of the plow. Since most sidewalks in the Village are just over five feet wide, sometimes the plow blade damages the grass as the plow moves along. When the ground is frozen, this usually has no affect on the grass, but with changing weather conditions the grass softens along the sidewalk. Even though the Public Works Department tries to clear the sidewalks as quickly and efficiently as possible with minimal disruption, sometimes grass or other items can be damaged. If you see any damage on your property, the Public Works Department will repair any damaged grass after the snow season is over: typically in March or April. Please keep decorative vases, statues, urns, or other objects at a minimum of 18" away from the sidewalk edges. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department Superintendent, Ignazio Fiorentino, at (847) 251-9210.

Do not park in public alleys.

Blocking alleys makes it difficult to plow or salt these areas. Vehicles blocking alleys will be ticketed.

Who do I call if I have an emergency?

The Kenilworth Police Department is always available by dialing "911." For snow removal information, call: Kenilworth Public Works at 847-251-9210.

Chronology of Discussion of Proposed Kenilworth National Register Historic District

The following is an overview of the history of the discussion of the concept of a National Register Historic District for the Village of Kenilworth. The history provided lists various Village Board and committee meetings where the topic of historic preservation and a National Register District have been discussed. For detailed information on each of these meetings, you can view the meeting minutes on the Village's website at www.villageofkenilworth.org. The nomination of the Kenilworth Historic District is currently with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) and is expected to be reviewed by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council (IHSAC) at the quarterly meeting in Springfield on December 5, 2008. The Village will be sending out a letter to all property owners in the next few weeks providing notice of the nomination and explaining how residents can express their concurrence or objection to the creation of the proposed district.

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November 18, 2003	Building Review Commission - Forum on Teardowns and Historic Preservation.
December 15, 2005	Ad Hoc Committee - Discussion Regarding Alternatives Related to Historic Preservation.
January 17, 2006	Ad Hoc Committee - Discussion Regarding Next Steps in Evaluation of Historic Preservation.
February 21, 2006	Ad Hoc Committee - Discussion of Historic Districts and Potential Historic Preservation Recommendations.
March 7, 2006	Ad Hoc Committee - Vote to Send Historic Preservation Recommendations to the Village Board.
March 13, 2006	Village Board - Receipt of Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations and an Assignment to Community Affairs Committee.
May 4, 2006	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion Regarding Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation on Historic Preservation and Discussion of Historic Resource Survey and Funding.
May 31, 2006	Community Affairs Committee - Community Forum and Presentation on National Register Historic Districts.
June 15, 2006	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of Historic Preservation Planning.
September 27, 2006	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of Historic Preservation Issues.
November 20, 2006	Community Affairs Committee Community Forum – Presentation by Landmarks Illinois on the Topic of National Register of Historic Places Local Preservation Commission/Ordinances and Incentives for Preservation.
December 12, 2006	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of November 2006 Community Forum and Topics and Structure for Future Forums.
July 10, 2007	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of National Register of Historic Places Historic District and Recommendations to Village Board to Solicit Proposals for Consulting Services for the National Register Nomination.
August 7, 2007	Village Board – Receipt and Approvals of the Recommendation of Community Affairs Committee to Solicit Proposals for Professional Consulting Services to Assist with National Register District Nomination.
September 18, 2007	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of National Register of Historic Places Process Planning and Review of Tour with Representatives from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
December 4, 2007	Community Affairs Committee – Interview with Consultants for Documentation and Nomination of Kenilworth Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Review of Qualifications and Recommendation to Village Board to Engage Consultants to Survey Community and Prepare National Register Nomination Document.
December 10, 2007	Village Board – Receipt of and Approval of Community Affairs Committee Recommendation to Engage Consultants to Assist with Preparation of National Register District Nomination.
January 23, 2008	Community Affairs Committee - Community Forum: Background and History of Consideration of National Register of Historic Places nomination for Kenilworth; Highlights of Kenilworth Architecture; Overview of the National Register
April 14, 2008	Community Affairs Committee – Update on National Register of Historic Places Historic District Nomination.
April 25, 2008	Joint Community Affairs Committee with Sub-Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38 to Discuss the Potential Impact of the Sears School's Inclusion in the Proposed Village of Kenilworth National Register Historic District.
May 19, 2008	Community Affairs Committee – Update on National Register of Historic Places Nomination Process; Consideration of Draft Nomination Form; Discussion of May 27, 2008 Public Forum.
May 27, 2008	Community Affairs Committee - Community Forum to Present and Provide for Discussion of the Draft Village of Kenilworth National Register of Historic Places Historic District Nomination.
June 3, 2008	Community Affairs Committee – Discussion of Draft National Register Historic District Nomination form and Recommendation to the Village Board to Remove Properties Owned by The Joseph Sears School from the Nomination.
June 16, 2008	Village Board – Approves Resolution Indicating Village Board is not Pursuing Local Preservation Commissions or Local Historic Districts; Votes on Community Affairs Committee Recommendation to Remove Properties Owned by The Joseph Sears School from the boundaries of the proposed National Register Historic District; Passed Ordinance Authorizing Submission of Nomination Document to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
July 14, 2008	Village Board – Village President Veto and Return of Ordinance Authorizing Submission of Nomination Documents to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to Village Board.
August 5, 2008	Village Board – Votes to Reconsider and Approve Ordinance Authorizing Submission of National Register Historic District Nomination Documents Over the Village Presidents Objections.
September 8, 2008	Village Board – Consideration of Letter from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) Expressing Concern Regarding Omission of The Joseph Sears School Properties from the boundaries of the proposed district. Village Board Agrees to Keep the Nomination Document in Current Form with the Sears School Properties Omitted.
October 14, 2008	Village Board - Approved the Community Affairs Committee Recommendation Regarding Boundary Changes to the Proposed Kenilworth National Register Historic District Nomination. These Changes Decrease the Size of the Proposed District by Omitting Certain Properties along the Railroad Tracks Including Townley Field and the Village Yards. The Village Board Also Approved the Community Affairs Committee Recommendation Regarding Notice to Property Owners of Proposed Kenilworth National Register Historic District. This Notice Informs Property Owners of the Impending Vote for the Propose National Register Historic District.

The Village has worked to provide regular updates in the Village Newsletter including information on the activities of the Community Affairs Committee, decisions by the Village Board, and upcoming meetings and forums. For more information on the proposed Village of Kenilworth National Register Historic District, please call the Village Hall at 847-251-1666 or visit the Village's website at www.villageofkenilworth.org.