

# ALSIP Messenger



## ELECTION DAY November 5, 2024

Early Voting will be held at the  
Village Hall located at  
4500 W. 123rd St.

Monday, October 21st thru  
Saturday, October 26th  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, October 27th  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday, October 28th thru  
Saturday, November 2nd  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, November 3rd  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday, November 4th  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Look inside  
for your  
Halloween  
Window  
Placard!

**NEW  
HOURS**



### FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan  
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

Just so you know, the Village of Alsip does not utilize a village manager position or a village administrator, so my office manages all aspects of administrative decisions. Our priority will always be the safety of you and your family, including your home, business and your employees, at the same time we strive to instill confidence in our decisions.

Communities of our size are embracing technology more than ever, as this benefits in all departments and you. This year the Village budgeted for a substantial amount of software.

We are witnessing terrible events around the globe with missile strikes destroying cities, tens of thousands of troops being deployed, including munitions of all types and gun violence near the Village of Alsip. Call 911 if you see something that doesn't appear normal, please say something, as 911 is a direct line to support, as your call does not have to be an emergency. Also, the popularity of social media is obvious, therefore I plan to request the media agency who responds on behalf of the police department do the same on behalf of the Village, as I want everyone to get accurate information when viewing social media.

**“The Village of Alsip prides itself on providing consistent and relevant communication to all Village stakeholders via Facebook, website and Village app, as these publications are provided online in a digital format for ease of viewing.”**



Everyone has expectations for the community and the Village is doing its absolute best to enforce ordinances that keep the community clean and safe, as Alsip is one of the most active Village's in the south suburbs for business growth and more recently new home construction, because people want to invest in a safe community featuring great schools and library facilities, plus an awesome park district that keeps finding opportunities for growth.



# Village of Alsip

4500 West 123rd Street  
Alsip, Illinois 60803

(708) 385-6902

www.villageofalsip.org



**Mayor**  
John D. Ryan



**Clerk**  
Renee Harding

## TRUSTEES



**Richard S. Dalzell**  
*Chairperson*  
Police & Traffic Safety Committee



**Monica M. Juarez-Mendoza**  
*Chairperson*  
Public Works/Boat Launch Committee  
Planning, Zoning and License Committee



**Christine L. McLawhorn**  
*Chairperson*  
Village Properties Committee  
Finance & Information Technology Committee



**Christopher W. Murphy**  
*Chairperson*  
Fire Committee  
Human Resources & Insurance Committee



**Catalina Nava-Esparza**  
*Chairperson*  
Sewer & Water Committee  
Economic Development Committee



**David Perretta**  
*Chairperson*  
Building & Health Committee  
Ordinance & Legislation Committee



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Opus Development** constructed (2) two new 190,000 square foot logistic facilities at 118th & Mayfield to the Tri-state expressway. This massive expansion includes a new frontage road adjacent to the expressway from Central Ave. to Austin Ave. **Well done!**

These two massive structures and many others now occupy what used to be vacant, wooded, or blighted property that did not help Alsip taxpayers and are now part of a very strong tax base supporting the Village of Alsip, the schools, park district and library.



**Principle Contractors** did a great job constructing this new logistics facility at the eastern gateway to the Village at 3600 W 127th St and is now home to 4D Logistics. This development eliminated (3) decades of vacant land.



**Quick Run** convenience store brought Shell gasoline products with them and eliminated a decade of blight at 115th & Cicero. This is a very nice store and compliments this very busy intersection.

The Village has facilitated almost \$300 million of new and expanded development over the past (8) eight years, because many businesses follow businesses when they identify a growing community with great services and personnel, as they have choices and they choose Alsip!

*Thank you for investing in the Village of Alsip!*

*Mayor, John D. Ryan*

## What Is the 2024-2025 Winter Forecast?

Think "lake effect" snow for the Lower Lakes region.

## How Cold Will Winter Be?

Winter will be warmer than normal in the east and colder than normal in the west. The coldest periods are expected in early and late November, in early December, and from late January into early February.

## Will There Be Snow?

Precipitation will be below normal in the Lower Lakes region this winter. Snowfall will also be below average, with the most snow in late December, from late January into early February, and from late February into early March.



# Updates from the Village Clerk



Renee Harding  
Village Clerk

## Early Voting 2024

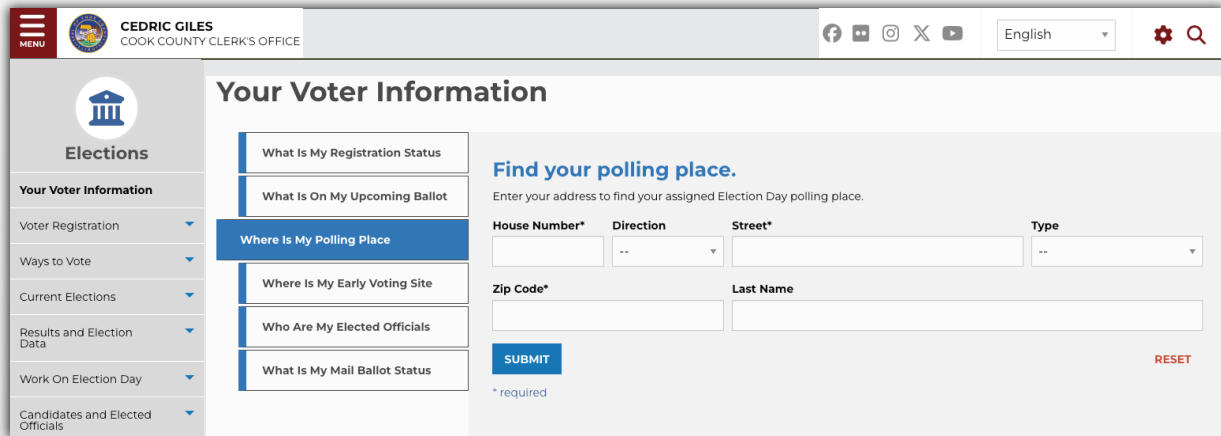
The Village Hall will be hosting early voting for the upcoming November 5th Presidential General Election in Conference Room #1. Upon entering the front doors of the Village Hall you will go straight down the hallway until you reach the stairs on the left side. Go up those stairs or take the elevator and make a right to access Conference Room #1.



### The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, October 21st – Saturday, October 26th	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, October 27th	10:00am – 4:00pm
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Monday, November 4th	9:00am – 5:00pm

The Village Hall will not have voting on November 5th. If you are voting on the actual election day you will have to go to your assigned polling place. If you are unsure where that is you can look it up on the Cook County Clerk's website [www.cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov) under the elections tab.



**THE LAST DAY FOR YARD WASTE PICKUP WILL BE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**IF YOU HAVE A BROWN YARD WASTE TOTE FROM REPUBLIC, YOU MAY USE IT FOR REGULAR GARBAGE AFTER DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**



Yard Waste services are provided by **Republic Services** and will be collected on **Fridays from April 1st until November 30th**. Landscape waste (grass, leaves, branches, brush and other vegetative waste, excluding dirt, clay or other inorganic material) must not be mixed with garbage. Yard waste needs to be placed in a yard waste bag or an appropriately labeled container not to exceed 33-gallon capacity and must not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Tree and shrub trimmings shall be tied and in bundles not exceeding fifty (50) pounds and forty-one (41") in length. Yard waste may not be placed in plastic bags, drums, or fiber drums.

## Birth Announcement

**Brittany** and her husband **Alex** welcomed their second child into their hearts on March 22, 2024.



**Brody Benjamin** was 6 lbs. 9 oz., and 20.5" long. Brittany and Brody are both doing very well.

The Clerk's Office could not be happier for them and we are glad to have her back in the office!

*Congratulations!*

# A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller  
Police Chief

## Camera Registration

We are building an interactive map of security cameras in Alsip that will:

- **Increase the efficiency of direct video evidence collection.**
- **Provide immediate contact information to investigators for camera owners.**
- **Enable communities to work together to create a safer Alsip.**

Camera registration takes less than one minute via our secure online portal. Registering your camera does not allow the Alsip Police Department access to your live video stream-it only enables investigators to know a camera is present at your location and easily request video evidence should an incident occur.

**Help Keep Alsip Safe . . . Register Your Camera at: [CONNECTALSIP.ORG](https://connectalsip.org)**



# ALSIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAM

### **WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP ALSIP SAFE!**

Sharing does not mean the Police will have access to your camera.

There is no additional cost involved.



### SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR CAMERA

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register or visit:

# [connectalsip.org](https://connectalsip.org)

## The Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Call or text:  
**309-4ME-HELP (463-4357)**

Providing assistance with:

Inpatient & Outpatient Placement - Family & Caregiver Support - Medical Assisted Treatment - Naloxone (& Training) - Mental Health Services - Crisis Intervention - Detox Services

## Alsip P.D. Partners with the Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team (TRT)

The CCSO developed and implemented the Sheriff's Treatment Response Team ("TRT") in order to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on Cook County and its residents.

They also provide assistance with:

Family and Caregiver Support - Detox Services - Naloxone Training.

**Call or text: 309-463-4357 OR 309-4ME-HELP**

# Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski  
Fire Chief

I can't believe I am already writing the fall article for 2024. It seems like the fall 2023 article just came out. Another very quick year going by. Welcome to fall and soon winter.

With that being said, we at the Alsip Fire Department are always being challenged on a continuous basis, whether it's from replacing older equipment with new (good news later about that), the ever changing world of technology of all sorts, firefighters retiring and filling those spots, to the increase of our call volume. It doesn't stop. However, we face the challenges head on work on solutions to manage them. Thus, maintaining the service needed to keep providing top notch service to our residents, businesses and travelers through our village.

This year we had 3 firefighters retire: FF John Cortilet retired in May, Lt. Hufnagl retired in June and FF Bruder retired in August. All 3 were hired in 1997 and had a great career with us. We wish them a happy and healthy retirement.

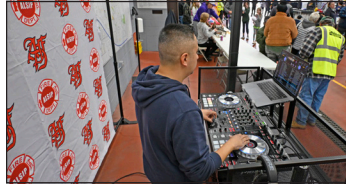


Since the last article, we have also hired 3 new firefighters: FF Alex Kieruzel stated in March this year and FFs Tim Wunderlich and Scott Rybka started in August this year. We welcome all 3 to our family here at Alsip. On September 11th FF Colin Young completed his 1-year probation and



repeated the oath of office during a ceremony at Fire Station 1. Since last spring, we also hired Ana Prieto as our new Fire Prevention Bureau Administrative

Assistant who replaced Danielle Tyma who is our new Administrative Assistant All great stuff. Hopefully by the next newsletter, I can report that we have hired 2 additional firefighters to complete our staffing level.



On October 12th, we will have hosted our annual open house. Over the past 10 years our open houses have been very successful and very well attended. In 2023, over 700 people attended our open house (best guess). Our Public Education Coordinators (Lt. Rick Kraus and FF/PM Charlie Harding) do an excellent job putting together the program. As we move forward, both of them are continuing to look at enforcing and creating new programs for our Community Risk Reduction programs including home inspections (voluntary) and installing 10 year smoke detectors.



This year we are focusing on lithium ion batteries and equipment that use them. With the current trend of devices we have seen an incredible amount of devices that use these batteries now including e-bikes and mobility devices. We now have equipment to help mitigate those incidents if the occasion arises. If you have any type of e-bike or mobility, do not store or charge the unit between you and your means of exit. Too often we hear of devices that start on fire when charging and the occupants have a difficult exiting because the devices are between them and the way out. To show how quickly these devices go up, Google either e-bike fires or battery scooter fires. It is scary to see what those hazards are.

We have some new equipment coming in the very near future. By the time you receive this, I am hoping we take delivery of our new pumper truck manufactured by Seagrave. We also have a new mid-mount tower ladder on order we should see next June or so.



This replaced our 2002 ladder truck that was removed from service on June 27th due to frame issues. The tower ladder is being manufactured by Rosenbauer out of Wyoming Minnesota. The original ladder truck for Alsip was also a mid-mount tower ladder. For the type of village, we have with both our business community and apartment buildings, a mid-mount tower ladder is by far the best choice of ladder truck to have. It is very versatile and can

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perform many more functions more efficiently than our past ladder truck. And lastly, we have a new ambulance on order manufactured by Road Rescue our of Winter Park Florida. It looks exactly the same as our current ambulances. It should arrive between May and June of 2025. All of this is extremely exciting and will help provide more effective and efficient services by your fire department.

As always, the Alsip Fire Department is always here for you. We will continue to provide the best possible service, whether it be EMS, fire or any other type of incident. We continue to evaluate new equipment and techniques to serve you better. One of the newest challenges is lithium batteries. Even though these batteries have been out for a few years, production and use are multiplying quickly from simple things as scooters or bikes to vehicles. They pose very challenging problems for fire departments and are difficult at best to mitigate. We are now looking at new techniques and equipment to help take care of the problem.

Also, as the sun is going down earlier, we know winter is approaching, or at least should be. We have Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up. With these 2 holidays comes our busier season. Be very mindful of safety concerns whether you are cooking your turkey in a deep fryer (many you tube videos on what not to do) to overloading your outlets with holiday lights. LED lights are great because they use less energy, however, that doesn't mean you can keep plugging

more into the same outlet (as seen in the movie Christmas Vacation). If you have a real Christmas tree, keep it watered. At the end of the season when it is dried out, move away from any structures. They combust very easily and go up quick.

If you use a space heater for your home, keep it away from other combustibles (clothes, bedding, etc). if possible, use water type heaters instead. They are safer, but a little more expensive. Make sure you have at least 1 smoke detector for each level of your home. Ideally, 1 in each bedroom. By now everyone should have replaced their old smoke detectors with the new, 10-year smoke detectors. If you have smoke detectors that are older than 10-year-old (the date code is on the back), more than likely, they will not detect some due to the element inside having a shelf life of 10 years. It still might chirp when pushing the test button but that just means the battery is good.

Be sure to have at least 1 carbon monoxide detector in your home. The type with the display is preferred so if it activates, the level will be displayed. Have it installed in the sleeping area of your home so it can wake you up at night. Carbon monoxide is a light gas so it will rise. Your detector should be mounted high on a wall.

All of us at the Alsip Fire Department wish all of you and your families a happy remainder of 2024 and upcoming 2025. We are here to serve you!!



As **CERT** members ongoing training is essential, this training encompasses a range of activities, from formal sessions to supporting the Alsip Police Department, and community during events and traffic management in emergencies.

The past few months we have participated in:

- **Alsip Cop Night Out**
- **Outdoor Search Procedures and Basic Compass Use**
- **Outdoor Traffic Control**
- **Narcan & Triage Review Training**



# Updates from the Public Works Department



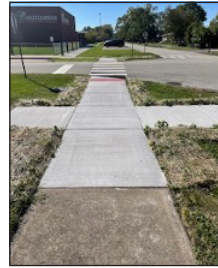
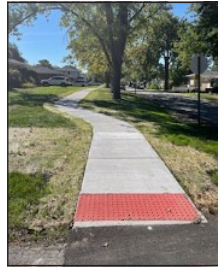
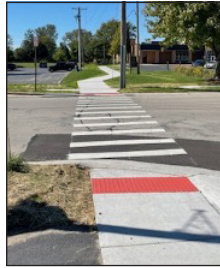
Mike Fraider  
Public Works

Over the next few months, we have a number of projects that will be performed such as Road Resurfacing, Sewer Cleaning & Televising and Removal of severely dead and infested parkway trees. So please be patient if you come across these projects but the outcome will be well worth it.

We will be resurfacing the following roads in town: 115th Pl from Joalyce Dr to Kolin Ave, 44th Ct from 115th Pl to 115th St, 118th St from Kostner Ave to Kolin Ave, Kolin Ave/118th Pl from 118th St to Tripp Ave, Tripp Ave

from 119th St to 118th Pl, Fey Ln from Cul de sac to Kolin Ave, Kedvale Ave from 118th Pl to 117th St, JoBev Ln from 118th Pl to Cul de sac, Keeler Ave from 120th St to 119th Pl and 120th St from Keeler Ave to Pulaski Rd.

The Village of Alsip was awarded a grant from the Safe Routes to School program. This funding allowed the Village to install & connect new sidewalks to Hazelgreen and Prairie Jr. High School and provide a safer passage for pedestrians.



Kostner Avenue between 123rd St & 127th St was recently resurfaced. This project was funded through Federal Surface Transportation Program and Motor Fuel Tax.

## Seasonal Reminders . . .

### Autumn Leaves

Please remember do not rake leaves into the street. Leaves can block sewers and lead to flooding. Place leaves in a yard waste bag or container and put out with your regular garbage pickup.



### Winter Snow Plow Parking Restrictions

Residents are asked to promptly remove vehicles from village streets at the start of a snow fall. Vehicles are subject to ticketing and towing after a 1" accumulation on marked primary routes and 3" on secondary routes (secondary routes are not marked).

Also, please do not push snow back onto the street as it is unlawful to do so after the street has been plowed. Some snow will overflow onto driveways and sidewalks as part of the plowing process; your understanding of this matter is appreciated.

### Snow Removal Suggestions

An unavoidable result of plowing roadways is that some snow will spill off from the plow blade into driveways. The Alsip Public Works understands how frustrating this can be, especially when residents have already cleared the ends of their drives. The department suggests waiting until the plow trucks have made their final pass along the curb line before shoveling. Information pertaining to the plow driver's status in your area can be obtained by contacting the Alsip Public Works at 708-385-6902 x2364 during normal business hours (8am - 4:30pm).

If you cannot wait for the plow truck to make its final pass, the following suggestions are offered as a way to reduce the amount of snow overflowing onto the end of your drive:

- Shovel snow at the end of your driveway onto the parkway to the right (when facing the street). This will help to reduce the amount of snow deposited as the plow truck passes by.
- Clear a portion of the roadway directly to the left of your drive (when facing the street). This will also help to reduce the amount of snow deposited as the plow truck passes by.
- Not depositing snow from your driveway into the roadway will also help to reduce the amount of snow that could be plowed onto your drive.

# Rodent Control and Public Health



Rodents (rats/mice) can be a serious problem for residents. The below information can help you identify, control, and eliminate them. Rodents have a tremendous ability to adapt to their environment and quickly reproduce. Rodents have been associated with carrying many diseases that can affect humans and animals.

## **SIGNS YOU MAY HAVE A RODENT PROBLEM . . .**



- GNAWING:** Chewed areas around doors, windows, utility lines and packaged goods, especially where food is kept.
- BURROWS:** Holes and fresh diggings around foundations, under floors, sidewalks, platforms and ditches.
- DROPPINGS:** Fresh droppings are a sure sign that you have a rat problem. Look behind objects, near walls, and in places seldom cleaned or disturbed.
- TRACKS:** Tracks in dusty places. If not visible, dust flour along suspected runways and observe for a few days.
- SMEARS:** When rats travel, they rub against walls to find their way. Look for darkened areas along walls next to pipes, beams and openings where rats are suspected.

## **TIPS TO PREVENT RODENT PROBLEMS**

### **REMOVE WATER:**

- Make sure outside faucets are turned off and are not leaking.
- Control areas with standing water.
- Do not leave water bowls outside for pets.
- Check for leaking water pipes or faucets.
- Remove any water standing in the basement.

### **REMOVE FOOD:**

- Remove food scraps spilled around trash containers.
- Do not dispose of garbage in boxes, paper bags, or in garbage cans without lids.
- Dispose of food on the stove or on tables between meals.
- Do not leave pet food out overnight/outdoors.
- Make sure to remove all pet feces.

### **REMOVE SHELTER:**

- Do not allow trash to accumulate in yards and alleys.
- Cut all high weed, tall grass, and unkempt bushes.
- Do not store firewood against buildings.
- Keep doors closed when not in use.
- Close all holes in walls, foundations, floors, and around pipes with cement and sheet metal.
- Get rid of unneeded items stored in basements, cellars, or attics.



# News from the Water Department



Dan Tryban  
**RETIRED**  
Water Department  
Commissioner



The Village of Alsip would like to wish a VERY Happy Retirement to **Dan Tryban**! Dan has been a Village employee since October 1988. He started as a water meter reader and then became a Class C Water Operator in 1990. In September of 1993, he became a Foreman and obtained his Class B Water Operator License. In 2005, Dan obtained his Class A Water Operators License and became a member of the FEMA Incident Command. August 2014, he became the Water Commissioner, where he finished his career with the Village of Alsip on September 30th, 2024.

***We wish Dan the best of luck in the next chapter of his life, and we thank him for 36 years of dedication to the Village of Alsip!***



Andy Karpinski  
**NEW**  
Water Department  
Commissioner

We would like to welcome **Andy Karpinski** to the Village of Alsip team! Andy is our new Water Commissioner. Andy has been involved in the operation and maintenance of 3 Public Water Supplies previous to his roll with the Village of Alsip. He has been in municipal service for 17 years. He received his Class C Drinking Water Operator Certification in 2021 and has also become an instructor for the Illinois Section American Water Works Association.

In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family. They enjoy going to the Milwaukee Zoo.

***We wish Andy much success in his new role, and are very happy to have him join our team!***

## ***Welcome Kelsey Fitzpatrick to the Village of Alsip team!***



*"It has been a pleasure to join the Village of Alsip as a Staff Accountant in April of this year. I play a part in the accuracy of your department budgets and keeping track of Village Assets. I've since also committed to my contribution with Maria and Heather in assuring future audits run smoothly. I haven't had the chance to attend any village functions since starting but hope to soon. I also look forward to meeting the rest of the staff."*



**FALL & WINTER SPECIAL EVENTS**

**ALL HALLOW'S EVE CARNIVAL  
OCTOBER 26**

**TRICK OR TRUNK  
OCTOBER 26**

**FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 12**

**LIGHT UP THE PARK  
NOVEMBER 19**

**TURKEY SHOOT  
NOVEMBER 20**

**WINTERFEST - SANTA'S LANDING  
DECEMBER 7**

All dates and times are subject to change. Please check our FACEBOOK and website at [www.Alsipparks.org](http://www.Alsipparks.org) for up to date information.

**The Alsip Park District has received a \$583,000.00 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the redevelopment of Freedom Park.**

Clearing of this area will begin soon to allow for the redevelopment to begin.

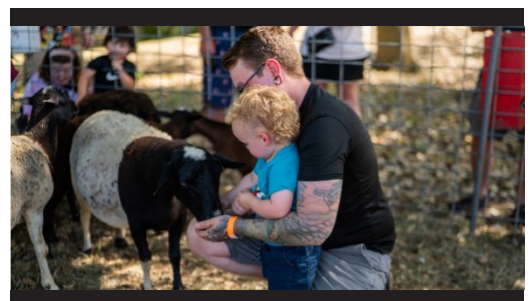
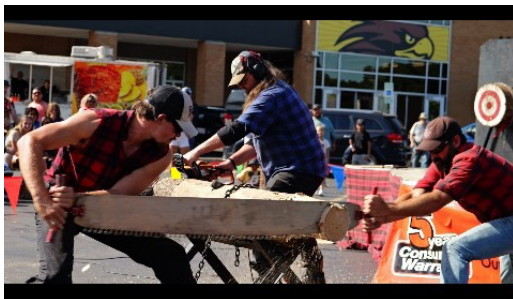
Additions will include a new playground, pickleball courts, a nine-hole disc golf course, a dog park and a mountain bike track.

*Stay tuned for additional updates.*



# Village Of Alsip Flannel Fall Fest 2024

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped plan, execute and sponsor yet another successful **FALL FLANNEL FEST**. We had great weather and so many came out to enjoy the festivities! Please check out the Village of Alsip Website/Face Book page for pictures and Video.. See you next year!





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Alsip, Illinois 60803-2599

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## Local Postal Customer

### Board /Committee Meetings

The Alsip Village Board meets the first and third Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Alsip Village Hall located at 4500 West 123rd Street. Committee Meetings are held the second and last Monday of each month.

### Village Hall Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Tues-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday – closed

### Police, Fire or Paramedic Emergency dial 9-1-1

Non-Emergency . . . 708-385-6131

### Department Phone Directory

All departments of the Village can be reached by dialing **708-385-6902**, then add the extension of the department you wish to contact.

### The following is a list of department extensions:

- Office of the Mayor . . . . . 2317
- Office of the Village Clerk . . . 2319
- Office of the Treasurer . . . . . 2331
- Building Department . . . . . 2335
- Building Commissioner. . . . . 2328
- Civil Defense . . . . . 2244
- Environmental Health . . . . . 2336
- Fire Chief . . . . . 2235
- Police Chief . . . . . 2243
- Public Works . . . . . 2364
- Water Department . . . . . 2327
- Water Commissioner. . . . . 2325

# Tree Lighting at Village Hall

**Date:** December 2, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm  
**Place:** Alsip Village Hall

Come join Mayor Ryan as he turns on the Christmas tree lights, to kick off the beginning of the Holiday Season.

The Girl Scouts will be providing homemade ornaments and singing, and we will have a special visitor to come join them, (Santa).

Stay to have cookies donated by our friends at DoubleTree Hotel and hot chocolate donated by our very own Eggman’s Restaurant.



We would like to inform everyone the Village has converted over to a **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**. The new system requires a **four-digit extension**. If you have the persons old extension, please **add a two (2) in front of the old extension**. If not, you can reach each department by dialing the main number and following the prompts listed below.

**Village Hall** Call 708-385-6902

- 1 - Water Department
- 2 - Building Department
- 3 - Public Works
- 4 - Police Department
- 5 - Fire Department
- 6 - Clerks Office
- 7 - Accounting
- 8 - Mayor’s Office



### Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	Thursday, November 28 Friday, November 29
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Tuesday, December 24 Wednesday, December 25
<b>NEW YEAR’S DAY</b>	Wednesday, January 1