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...PROGRESS THROUGH LEADERSHIP...

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ALSIP STEPS INTO SPRING . . .

VILLAGE LAUNCHES "S.A.V.E." PROJECT . . . SAVE ALSIP'S VALUABLE ENVIRONMENT

Spring is just around the corner and it is with pleasure that we bid a fond farewell to winter and look forward to plans for a "spring spruce-up"!

In an effort to assist residents with spring clean-up plans, Mayor Arnold A. Andrews and the Village Board advise that during the weeks of MAY 5 and MAY 12, village scavenger service **WILL PICK UP AND HAUL AWAY ANY AND ALL TYPES OF DEBRIS.**

This is an excellent opportunity to empty attics, basements, garages and yards. Also, to clear out swimming pools or fencing that is in disrepair.

JUST REMEMBER: THE ONLY DAY SUCH SPECIAL PICK-UP WILL BE MADE IS ON YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRASH PICK-UP DAY, AS IT FALLS DURING THESE SPECIAL TWO WEEKS (MAY 5 & 12). DO YOUR SHARE DAILY TO KEEP ALSIP HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL.



Mayor Arnold A. Andrews urges citizen cooperation

SPRING & BLOOD . . . BOTH SIGNS OF NEW LIFE!!

Did you know that if Alsip maintains its annual blood goal, you and every member of your family are protected against a medical emergency requiring blood replacement? With today's economy, it's getting easier to save blood than dollars . . . why not make your blood donation at the **MARCH 14 ALSIP BLOOD DRAW?? TIME: FRIDAY, MARCH 14, between 4 and 8:00 p.m. PLACE: FIREHOUSE TWO.** Call the Village Hall to let them know you are planning to donate so that workers can schedule according to an approximate number of donors. Ask for Sandy Eich, Health Officer: 385-6902.



Alsip anticipates clean-up!

ROLL OUT THE GARBAGE!

Groen Scavenger Services is introducing a newly designed Rubbermaid 85 gallon, self-contained, wheeled trash container. The "Mobile Toter" has a capacity equivalent to more than four 20-gallon metal cans; has a lid that locks closed tightly, preventing animals or wind from scattering the contents; and is equipped with wheels sturdy enough to withstand cold and snow for easy maneuvering out to the curb on pick-up day.

The Toters are available to Alsip residents through Groen, on a rental or purchase basis. According to Roger Groen, Jr., the rental charge is \$2.10 per month (billed semi-annually). Under terms of this agreement, Groen assumes full responsibility in case of fire, theft or material breakdown of the Toter. Also, each container carries a permanent serial number affixed to it which is kept on file with Groen.

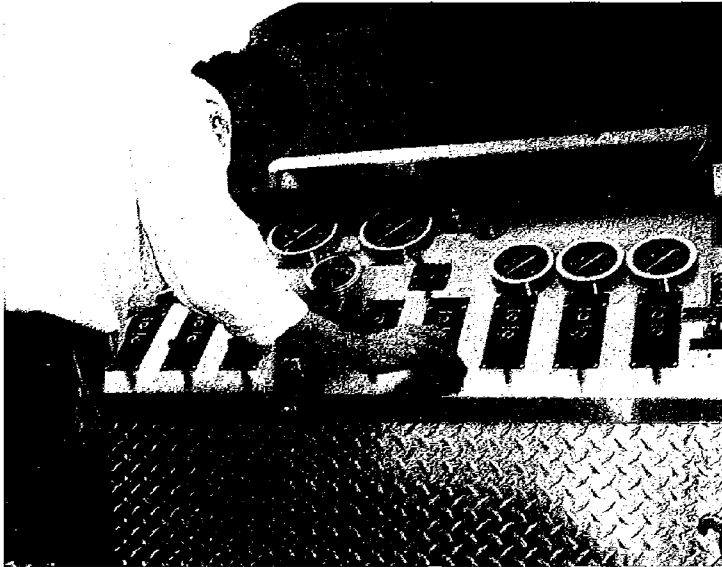
"We've had a couple of instances involving a disappearance and a fire and we immediately gave the resident a replacement at no extra charge," explains Groen in support of the rental plan.

However, if a resident prefers to purchase instead of rent, the price is \$74.20 including tax, but carries a limited five year warranty that doesn't include fire and theft.

On the other hand, Groen says that a resident may terminate the rental agreement at any time and Groen will pick up the Toter upon request. Or, if a resident decides to switch from rental to purchase, Groen will take away the old Toter and deliver to the resident a brand new one for the \$74.20 selling price.

According to Groen, the 800 Trial Toters currently in use in Alsip have met with favorable resident response. In mid February, the scavenger service mailed a letter to all residents outlining details. If you have further questions, Roger Groen invites residents to call on a special line installed specifically for this purpose: 385-8252.

ALSIP GETS NEW FIRE PUMPER



Lt. Wayne Rice at Central Control Panel



FMS Custom Pumper
(1,200 Hose atop a 500 gal. Water Tank)

Mayor Arnold A. Andrews and the Board of Trustees are proud to announce further upgrading of fire department services by recent purchase of a brand new "FMC Custom Pumper", the first of its kind in the United States.

It is equipped with six separate hose connections, each capable of pumping 250 GPM (gallons per minute) for a maximum of 1,750 GPM. It also features a Central Control Pump Panel located atop the mid-section, permitting broader visibility of the fire scene by the firefighter directing water disbursement.

Another unique feature of this pumper, is the electrically controlled switches which release water from the hydrant faster than manual switches. Water leaving the hydrant is pumped to the required pressure through the hose.

"Proper pressure is the key to successfully fighting fires, especially structure fires," says Lt. Wayne Rice. Alsip fire hydrants offer about 60 lbs. of pressure, which is nearly double that of even some cities. However, a really bad fire could require as much as 300 lbs. This new vehicle with its exceptional pumping power, will effectively handle industrial structure fires.

The "FMC" was manufactured in Tipton, Indiana after which it went on display at the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in Kansas City, Missouri before arriving in Alsip last October.

According to Alsip Trustee Penney Black, Chairman of "Fire Committee", this will offer greater safety to our industrial citizens, and dollar savings on fire insurance premiums to all of Alsip.

Every Alsip firefighter receives initial training in its operation and is required to participate in periodic refreshers.



Hose & Tank Housing

ALSIP LEGISLATES LATE PENALTY

The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alsip recently enacted legislation establishing a PENALTY FOR LATE VEHICLE LICENSE FEES. (Regular fee is \$12.00)

January 1, 1980 was the official date that all such licenses were to be validly displayed for the current year. However, the penalty period did not become effective until February 16, which allowed a generous grace period. The penalty time table for this year is as follows:

TIME OF PURCHASE	AMT. OF PENALTY (added to \$12.00 fee)
Feb. 16—March 31	\$ 2.00
April 1—April 30	3.00
May 1—May 31	4.00
June 1—June 30	5.00
July 1—July 31	6.00
Aug. 1—August 31	7.00
Sept. 1—Sept. 30	8.00
Oct. 1—October 31	9.00
Nov. 1—November 30	10.00
Dec. 1—December 31	11.00

MEET TRUSTEE MORRISON . . . "WIZARD OF FINANCE"

"Maintaining an equitable balance between cost and service is what it's all about", explains Raymond J. Morrison, Alsip Village Trustee and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

"Knowing what it's all about" is obviously the key to the success of this youthful, talented trustee whose expertise has been a contributing factor to this administration's accomplishments over the past nine years.

"I can recall times about eleven years ago when angry residents regularly stormed the Village Board Meetings with all kinds of valid appeals for improved services and facilities", points out Morrison seriously.

He adds that he himself was one of those concerned residents, but despite the problems, he believed in Alsip's future potential. This sensitivity to the situation prompted him to seek avenues of public participation which eventually led to his 1971 election as Trustee to the Village Board.

Morrison attributes some of Alsip's ability to maintain its comfortable tax rate to the industrial and commercial communities from which a significant portion of the tax base is derived. Wise application of the formulas for balancing costs with services has resulted in some dynamic progress by this administration without overburdening taxpayers.

Trustee Morrison proudly points to a few of those improvements such as major drainage and water systems improvements; updating of garbage pick-up program; new and improved street lighting throughout the village (including street lights along Cicero Avenue); and the paving of virtually every village street; a new police and two new fire stations and updating of fire protection service, including innovation of a Paramedic Program.

"We've come a long way from the late 60's when Pulaski was a two-lane underwater highway, navigable by rowboat," reminisces Morrison with a slight chuckle.

However, he is quick to add that the situation was far from funny at the time as was a similar problem pertaining to water created by excessive dumping into Stony Creek by inconsiderate developers.

And today Morrison says he is proud to identify with the administration who successfully solved both water woes. Crawford Avenue flooding was corrected by the Deep Tunnel Project completed in cooperation with the Metropolitan Sanitary District, while Stony Creek problems came to a halt through stricter regulation of dumping practices, followed by improvements to the area and widening of the creek.

... OTHER SERVICE ...

Periodically through the years, Trustee Morrison has had occasion to serve on each of the Village Board Committees and currently, in addition to his Chairmanship of Finance, is also Chairman of the "Health & Environmental Control Committee", which is responsible for the first Environmental Control Ordinances authored by the Village of Alsip.

This legislation pertains to the control of pollution, weed clearance and sanitary and efficient methods of garbage disposal. Morrison states emphatically that they are being rigidly enforced. He adds that the village is not hesitating to haul serious or habitual offenders into court in order to protect the majority who prefer a clean, healthy and prosperous environment.

"We've had some nasty convictions and will continue to ferret out offenders, but prefer citizens avoid unnecessary expense and hassle by choosing to abide by the law," he explains.

... FUTURE PRIORITIES ...

Morrison continues to look toward future improvements throughout the village which will enhance the quality of life in Alsip. He anticipates street lights and sidewalks on Crawford Avenue as well as updating of commercial areas to attract more businesses and shoppers; and continued industrial development to stabilize the tax rate.



Ray and his wife, Beverly, are 12 year residents of Alsip, living on Tripp Avenue with their three boys—Jim 17, Ray 15, and 11 year old John. Ray commutes to work in Chicago where he is Director of Facilities and Engineering with a national distributor headquartered there.

The enthusiastic Finance Chairman says that serving municipal government today demands more time and dedication than ever before. That's why other than job and family, he chooses to direct most of his energy and expertise to trustee duties as opposed to other club or organizations.

However, he stresses a desire for more personal contact with constituents because he feels he needs their input to do a better job. "I welcome calls or letters because it helps deliver better service to those counting on my performance," invited Morrison with a soft smile.

ATTENTION ALSIP'S YOUNGER SET!!

WATCH FOR THE EASTER BUNNY AS HE COMES HOPPING IN AND ABOUT ALSIP STREETS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15th, LEADING THE GALA EASTER PARADE. PARADE STARTS AT THE AMVETS HALL AT 114th & AVON—10:00 A.M.

TREE TRIMMING TIPS

During the months of **FEBRUARY & MARCH**, pruning of deadwood in trees and shrubs should be done. This will strengthen them as well as improve their appearance. Special attention should be given to trimming Cottonwoods. The cotton-like substance that bursts from the millions of seeds this tree drops, have a tendency to catch in air conditioners, gutters, sewer lines, etc., often causing not only inconvenience, but expensive damage.

During **MARCH & APRIL**, assuming temperatures reach 40° and above, scalcicides and miticides should be applied to trees and shrubs to control scale, mites and aphids. Fungicides should be applied to fruit trees to control apple scab, brown rot and other fungus disease.

During **APRIL & MAY**, peat moss and other mulches should be cultivated into the earth around trees, evergreens, shrubs and roses. Also, young trees and shrubs still can be transplanted during these months.

"A LEGAL LINE FROM LOUTOS"

**Peter A. Loutos, Attorney
Village of Alsip**



Vandalism is a growing problem in cities and suburbs across the nation. It crosses all socioeconomic borders, prevailing in poverty, middle-class and affluent areas. Psychiatrists often describe the phenomenon as an expression of hostility or cry for attention from troubled young people.

While Mayor Andrews and the Alsip Village Board sympathize with whatever sad situations lead a youngster to such acts of rebellion, they cannot tolerate lawlessness under any circumstance.

Therefore, in the interest of protecting the property and the welfare of all Alsip citizens, the Village Board enacted legislation modified after the State's "Parental Responsibility Law", designed to curtail such criminal acts.

Accordingly, Alsip ORDINANCE ENABLES THE VILLAGE TO PROSECUTE SUCH ACTS AS A LOCAL OFFENSE AND TO HOLD PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS WITH WHOM GUILTY MINORS RESIDE, AS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PENALTIES IMPOSED.

Penalties could be either or both of the following:

- (a) Fine up to \$1,000.00.
- (b) Conditional discharge up to one year.

Some of the conditions of such a discharge include not violating any criminal statute in any jurisdiction and having the defendant report to a person or an agency designated by the court.

In addition, the court could order the defendant to pursue a course of study or vocational training; undergo medical or psychiatric treatment or treatment for drug addiction or alcoholism. The court can also specify defendant's place of residency.

"As a parent as well as an attorney, I urge parents to seek closer ties with their children at an early age. Regular doses of love and attention before the fact, has proven better preventive medicine than anything after," advises Loutos earnestly.

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SUMMERFEST '80 IS ON THE WAY . . .

Summerfest '80 Plans are rolling along full speed. TIME: JUNE 28: 7-11 P.M. and JUNE 29: 1-9:30 P.M. SPECIAL EVENTS: PARADE: 1:00 p.m., FIREWORKS: 9:30 p.m.

What can you do? Set up a booth for your church group, club or other organization and beef up your treasury. (1) Call in and offer to work as a volunteer that day (2) Come out that week-end with family and friends for fun, food, games and "bingo under the big tent". (3) Don't miss the colorful parade with its fantastic floats, marching music and exciting entertainers. (especially the clowns!) MORE INFORMATION? CALL: Mary Schmidt, Alsip Chamber of Commerce, 597-2668.

COME OUT TO THE CARNIVAL. "PRE-SUMMERFEST SCENE" AT 123RD & PULASKI. WHEN? JUNE 18 THRU 22ND! DON'T MISS IT!

APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT NOW BEING TAKEN BY ALSIP PARK DISTRICT. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT APOLLO FIELDHOUSE, 12521 SO. KOSTNER. TEL. 389-1003. DAY CAMP & SUMMER PLAYGROUND.

ALSIP SUPPORTS UNITED STATES HOSTAGES

Alsip Mayor Arnold A. Andrews announces that the village has joined the many other municipalities of Illinois whose citizens are flying the American Flag in support of the American hostages being held in Iran. In accord with special proclamation dated December 17, 1979, Alsip citizens are requested to join this supportive effort by flying the American Flag until all the hostages are released.

"I urge all concerned citizens to support this cause," says Andrews.

(It is our hope that by the time this Newsletter is published, the hostages will be free.—Ed.)

**ALSIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JUNE 6, 1980—DINNER DANCE
CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TICKET INFORMATION**

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