

# ALSIP DIGEST

VILLAGE OF ALSIP, ILLINOIS

...PROGRESS THROUGH LEADERSHIP...

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## COMMUNICATION KEY TO SURVIVAL



Mayor Andrews (rt.) and Joe Jolivette, Sewer Commissioner plot path of tornado



Andrews co-ordinates plans

Huddled closely in the lower level of the Public Safety Building in late March, were a group of volunteers and observers attentively tuned to radio reports of a tornado touchdown in Alsip. But like the Orson Wells radio fiasco of years ago, this scene was not authentic. In reality, the supposed radio broadcast was a pre-taped simulated tornado report compounded by complications of a possible propane gas leak and disruption of a radioactive shipment.

It was the job of these volunteers to facilitate an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to address the emergency. Prior to the drill, plans had been worked out by Frank D. Hiter, Coordinator Alsip Department Emergency Preparedness (DEP), who worked closely with two representatives of a federal management agency trained to teach such procedures. Also, Hiter authored a special Resource Manual, a copy of which was furnished each volunteer for reference.

Mayor Arnold A. Andrews as the authorized Executive of the operation swiftly led Village Trustees and representatives from various village departments into action. Reports of affected areas flooded the Communications Center at the rate of one or two a minute and this information had to be analyzed and then recycled in order to utilize all manpower and equipment most efficiently. Messengers scurried about delivering reports of damage assessment from which emergency policy decisions could be made and communicated to staff and public.

"Breakdown of a community's communication system in times of such an emergency weaken efforts to tackle the situation. But thanks to the education and experience we've gained through this drill, we hope to be better prepared in case of the real thing," comments Mayor Andrews.

Alsip residents will be proud to learn that the Alsip EOC is one of very few Federally approved units in the State of Illinois because Alsip meets strict requirements for radiation and fallout protection complimented by the design of the Public Safety Building.



Police and fire volunteers assess damage report



Trustee Jim Howe checks equipment location

# STUDENTS STEER ALSIP



Mayor Andrews presents certificate of appreciation to each student. Ms. Murphy proudly applauds as Joe Racine of Alsip's Chamber of Commerce prepares to present similar certificate from chamber. John Maiffald, President Industrial District (not pictured) also awarded certificates.



Trustee Jack Yock and student council representative

Alsip students served their village in an honorary capacity during Student Government Days celebrated in early March. The annual event is sponsored jointly by the Alsip Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Association and the Village of Alsip. Trustee Jack Yock introduced the idea four years ago and student sponsor Ms. Julie Murphy worked out the details with members of Prairie Jr. High School's Student Council. The purpose of the event is to acquaint our youth with the functions of local government and to stimulate interest in the future of their community.

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees wish to express appreciation to these fine young people and to congratulate them on another successful endeavor:

MAYOR:	VICKIE FELTON
CLERK:	KELLY BLOOM
TRUSTEE:	CHRIS DANIHER
TRUSTEE:	TRINA JENNINGS
TRUSTEE:	DEBBIE DOUGHERTY
TRUSTEE:	LORI STEPANEK
TRUSTEE:	KATHY LEHMAN
TRUSTEE:	KEN KIEBLES
ATTORNEY:	KARYN O'BRIEN

Also to students Fire Chief Sara Barker, Police Chief Carolyn Lamargo, Deputy Clerk Dayna Daubaras, Paramedics Annette Fitzgerald & Rick Estes, Treasurer Kim Denton, Asst. Treasurer Dennis Walsh, Mayor's Secretary Chris Pitlik, Commissioners, Anric Perez, Julie Vari, Steve Peck, Chris Stube, Donna Vry, Robin Gareiss, John Czajkoski, Mary Anne Sanders and Inspectors Pam Strack, Kathy Fitzpatrick and Therese Fitzgerald and Commander Technical Services Ray Powers.



Tomorrow's Leaders



Trustee Penney Black explains procedure

## MEET TRUSTEE MARZEC



Trustee Jerry Marzec works with students during Student Government Days

For Trustee Jerome M. Marzec becoming a public servant has been a doubly rewarding experience. On the one hand, he feels it has helped his personal growth and on the other his contribution to this administration has helped Alsip's growth. The soft spoken, blue eyed young father of two daughters has lived in Alsip for 16 years and served the village for 13.

"Basically I would describe myself as an introvert so the experience of participating in local government has been good for me," says Marzec.

However, any self-implied shortcomings were quickly overcome back in 1967 when circumstances in the community demanded addressing. As a new homeowner, Jerry was one of a growing group of disillusioned residents suffering from problems in the areas of zoning practices and flooding.

"I think what bothered us the most at that time was the lack of communication with our elected officials."

Marzec says he realizes it isn't possible to satisfy everyone all the time, but he feels people respect any attempts made to at least listen to what they are saying. Now as a trustee, he tries to do this.

### ... Elected in 1975 ...

This attitude toward the people he serves undoubtedly helped him win a two year term in 1975 and to be re-elected to another four year term in 1977, despite a rugged campaign.

"I think what we had then was some disagreement as to priorities among a lot of people who shared a mutual concern about their village. But since then, I feel the success of this administration speaks for itself," points out Jerry.

Marzec points to the expansion of police and fire facilities and services in the last five years. The fire department went full time and also implemented a paramedic program whose life saving actions are regularly described in letters of appreciation to Chief Bultema from grateful residents. The Police Department's base of operations has increased to include a Detective Division, Youth Division and Crime Prevention Bureau.

"These public services are the backbone of the community and Alsip has indeed strengthened its backbone," says Marzec.

The quiet trustee also points to the vital contribution Alsip's Industrial community makes toward village prosperity. He says that through selectivity and diligence such well known companies as Coca-Cola, Libby McNeil & Libby, Keebler Cookie, K-Mart and Sears have been attracted to Alsip establishing distribution centers and warehouses.

"We're in a prime transportation quadrant with easy access to inter-state highways and rail transportation," explains Marzec.

### ... Before Becoming Trustee ...

Prior to becoming a Trustee, Jerry served as Alsip's Environmental Control Commissioner for two years and was a member of the Plan Commission for two years. His work in Environmental Control involved researching and implementation of Environmental Control Ordinances and a review of Federal and State regulations as well as comparing other local ordinances in the Cook County area.

As part of the Plan Commission, he helped review all proposed sub-division and new developments for compliance with village codes. This kind of groundwork led to Alsip's strengthening building requirements during the past ten years so that today before any permit will be issued, the requirements set forth by the Plan Commission must be adhered to strictly. These requirements are based on what will best benefit the village as a whole.

"Any new development requires submitting plans to the Plan Commission and/or the Zoning Board, depending upon whether or not multiple lots are involved," explains Marzec.

The people serving on these commissions do a truly fantastic job. They are quite dedicated to our community and go about their work quietly, but efficiently.

Marzec says he looks forward to future service to Alsip, working for continued stability and prosperity. He stresses his concern for nation-wide voter apathy and makes it a habit of sharing his experience as a trustee with his daughters, Chris 17 and Jerri-Lynn 12 in order to instill an early interest in the functions of local government.

"I've always urged people to come out to vote. I'm not as concerned with how they vote as I am with if they vote at all," states Marzec earnestly.

## VILLAGE CLERK ROBERT GRUBER SAYS— "PET LICENSES ON SALE AT VILLAGE HALL"



Pet licenses have been on sale at the Village Hall since April 1st for the current fiscal year. The fee is \$3.00 for each dog or cat. A penalty of \$2.00 will be charged after May 31st.

PLEASE NOTE: RECENTLY UPDATED VILLAGE ORDINANCE MAKES CATS AS WELL AS DOGS SUBJECT TO LICENSING AND OTHER LAWS RELATED TO PET OWNERSHIP IN COMPLIANCE WITH COOK COUNTY.

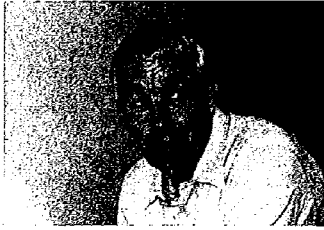
Also: A PROPER CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A DULY REGISTERED VETERINARIAN CERTIFYING THAT SUCH ANIMAL HAS BEEN INOCULATED FOR RABIES MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME YOU APPLY FOR LICENSE. LICENSE WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT IT. A XEROX COPY IS ACCEPTABLE.

Please remember: Pet owners must not allow their animals to roam free in public, but must be on a leash. Animals must not defecate or urinate anywhere in village other than the pet owner's property. If any pet feces is so deposited, owners are responsible for removing it immediately. And they must not permit it to accumulate in any yard, pen or premises in which the pet is confined. Also, pet owners are expected to control their pet against excessive whining, barking or howling. Let's all have a healthy, happy, and safe summer!

**FIREMEN'S 35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
JUNE 6, 1980 DINNER DANCE  
CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TICKET INFORMATION**

## LICENSE RENEWAL TIME

Ernie Kooyenga  
Building Inspector



All Business and Contractor Licenses must be renewed by May 1st. AFTER JUNE 30th, A DELINQUENCY CHARGE OF 10% PER MONTH OF UNPAID BALANCE WILL BE ASSESSED.

In addition, ALL VENDING MACHINES MUST BE REGISTERED. Those subject to licensing are also bound by the delinquency charge.

As a convenience, the Village Building Department mailed applications out in April to all Industrial and Commercial businesses. However, if this application has not been received or has not yet been completed and returned for any reason, you are reminded of your responsibility to contact the village and renew your license before the deadline. Provision for listing of Vending Machines is also made on this application.

Periodic inspections by village inspectors disclosing violations can carry a fine of \$50.00.

### COME TO THE CARNIVAL!

WHEN??? . . . JUNE 18 thru JUNE 22  
WHERE??? . . . 123rd & PULASKI  
WHY??? . . . MONEY RAISED WILL HELP SUPPORT  
ALSIP SUMMERFEST '80  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

### COME TO THE POLICE AUCTION!!

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1980  
TIME: DOORS OPEN 10:00 a.m.  
AUCTION BEGINS 11:00 a.m.  
PLACE: VILLAGE GARAGE FACILITY  
12251 ORCHARD (Rear)  
WHAT: Unclaimed and unidentifiable property  
including bikes, automotive tires & wheels,  
t.v. & tape recorders.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
4500 W. 123rd Street  
Alsip, Illinois 60658

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Alsip, Ill.  
Permit No. 4038

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## SUMMERFEST '80 IS ON THE WAY!!!

WHEN??? . . . SATURDAY, JUNE 28th, between 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m., SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, between 1:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

WHERE??? . . . ST. TERRENCE CHURCH GROUNDS

WHAT??? . . . FUN, FOOD & FESTIVITIES. BINGO UNDER THE BIG TENT. SATURDAY EVENING HAWAIIAN SHOW. SUNDAY PARADE 1 P.M. FIREWORKS AFTER DARK.

WHO??? . . . YOU! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED. SPACE FOR FUND RAISING BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH GROUP, CLUB OR ORGANIZATION. CALL: MARY SCHMIDT, ALSIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MORE INFORMATION. TEL. 597-2668. SEE YOU AT SUMMERFEST!

## TORNADO TIPS FROM FRANK HITER, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1. IN SCHOOLS: Go to storm cellar or underground excavation if available. If there is no storm cellar but building is of reinforced construction, stay inside, away from windows. Whenever possible, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. AVOID AUDITORIUMS & GYMNASIUMS WITH POORLY SUPPORTED ROOFS.

If building IS NOT REINFORCED CONSTRUCTION, go quickly to a nearby reinforced building or to an open ditch and lie flat.

2. IN OFFICE BLDGS.: Stand in an interior hallway on a lower floor, preferably in the basement.

3. IN FACTORIES: Upon receiving a tornado warning, post a lookout. Then in accordance with advance plans, workers should move quickly and orderly to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection.

4. IN HOMES: The corner of the basement toward the tornado usually offers the greatest safety. In homes without basement, take cover under heavy furniture in the center part of the house. KEEP SOME WINDOWS OPEN, BUT STAY AWAY FROM THEM!

KEEP POSTED TO RADIO AND T.V. REPORTS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TELEPHONE POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR INFORMATION. THIS WILL ONLY FLOOD SWITCHBOARDS, HAMPERING EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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