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...PROGRESS THROUGH LEADERSHIP...

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WATER—PRECIOUS . . . AND GROWING PRICELESS



There are nearly 1,000 fire hydrants in the Village of Alsip which are but one small part of the entire water story. Tony Esch, Alsip's Water Commissioner since 1969, oversees the system comprised of over 61,000 miles of watermain sprawling spider-like in all directions beneath the ground, pumping the precious liquid to over 3,500 residential connections and over 400 industrial and commercial ones. Steve Augustus is Water Plant Operator.

"People usually take water for granted. When they turn on the tap, the hose or the shower, they just expect it to pour out. If it doesn't, they panic," points out the Commissioner.

However, there is a lot going on behind the scenes to keep that tap open and flowing. Lake Michigan water is purchased from the City of Chicago. But before pumping it to Alsip's underground reservoir at 117th and Kedvale, Chicago processes and purifies the water. (The Kedvale underground reservoir is the newest one, with tennis courts utilizing the top vast, flat expanse housing the underground tank).

It is from this underground reservoir that Alsip pumps the water into its system, including both reserve overhead tanks prominently towering over two sections of town. However, before Alsip distributes the water, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that the village again purify the water by administering specified amounts of chlorine measured against minute amounts of water.

Alsip's system provides about 10,000 gallons of water per minute. In accord with EPA requirements, it includes a Stand-By Generator capable of supplying 5,000 gallons in an emergency, which proves adequate. This generator is fully automatic, kicking on by itself in the event of a power failure. Summer storms and winter ice are usually responsible for such failures due to damaged electrical wires. Esch says Alsip has not yet suffered a really serious failure of any considerable duration. He recalls only one and it was a brief eight hour interruption due to a bad storm.

Installation of this generator was part of the updating of water services that began about ten years ago in Alsip, under the current administration. In order to fulfill the requirement more economically, part of the large Chlorine Room in the Pumping Station was converted to house the generator. This was much less expensive than building a room addition or an entirely new, separate unit for it.

Commissioner Esch points out that water rates are not based only on the cost of purchasing water itself, but include massive maintenance and operational procedures necessary to prepare, pump and transport the water to each dwelling.

Village pumping operations are dependent upon electricity which keeps the motors running. The village has had to face inflationary utility increases just as the individual homeowner.

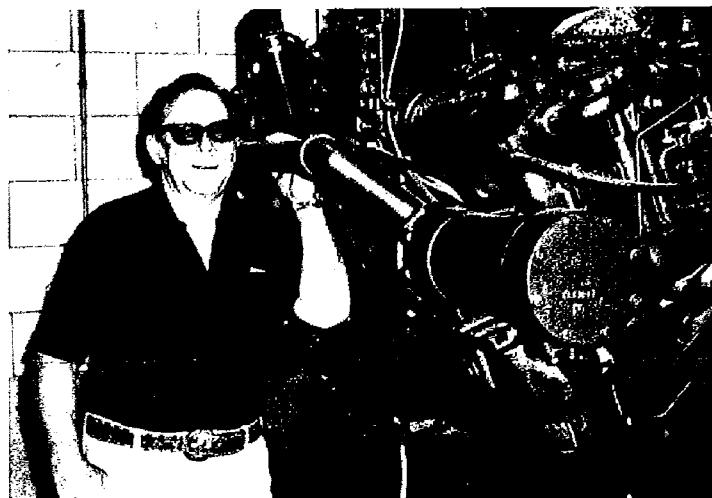
"Only you can imagine the size of the village electric bill compared to that of an individual home or business," exclaims Tony seriously.

However, throughout the years, the only time Alsip has increased its water rates was when the City of Chicago initiated an increase to the village. In view of the recent exorbitant increase from Chicago for Lake Michigan water, Alsip will be forced to pass on an increase to its citizens.

Volume sales of water to two nearby communities does defray Alsip costs somewhat, but Esch says that ultimately "conservation" is the key.

"People are just going to have to develop new habits that will help reduce the amount of water consumption as well as the amount of individual water bills," warns Commissioner Esch.

. . . Water Department—4500 W. 123rd—Tel. 385-6902 . . .



Water Commissioner Tony Esch checks emergency generator.



Supervisor Lucille Kwiatkowski relays communication



GOOD CONSERVATION HABITS CONSUME LESS WATER & COST LESS DOLLARS . . .

TONY ESCH

The following points of interest and helpful hints are offered by Alsip Water Commissioner Tony Esch in an effort to initiate water conservation habits:

1. Did you know that by letting the water run until it is cold enough to drink, you waste approximately five gallons of water. That means that several such drinks of water per day pours 70 gallons of wasted water down the drain. Pretty expensive habit!

Instead, why not store a container of cold water in the refrigerator just as you would stock pop, beer, kool-aid or other beverages?

2. Did you know that about 20 gallons of water is expended by a man shaving? This includes the time the tap is running to rinse the blade, achieve the right water temperature, etc. In addition, there is the cost of heating the water which is simply wasting away.

Instead, try filling the bowl with water and rinsing from that.

3. Did you know that sprinkling the lawn when the sun is at its peak simply results in an 85% evaporation rate, leaving little if any water remaining to reach the roots.

Instead, practice sprinkling in late evening or very early morning.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO SAVE WATER AND DOLLARS?

1. **FIX LEAKS.** A dripping faucet can waste as much as 20 gallons a day; a leaky toilet can waste as much as 100 gallons daily. For the faucet, try a new washer; for the toilet, drop some food coloring into the tank, wait a few minutes without flushing. If the color enters the bowl, there is a leak.

2. **TOILETS ARE NOT WASTE BASKETS.** Toilets use about 40% of all water in the home, and use about 5½ gallons per flush. Don't use the toilet to dispose of things that belong in a waste basket. To reduce the amount of water used per flush, fill an empty plastic soap bottle with clean stones, fill with water and place in the toilet tank, out of the way of the moving parts.

3. Short showers consume less water than baths. Running water as you brush your teeth wastes as much as ten gallons.

4. When doing laundry, be sure to run full loads.

5. When doing dishes, rinse in filled sink or basin, not under running water.

SUMMERFEST IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW. FAMILY FUN AT ALSIP'S FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMERFEST: JUNE 27 & 28. 119th & KOSTNER. SATURDAY 7 p.m.-11 p.m. SUNDAY 2 p.m.-10 p.m. PARADE 1 p.m.

Saturday evening will feature a "Country & Western" theme with outdoor fun, food and entertainment to match. Everyone is invited to come dressed in their favorite country clothes and get into the spirit of things. Also on Saturday, Garfield Goose and friends will be on hand to delight the little ones.

On Sunday, the gala parade will step-off at 1:00 at 115th & Pulaski, proceeding south on Pulaski to 119th, then West on 119th to the Summerfest grounds. The ever popular Spelling Bee will be held at 3:00 Sunday and the Water Ball competition between local firefighters will again highlight Sunday's events. Also on Sunday, a live animal show from Animal Kingdom will be presented, a magician will entertain and a Bake-Off will be sponsored by School District 126 P.T.A., while a fabulous fireworks display will climax Summerfest No. Four after dark Sunday.

Bingo under the big tent will be offered both days as will Relay Races sponsored by the Park District. There will be plenty of rides and game booths for young and old and food and beverage to tempt all tastes. The intriguing Arts & Fair Booths will be featured on Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Applications for the parade or the Arts & Crafts are still available at the Chamber of Commerce Office. And as a special convenience to weary parents, this year a baby sitting service for a nominal fifty cents an hour rate will be provided by the St. Terrence Church newly founded Teen Club, with proceeds going to support the teens' activities.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: MARY SCHMIDT, ALSIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE, 597-2668!



"ANNUAL ALSIP SUMMERFEST"

SUMMERFEST SPELLING BEE

ATTENTION ALL SPELLING BEE FANS! ALSIP OPEN SPELLING BEE CONTEST AT SUMMERFEST . . . SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 3 P.M., PRAIRIE JR. H.S., 11910 SOUTH KOSTNER AVE. ALL AGES WELCOME, FROM STUDENTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS. NO FEE OR CHARGE. JUST SOME OLD FASHIONED FUN. FOR DETAILS, CALL: 389-1900. SPONSORED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT 126, DR. WM. D. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT & THE ALSIP SUMMERFEST COMMITTEE.

SUPPORT SUMMERFEST . . . COME TO THE CARNIVAL . . .

ALSIP CARNIVAL: JUNE 17-21
WHERE? 123rd & PULASKI
WHY? PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT
SUMMERFEST

COME ONE, COME ALL. BRING BROTHERS, SISTERS, FRIENDS OR FOES. BUT DO COME TO THE CARNIVAL. MONEY EARNED AT THIS CARNIVAL IS USED TO HELP SUPPORT SUMMERFEST, SPONSORED BY THE ALSIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP.

VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE AT VILLAGE HALL

As we approach the half-way mark of 1981, drivers presenting proper title indicating purchase of their vehicle as of June 1st, are required to pay only a six month fee as opposed to an annual one. ANNUAL FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS: Auto—\$12.00 . . . Truck—\$15.00 . . . \$60.00 . . . Motorcycle—\$10.00. REMEMBER: BE SURE TO BRING ALONG YOUR CURRENT STATE REGISTRATION CARD. STICKERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT IT.

As a convenience to new Alsip residents, a 30 day grace period will be granted upon proper verification. After that, the regular penalty fee will be added. Penalty Fees are: \$2.00 for the first month and \$1.00 for each month after that.

HOW TO TRANSFER PLATES: If plates are transferred, the original sticker also must be transferred at a \$1.00 charge. However, if new plates have been purchased, a new sticker is required at the established fee.

BRANCH PICK UP SCHEDULE

PLEASE PLACE THIS SCHEDULE IN A PROMINENT PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. IT WILL BE BOTH A HELP AND AN INFLATION FIGHTER TO YOURSELF AND TO YOUR STREET DEPARTMENT, IF YOU PLAN SPRING AND SUMMER YARD WORK AND CLEAN UP PLANS ACCORDINGLY:

WEST OF CICERO AVENUE:

May 18, 19 July 20, 21
June 22, 23 Aug. 24, 25
 Sept. 21, 22

EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI:

May 20, 21 Aug. 26, 27
June 24, 25 Sept. 23, 24
July 22, 23

EAST OF PULASKI:

May 22 Aug. 28
June 26 Sept. 25
July 24

REMEMBER: First: refer to the schedule to **DETERMINE YOUR PICK-UP DATE.**

Second: CALL THE VILLAGE 24 HOURS PRIOR TO PICK-UP DATE. (Telephone: 385-6902)

CUT ALL BRANCHES INTO 3 to 4 FOOT LENGTHS. STACK NEATLY. PLACE ON PARKWAY. **ALSO NOTE:** BRANCHES CUT IN 4 FT. LENGTHS OR SHORTER SECURELY BUNDLED AND TIED AND PLACED WITH YOUR GARBAGE, WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY. BUNDLES MUST NOT EXCEED 18" IN DIAMETER.

JURISDICTION OF STREETS

In response to a recent inquiry from the Chippewa Homeowners Association, the following clarification of road jurisdiction in Alsip is as follows:

- 1. 111th Street State
- 2. 127th Street State
- 3. Crawford Avenue State
- 4. Cicero Avenue State

For State Road Information: Tel.: 596-3132
Alsip Yard: Tel.: 448-0050

- 5. 119th Street County
- 6. 115th St., West of Cicero County
- 7. 123rd Street County

District 5 Telephone: 388-1893

If there are still questions after calling the above telephone numbers call the Alsip Road Department: 389-6902.

SMOKE DETECTORS ARE LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY

Alsip Fire Chief John Bultema reminds apartment building landlords of their responsibility to **INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS IN EVERY APARTMENT** comprising all multi-unit dwellings. A multi-unit dwelling refers to those of three flats or more, and according to Village Ordinance effective 1980, **LANDLORDS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL INDIVIDUAL SMOKE DETECTORS IN EVERY UNIT.** Neglect to do this is a direct violation of Village Code and will be handled accordingly.

According to Firefighter Ed Stefanski of the Fire Prevention Bureau, the detector should be installed closest to the sleeping area. Tenants are invited to call the Fire Prevention Bureau with any questions regarding smoke detectors and their installation. Regular village inspections include public areas of apartment buildings, such as hallways and basements, but fire inspections will be made inside an apartment to check on the presence or operation of a smoke detector only upon tenant invitation. Stefanski urges both landlords and tenants to call the Fire Prevention Bureau with any questions: 385-6902—Ext. 57.

JOLIVETTE ELECTED TO FIRST TERM



Trustees: (l-r) Jim Howe, Jack Yock, Joe Jolivette, Mayor Arnold Andrews. Trustee: Penney Black, Clerk Bob Gruber. Trustees: Jerry Marzec, Ray Morrison

Joseph J. Jolivette, newly elected Alsip Trustee, is bursting with ideas designed to deliver more economical and efficient services to property owners, particularly in the area of his speciality—sewers.

Jolivette is a licensed plumber, with a thirteen year background working at the trade. Just prior to his election to Trustee in April, he served as Alsip's Sewer Commissioner during which time he says he gained a great deal of insight into Alsip's Sanitary and Storm Sewer System. This background prompted Jolivette's recent proposal designed to reduce the amount of sewer work contracted out. As a less expensive alternate, Joe suggests training of Road and Bridge personnel, thus preparing them to handle the bulk of sewer repair and maintenance work. Joe's knowledge and enthusiasm for the plan well qualify him to teach the men.

As Sewer Commissioner, Jolivette recalls answering many middle-of-the-night calls that could mean anything from hours of sloshing through knee deep water due to a broken main—to an individual property owner mistakenly determining a problem with a house drain as a block or break in the Village Sanitary Line.

However, during the day, much time is saved in tackling problems due to the fine support of the staff working in the Water-Sewer Department who keep communications moving and clerical operations up to date. Lucille Kwiatkowski is Supervisor, assisted by Clerk Mary Jane Hodge and Biller Gerry Podboresek.

Joe attributes his success so far to the support and understanding of his wife, Lynda, who manages to maneuver family responsibilities around his busy schedule. They live in the Chippewa Ridge area with their three youngsters, Laura, Thomas and James.

Jolivette says he looks forward to learning a lot from the combined experience of the other Board members who have accomplished so much during their administration. Also, he appreciates their openness to ideas and new directions from those, like himself, who choose to contribute.

LETTERS . . .

On behalf of United Way President Frank Hiter and myself, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those Alsip residents and business people whose generosity to Alsip's United Way made it such a success.

—Holly Zkywa, Coordinator

ATTENTION LITTERBUGS!

PUBLIC STREETS, PARKWAYS AND PRIVATE LAWNS ARE NOT DISPOSAL DUMPS. LOCATE THE NEAREST TRASH CONTAINER . . . AND MAKE A HABIT OF USING IT. IF NONE IS IMMEDIATELY AT HAND, HOLD ON TO YOUR PAPER CONTAINERS, WRAPPINGS, CANS OR BOTTLES UNTIL YOU GET HOME OR LOCATE THE NEAREST TRASH RECEPTACLE. ALSIP IS YOUR HOME. RESPECT IT AS YOU WOULD YOUR DWELLING. "LET'S NOT DROWN IN LITTER. LET'S MAKE ALSIP GLITTER!"

VILLAGE ELECTION SEATS ANDREWS, GRUBER, MORRISON, MARZEC, JOLIVETTE



On behalf of this administration, we want to thank every Alsip resident who exercised their right to vote in the recent village election. Freedom must never be taken for granted, but nurtured like a precious plant. By participating in the democratic process of selecting leaders of our choice based upon informed, intelligent decision making, we confirm that democracy in this country is alive and well—starting at the grass roots level of local government.

It is with respect and appreciation that we accept your vote of confidence and hope to serve the needs of the individual as well as the community as a whole.

Please feel free to contact us at any time you feel a need. As your elected representatives, it is not only our duty, but our pleasure to listen and serve you. Best wishes for a safe, sunny, fun-filled summer!

ARNOLD A. ANDREWS, MAYOR
ROBERT A. GRUBER, CLERK
TRUSTEES: RAYMOND J. MORRISON
JEROME MARZEC
JOSEPH J. JOLIVETTE

(Special thank you to Judge Lester McCurrie pictured above)

TWO NEW MINI-POST OFFICES OPEN IN ALSIP

The Village of Alsip is pleased to announce the opening of two new Mini-Post Offices, located on the East side and West side of the village for the convenience of Alsip postal patrons.

1. FIRST STATE BANK
11346 South Cicero
Tel.: 371-8300
HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—weekdays
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Saturday
2. ALSIP BANK
11900 South Pulaski
Tel.: 389-9400
HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—weekdays
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.—Saturday (In Lobby)

Due to Post Office pick-up schedules, neither mini-post office will accept packages after 12:00. Also, neither will be able to handle foreign or express mail. However, postage stamps will be available for purchase at both locations. FOR THIS REASON, POSTAGE STAMPS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE ALSIP VILLAGE HALL, EFFECTIVE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THIS PUBLICATION IS RELEASED.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218. PRE-REGISTRATION: MAY 20, 21 and 22. OR REGISTRATION: JUNE 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. SUMMER PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT ALAN B. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL, FROM JUNE 22 through JULY 31. MANY COURSES AVAILABLE, INCLUDING READING IMPROVEMENT, CONSUMER MATH AND TYPING. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: COUNSELING DEPARTMENT OF YOUR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

BLOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—WORKERS OR DONORS! PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE. WHEN: JUNE 28, WHERE: SUMMERFEST GROUNDS, WHY: TO SHARE LIFE. MORE DETAILS? CALL SANDY EICH, HEALTH COMMISSIONER, 385-6902.

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