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Letter from the Village President

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful season. Summer is always a wonderful time on the North Shore. We are a tightly knit residential community. It is delightful to see children running to and from the beach, biking over to camp and playing in parks. Residents are enjoying brisk walks with their children and rigorous jogs with friends. Cyclists can be seen traveling about the village. To keep the fun going, I would like to remind all residents about staying safe.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death for every age from 2 through 33. With this in mind, I would like to remind all drivers to be alert and to take special care when driving.

Distractions such as cell phones, radios, eating, shaving and applying make up cause accidents. Approximately twenty five percent of police-reported crashes involve some form of driver inattention. Saving five minutes in the morning is not worth risking your life or the lives of others.

Avoid cell phone use in the car. Using a cell phone while driving increases your chance of getting into a crash by four hundred percent. Even a "hands free" device does not eliminate distracting conversations. If you must make a phone call, I urge everyone to pull off the road in a safe place and finish the conversation before resuming your commute.

Residents enjoy walks and jogs throughout the season. Observing all traffic lights and stop signs is very important. Take special care near railroad crossings and avoid speeding. It is better to be six minutes late to work rather than three minutes late and risk a tragedy, and always fasten your safety belt.



Pedestrians and cyclists are at greater risk in the summer than any other time of year. Bicycle fatalities are most likely to occur in the months of June, July, and August during the evening hours. Drivers should be especially alert for cyclists during these hours. I ask everyone to observe all pedestrian traffic control signals.

Cyclists, including children should prepare for a safe ride. Always wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. If you ride at night, equip your bicycle with reflectors and place your seat and handlebars at a safe height to allow easy operation. The personal safety of every resident is my highest priority. I hope everyone will enjoy a safe summer.

Thank you,

T. Tolbert Chisum

Village President

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News You Can Use

Hydrant Flushing

The Kenilworth Water Department and Winnetka/Kenilworth Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants during the months of July through September. Flushing hydrants aids in determining the water system capacities, and in pre-planning for emergencies. Fire hydrants are also checked for visibility and accessibility to fire personnel in the event of a fire.

Sediment accumulations are removed from the system during hydrant flushing. You may notice water discoloration for a brief period of time after the flow test in your area. While the water is safe to drink, it can discolor laundry. Residents will receive notice via door hangars and signs will be posted on the street before hydrant flushing begins in a particular area. If you experience discoloration of your water, run your sink for approximately twenty minutes or until the discoloration subsides. If the water does not become clear after following the procedures, please contact the Water Department. Any questions should also be directed to the Water Department at (847) 251-1094

2007-2008 Village Vehicle Stickers Available

2007-2008 Village Vehicle Stickers officially went on sale June 1, 2007. Application forms were mailed out to all residents with vehicles registered from the past year. Applications are also available at the Village Hall. The 2007-2008 stickers are valid through June 30, 2008. **All vehicles registered with a Kenilworth address and principally housed in the Village must display a new Kenilworth vehicle sticker by July 15, 2007 to avoid ticketing.** Stickers purchased after the July 15 date cost \$67.50 for cars and \$52.50 for motor cycles.

For the first time this year vehicles with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of 6 or better, may be able to save \$10 on the 2007-2008 sticker fee. For those "green" vehicles, residents are asked to provide proof of the vehicle make, model, and EPA green rating. More information can be found at www.epa.gov/greenvehicles.

Help Prevent Bicycle Theft

Many thefts occur simply as a crime of opportunity. Experience teaches us thieves will be out looking for unattended valuables. Each year in Kenilworth, many unlocked bicycles are stolen from front lawns, bike racks and open garages. The Police Department encourages residents to make sure their bicycles and other valuables are securely locked or put away out of public view. Resident adults and children can bring their bicycles to the Police Department and register them for free. Bike licenses are a helpful tool in reuniting owners with their lost bicycles. Kenilworth Police Officers will be periodically patrolling the Village on bike to help prevent these thefts.

Make a Difference: Village Offers Prescription Drug Disposal Program

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the Kenilworth Police Department (KPD) are providing a new program called the *Prescription Drug/Sharps Disposal Program*. It provides environmentally-safe disposal of old medications.

The disposal program is for residentially-generated unused prescriptions, expired over-the-counter drugs, and needles known as "sharps." No commercial or institutional waste will be accepted and IDs will be checked.

The Kenilworth Police Department will be hosting collection events at the Kenilworth Village Hall in the Village Board Room, 419 Richmond Road. The KPD recently conducted a successful disposal event on June 12, and remaining dates are:

**Thursday
July 19, 2007
3:00 PM—7:00 PM and**

**Saturday
August 11, 2007
3:00PM—7:00PM**

In addition to disposing of medications and sharps, SWANCC will also provide a one-quart sharps container to residents who administer home-injections. Containers can be obtained at designated drop-off locations. When the SWANCC sharps container is full, the resident should bring the container back to the drop-off location in their community for proper disposal.

Board Action Update

Recent Activities and Actions of the Village Board of Trustees

In this issue, the business of the Board of Trustees and its committees during the months April, May, June and July 2007 are highlighted. Meeting minutes can be found on the Village website www.villageofkenilworth.org.

Village Board

- Approved request to hold raffle for Juvenile Protective Association to be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007.
- **New Trustees Seated:** James Hughes and Thomas Terrill were sworn into service on May 14th. Trustee Hughes sits on the Building, Planning and Zoning and Water Committees and serves as Chair of the Streets, Drainage and Public Works Committee. Trustee Terrill is the Chair of the Finance Committee, and serves on the Community Affairs; and Police and Fire Committees. We look forward to their service to the Village.
- Approved ordinance for Sale of Surplus Property including one Police squad car and one Public Works pickup truck.
- Approved resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Cook County Assessor's Office for Access to Cook County Geographic System Data.

Building Planning Zoning

- Approved an amendment to the Kenilworth Zoning Ordinance to create a Special Use to allow single-family attached dwellings in a narrowly defined area of the R-4 Residence District on Ridge Road. The amendment was requested by a petitioner seeking to convert an existing 4-unit non-conforming multiple family dwelling unit into 2 single-family attached townhouse units.

Finance

- Approved a supplemental appropriation, which reallocated funds within Village departments to cover actual costs for Fiscal Year 2007.
- Adopted the Village of Kenilworth Budget of \$4,732,105.00 for the general operating and debt service expense of 2007-2008. The Village's fiscal year commenced May 1 and ends on April 30.
- Approved the issuance of \$275,000 General Obligation Limited Bonds to provide the necessary moneys to cover the expenses associated with planned special initiatives and capital expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008.
- Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code to increase motor vehicle license fees by \$10.00 to \$45.00, and approved vehicle license fees for those vehicles qualifying for the "green" discount to be kept at the current \$35.00 rate.
- Approved a resolution raising building permit fees from their current rate of 2.25% of construction costs (materials, labor, fixtures and equipment) of the project to 2.50% of the construction costs.
- Approved an ordinance abating the property tax levied to pay principal and interest on refunding on general obligation refunding bonds. The Village Board determined funds were found sufficient to enable the tax abatement
- In accordance with state law requirements, the Board approved an ordinance determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for 2007-2008 for public works related projects based upon Cook County set wages.

Streets, Drainage & Public Works

- Approved the purchase of a new 2008 Ford F-350 pick up to replace the existing pickup as planned for Fiscal Year 2008. This vehicle is used for general Public Works related work including snowplowing.

Thank You Outgoing Village Trustees

A special thank you is extended to outgoing Trustees Craig Miller and John Vitt for their time of service to the Kenilworth community. At the May Village Board Meeting, President Chisum commended Trustee Miller for his four years of service and significant contributions to the Finance Committee and Trustee Vitt for his contributions to the Community Affairs Committee. Both men will be sorely missed.

Providing Water Quality

The Kenilworth Water Department mailed the Annual Water Quality Report to all residences and businesses in June. The mailing was sent in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Kenilworth drinking water quality continues to surpass all state and federal regulations. The report includes water quality test results, definitions, source of water, and a note to Immuno-compromised persons.

The report also demonstrates the Water Department's commitment to providing the highest quality drinking water to the residents of Kenilworth. If you did not receive a copy of the report or have any questions, contact the Water Department at (847) 251-

In More Detail: Kenilworth Public Works

Street Department Keeps the Village Moving



From Left: Ignazio Fiorentino, Donald Betke, Greg Chlebowski

The Public Works Department strives to provide a healthy, desirable and safe environment to the citizens of Kenilworth. Be it maintaining the sanitary and storm sewer system, maintaining the street infrastructure, or keeping Kenilworth's public trees healthy, staff strives for excellence. The following is an overview of some of the services provided by the Public Works Department.

Superintendent Ignazio Fiorentino, a 34 year veteran of Kenilworth Public Works, leads a crew of 3 maintenance employees. The other 2 crew members include 19 year veteran Greg Chlebowski and Donald Betke, a 14 year Kenilworth Public works employee. This streamlined staff is responsible for the storm water and sanitary sewage system, over 50 miles of sidewalks and streets, and Kenilworth's urban forest.

STORM AND SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE

The department takes great care to give the 53,610 lineal foot sewer system the maintenance necessary to prevent any unwanted disruptions in service. The crew also maintains 450 catch basins. If an emergency situation does occur, Public Works is on-call 24 hours a day, to respond to any sewer crisis to keep the sewer and drain system flowing.

STREET, SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY MAINTENANCE

Public Works provides a smooth ride by street patching, street sweeping, parkway maintenance and major maintenance and

repair of Kenilworth's 50 miles worth of sidewalks and streets. In the fall, trucks are equipped for sweeping leaves. In the winter, the fleet is geared to shovel snow and distribute salt to make roads safe for travel. Crews also install appropriate signage and maintain striping on streets for lane definition. Safety is the Public Works Department's primary goal.

PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE

Trees have been important in Kenilworth since its inception. Urban Planning theorist Charles Mulford Robinson once said "in a beautiful village, the tree has an inseparable part." Robinson's philosophy lives on in Kenilworth's Parkway Tree planting and maintenance program. Street Superintendent Fiorentino serves as the Village Forester and is trained to identify diseased, dangerous or dead trees, and schedule removals through a contractor. Residents should contact Public Works with all tree illness concerns. Early diagnosis can save trees.

Personnel are also responsible for the Tree Planting program, tree trimming, and Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Department collects old Christmas trees to process them into woodchips. Certain yard waste collection, such as fallen branches, are also handled by the Department.

FLEET MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The vehicle fleet consists of two medium size 2 1/2 ton dump trucks, equipped with 10 foot plows and salt spreaders, two pick up trucks with plows, one front end loader back-hoe, one street sweeper, one bobcat for sidewalk snowplowing activities and other duties, one small black top roller, one sewer jet, and other small machinery. Personnel are trained on the proper operation of vehicles and equipment.

The Street Department crew, with the exception of major breakdowns and repairs, maintains the complete fleet.

To ensure safe and effective service, staff perform preventive maintenance and repairs on all the department vehicles and major equipment on a routine basis.

Staff evaluates department vehicles and major equipment. Everything from fueling to equipment repair to daily operation is documented. Strict archiving of repair and maintenance history helps the crew make fact based decisions regarding operations and equipment replacement.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

A referendum passed in 2000 paved the way for the new Public Works Facility at 440 Ivy Court. Harris Architects designed the structure to facilitate all Public Works needs in an aesthetically sensitive manner. It boasts a vast storage area for trucks and heavy equipment, indoor repair shops, a large salt storage shed and plenty of space so heavy machinery can flow to and from operations. The residential exterior blends this industrial grade facility with Kenilworth's residential street-scape. The Public Works Superintendent oversees the maintenance of the Public Works Facility, as well as the Village Hall building

WORKING TOGETHER

The Kenilworth Public Works Department cooperates with other Village departments and outside governmental organizations for smarter, streamlined public service. Public Works is committed to managing the sewers and streets of a world class village and honored to care for trees worthy of a beautiful forest. If you have questions regarding any Public Works related activities, please contact Superintendent Fiorentino at the Public Works Facility at 847-251-9210.

If you happen to see any of the crew members in the field, please extend a special thank you for their hard work and honorable service.

In More Detail: Kenilworth Public Works

Water Department: Keeping Kenilworth Flowing

The Kenilworth Water Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of Kenilworth's water treatment plant and water distribution system; the maintenance and repair of the Village's street lighting and traffic control lights; and operation and maintenance of Kenilworth beach and park areas at the beach.

The Water Department is staffed by Water Superintendent Kevin Zeoli and 3 Water Plant Operators. Superintendent Zeoli has worked with water systems since 1986. Tom Waterton is a 20 year veteran, Steve Hardt has 10 years of service, and Dave Steinke has 7 years of experience. The staff is available from 6:30 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week to respond to customer issues or concerns at (847) 251-1094.

The Kenilworth Water Plant, located at 1 Kenilworth Avenue, was originally built in 1890 by Village founder, Joseph Sears. The original plant consisted of a pump house with steam-driven pumps, a suction well, and several hundred feet of 4 and 6-inch cast iron water mains. In 1907, Sears installed the first filtration unit which marked the beginning of water treatment at the plant. The village purchased the waterworks from Sears in 1925, and became the Kenilworth Water Department. The most recent improvement was a \$5 million upgrade completed in 2003. This upgrade was done to meet all Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requirements and Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment rules. The upgrade included the rebuilding of three rapid sand filters, process equipment modifications, replacement of the emergency generator, construction of sludge and backwash waste handling facilities, additional finished water storage, and pump improvements. The treatment plant is now capable of treating and distributing Lake Michigan water at a rate of 2 million gallons per day. In addition, a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system was installed which provides for the computer controlled automation of the treatment process and data logging to comply with record keeping requirements of the IEPA. Another significant improvement was the construction of a pressure reducing station which automatically provides water to Kenilworth from Winnetka's water system in case of emergency or maintenance operations. The treatment plant is operated by Water Department staff a minimum of 16 hours per day, 7 days a week.

The Water Distribution System consists of approximately 13 miles of watermain ranging in size from 4 to 12 inches, 173 valves, 114 fire hydrants, 917 meters, and a 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank located on Roger Ave. The storage tank provides consistent pressure on the distribution system. The water level in the storage tank is automatically controlled by the new SCADA system. If the water level drops below normal operating range, the SCADA system will generate a signal to the pressure reducing station to direct water from Winnetka to supply Kenilworth. Many of the water mains, valves, and hydrants are original and approaching 100 years old. The Water Department staff is

From Left to Right: Kevin Zeoli, Steve Hardt, Dave Steinke, and Tom Waterton



responsible for the repair and maintenance of these items. Long range valve and hydrant replacement planning is presently underway.

Water Department staff reads approximately 230 water meters every month. All Village water meters are read 3 times a year. The Village Board recently approved funding for the installation of a fixed base automatic meter reading system to be installed over the next 2 years. The system's automatic reading capabilities will ensure billing accuracy.

The decorative streetlights, which supplement Kenilworth's distinct character, were installed in the early 1900's. These 420 streetlights are checked each week by staff for proper operation and repairs. Since most of the electrical wiring to these streetlights is original, long range planning is underway for replacement wiring.

The Kenilworth Beach and Park, located on Kenilworth Avenue, was totally renovated as part of the 2003 Water Plant upgrade. The Water Department staff maintains the beach and park facilities and oversees the operation during beach season. In the Spring of 2007, Water Department personnel oversaw the construction of a concrete ramp to provide easier equipment access to the beach for grooming and maintenance. The department hires a lifeguard staff which includes a manager, assistant manager, and 5 full-time lifeguards. Beach passes can be purchased at Village Hall or at the beach.

Future projects for the Water Department include preparations for the installation of the new automatic meter reading system, the on-going replacement of chlorine feed and monitoring equipment, the exercising of all water distribution valves, and the flushing of Village fire hydrants with the help of the Winnetka/Kenilworth Fire Department.

Residents are urged to extend a special thank you to the Water Department Staff for their hard work and honorable service.

Your Public Works Service: Frequently Asked Questions.

How often is my street swept?

City Streets are swept on average of once every ten days. Streets are swept more often in the fall.

Can I sweep my leaves into the gutter for the street sweeper to collect?

No. Disposing yard waste into gutters will clog the sewer system. Perrin Brothers Disposal will pick up 32-gallon bags of yard debris as part of the regular contracted garbage service at no additional charge. Contact Perrin Disposal at (888) 622-6480 if you have questions regarding collection requirements.

Who do I contact to report a pothole?

Potholes can develop on a street at any time of year. Your assistance in alerting Public Works to potential potholes in need of repair is appreciated. If you notice a pothole and would like to report it, please contact Public Works.

Who do I contact to report a street sign is down or in need of repair?

To report a sign in need of repair, contact Public Works. Please be prepared to provide the approximate location of the sign and information, as well as the type of sign needing to be replaced.

Who do I contact if my sewer line is backing up?

Before contacting a plumber or sewer service call Public Works. An employee will be sent out to determine the location of the blockage at no charge to you. If it is determined that the blockage is not in the Village mainline, the resident is responsible for removing the blockage at their own expense.

What is the difference between a sanitary sewer and a storm sewer?

Kenilworth has a combined sanitary and storm sewer system east of Green Bay Road. West of Green Bay Road the storm system is completely separate from the sanitary sewer system. Water and waste product from your toilet, shower, dishwasher, and sink go into the sanitary sewer system, water from your downspouts, yard drain, street drain go into the storm sewer. For those areas east of Green Bay Road, the sewer system was originally designed to accommodate both storm and sanitary sewer flow.

What is a Catch Basin?

A catch basin is a grated inlet to the storm system located near the curb on the Village streets.

Is it OK to dump old paint and car oil in the catch basin in front of my house?

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste, used automobile oil, latex or oil-based paint, and anti-freeze by dumping them into the storm system catch basins. Ideally nothing but rainwater will enter the storm drainage system.

Where does the water go after it leaves the catch basins in the streets?

Water drains off the street surfaces by entering catch basins, flows through underground pipes and, within a short distance, empties into the MWRDGC (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago)

Why does my neighborhood receive high water levels during heavy rains?

The capacity of the Kenilworth storm system to collect and carry away heavy rains is different in various parts of the city. Generally, the storm sewer system is designed to take on water and carry it from west to east and direct it toward Lake Michigan.

Who maintains the Skokie ditch in Kenilworth?

Public Works is responsible for ensuring the Skokie ditch free of obstructions only when intersected with Green Bay Road, Exmoor Road, Sterling Road, Melrose Avenue, and Sheridan Road. For those locations where the Skokie Ditch traverses private property, the homeowner is responsible for maintenance. Homeowners who live where the Skokie Ditch crosses their property are urged to keep the ditch free and clear of debris to help facilitate drainage.

A large branch fell in my back yard. Will the village come and remove it?

The Village is responsible for maintaining trees located on public property, which includes those trees planted in the parkway. If you have a question about tree maintenance on your property, check the yellow pages for private tree service.

Who do I call if I have questions about parkway or private trees?

For the first indication of any parkway tree concern, call Public Works. Early diagnosis can lead to effective care.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

July 2007- Remaining

7/17 Building Review Commission 7:30 pm

7/19 Building, Planning Zoning 7:30 pm

7/23 Architectural Review

August 2007

8/2 Park Board Meeting 5:00 pm

8/6 Plan Commission 7:30 pm

8/7 Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm

8/20 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

8/21 Building, Planning Zoning 7:30 pm

8/29 Building, Planning Zoning 7:30 pm

September 2007

9/ 3 Labor Day

9/6 Park Board Meeting 5:00 pm

9/10 Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm

9/11 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

9/17 Building Review Commission 7:30 pm

The Village Board Meets
Every Second Monday of the month
419 Richmond Road 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: August 7, 2007

Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Committee meetings. Dates are subject to change. Check the website (www.villageofkenilworth.org) or call Village Hall at 847-251-1666 to confirm. Meetings are generally held at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

Kenilworth Police Department Deploys First CodeRED Emergency Message

The Kenilworth Police Department, along with the other New Trier Township communities, has jointly adopted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. CodeRED is an ultra high-speed telephone notification service to keep residents informed in the event of a public health or public safety emergency (such as a boil-water order, missing child, or other hazardous condition where rapid and accurate notification is essential to the safety of the community). The system is activated by geographical area and provides notification to published telephone numbers within the Village.

The Police Department recently used CodeRED for the first time in response to a suspicious package in a home on the 600 Block on Exmoor Road. The emergency system aided in precautionary evacuation measures and requested citizens to stay away from the suspicious area while it was being evacuated.

The service relies on a database of published phone numbers, but not all phone numbers are listed. All numbers submitted will be used for **emergency purposes only** and will not be divulged to any other party for any reason. To ensure that you are included in the notification database, or to register an additional contact number--such as a work or cellular phone number, in the event that you're not home when the system is activated, go to the Kenilworth Police Department website at www.kenilworthpd.org.

When you receive a CodeRED emergency message, 999911999 will show up on your caller ID. It is easy to mistake a CodeRED alert for a solicitation call. When you see this number on your caller ID, answer the phone and listen carefully.

Many citizens contact the police when they receive a CodeRED message. There is no need to contact authorities about the message unless you have further information. The police are already aware of the emergency situation and a large volume of incoming calls will strain emergency management and response. The best course of action is to follow the instructions in the message.

For more information please call Lt. Phil Brunell at 847-251-2141 or see <http://www.coderedweb.com>



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Open 8:30-12:00, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Brad Burke, Village Manager
Mary Cole, Office Coordinator
Susan Criezis, Dir. Comm. Dev.
Maryann Van Dyke, Finance Admin.

Kenilworth Police Department

419 Richmond Road
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-2141 – Non-Emergency
John Petersen, Chief

Winnetka/Kenilworth Fire Department

428 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093
847-501-6029 – Non-Emergency
Scott T. Smith, Chief

Public Works Department

440 Ivy Court
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-9210
Ignazio Fiorentino, Superintendent

**Water and Electricity/
Kenilworth Beach**

1 Kenilworth Avenue
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-1094—Water Plant
847-251-6642—Beach
Kevin Zeoli, Superintendent

Kenilworth Park District

440 Ivy Court
Kenilworth, IL 60043
847-251-1691
Thomas Feeney, President
Lou Maggi, Superintendent



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