



VILLAGE OF  
**BURR RIDGE**  
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**TO:** Mayor, Trustees, Village Attorneys and Village Clerk  
**FROM:** Village Administrator Steve Stricker and Staff  
**DATE:** June 19, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Administration Weekly Memo

**Concert on the Green – Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.**

This week's Concert features *Rick Lindy & The Wild Ones*, a Rockabilly band. For more information, please contact Communications and Public Relations Coordinator Janet Kowal at [jkowal@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:jkowal@burr-ridge.gov) or at (630) 654-8181, ext. 2120.

**Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.**

The next Veterans Memorial Committee meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 24, at 4:00 p.m.

**Administrative Meeting with 89<sup>th</sup> Street Residents – Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m.**

Please be reminded I have scheduled an Administrative meeting with a group of residents on 89<sup>th</sup> Street to discuss possible annexation into Burr Ridge. As mentioned in last week's Memo, this is simply an informative meeting, not an official Board meeting, but all Board members are welcome to attend.

**Public Works Director/Village Engineer Recruitment Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.**

The Public Works Director/Village Engineer Recruitment Committee has scheduled its first meeting on Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m.

**Plan Commission Meeting Cancelled**

Please be advised that, due to a lack of agenda items, the July 6 meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled.

### **September Restaurant Week Program Cancelled**

Due to the uncertainty regarding the State budget and the threat of loss of LGDF funds, I have held back from hiring a consultant to work with the Restaurant Marketing Committee to prepare for a Restaurant Week celebration in September. We have now come to a point where there will not be enough time to properly plan for this event. Based on the discussion I had with the Restaurant Marketing Committee on June 17, it was agreed to cancel the event for 2015, with the understanding that if funds are still available, they could be used for a restaurant promotion in the Spring.

As the Board is aware, I am still holding on recommending the replacement for four positions currently vacant, including 1 Police Officer, 1 Police Department Administrative Secretary, 1 Public Works Department General Utility Worker I and 1 Part-Time Village Hall Receptionist. At the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, there was some talk that a final decision on the State budget may not be made until August.

### **Financial Operations Reports – May 2015**

Attached please find the Summary of Financial Operations for the month of May 2015, prepared by Finance Director Jerry Sapp and Assistant Finance Director Lynette Zurawski.

### **Tax Revenue Breakdown**

Attached please find a chart showing the breakdown of revenues from Sales Tax through March 2015, Hotel/Motel Tax through April 2015 and Place-of-Eating Tax through April 2015.

### **DMMC Newsletter**

Attached please find the Spring 2015 edition of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference *In Brief* newsletter.

### **Illinois Association of REALTORS Newsletter**

Attached please find the June 2015 edition of the Illinois Association of REALTORS newsletter, "on common ground."

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2015  
 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

GL NUMBER	FUND	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 05/31/2015 INCREASE (DECREASE)	MONTHLY ALLOCATION FOR PERIOD 05/31/2015	YTD BALANCE 05/31/2015 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	2015-16 ORIGINAL BUDGET
<b>Fund 10 - General Fund</b>						
Fund 10 - General Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			523,378.99	667,891.75	523,378.99	8,416,890.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			644,947.57	694,708.70	644,947.57	8,336,505.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(121,568.58)	(26,816.95)	(121,568.58)	80,385.00
<b>Fund 21 - E-911 Fund</b>						
Fund 21 - E-911 Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			4,676.86	6,089.17	4,676.86	73,070.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			43.49	3,952.08	43.49	47,425.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			4,633.37	2,137.09	4,633.37	25,645.00
<b>Fund 22 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>						
Fund 22 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			24,505.52	21,883.34	24,505.52	262,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			9.49	21,431.67	9.49	257,180.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			24,496.03	451.67	24,496.03	5,420.00
<b>Fund 23 - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund</b>						
Fund 23 - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			40,850.10	52,990.67	40,850.10	507,655.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			27,719.80	41,008.34	27,719.80	492,100.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			13,130.30	11,982.33	13,130.30	15,555.00
<b>Fund 24 - Places of Eating Tax</b>						
Fund 24 - Places of Eating Tax:						
TOTAL REVENUES			0.00	4,583.33	0.00	55,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			0.00	4,363.33	0.00	52,360.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			0.00	220.00	0.00	2,640.00
<b>Fund 31 - Capital Improvements Fund</b>						
Fund 31 - Capital Improvements Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			(105.90)	26,552.08	(105.90)	318,625.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			18.97	75,030.41	18.97	900,365.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(124.87)	(48,478.33)	(124.87)	(581,740.00)
<b>Fund 32 - Sidewalks/Pathway Fund</b>						
Fund 32 - Sidewalks/Pathway Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			(105.90)	7,929.16	(105.90)	95,150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			961.83	39,233.33	961.83	470,800.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(1,067.73)	(31,304.17)	(1,067.73)	(375,650.00)
<b>Fund 33 - Equipment Replacement Fund</b>						
Fund 33 - Equipment Replacement Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			(105.90)	13,894.17	(105.90)	166,730.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			18.97	28,433.33	18.97	341,200.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(124.87)	(14,539.16)	(124.87)	(174,470.00)

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<b>Fund 34 - Storm Water Management Fund</b>						
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TOTAL REVENUES			2,107.06	1,168.34	2,107.06	14,020.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			9.49	1,354.17	9.49	16,250.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			2,097.57	(185.83)	2,097.57	(2,230.00)
<b>Fund 41 - Debt Service Fund</b>						
Fund 41 - Debt Service Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			(774.40)	56,396.25	(774.40)	676,755.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			170.77	56,864.18	170.77	682,370.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(945.17)	(467.93)	(945.17)	(5,615.00)
<b>Fund 51 - Water Fund</b>						
Fund 51 - Water Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			258,320.34	419,984.18	258,320.34	5,039,810.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			102,989.43	419,509.59	102,989.43	5,034,115.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			155,330.91	474.59	155,330.91	5,695.00
<b>Fund 52 - Sewer Fund</b>						
Fund 52 - Sewer Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			(349.80)	28,074.17	(349.80)	336,890.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			25,515.66	23,268.76	25,515.66	279,225.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(25,865.46)	4,805.41	(25,865.46)	57,665.00
<b>Fund 61 - Information Technology Fund</b>						
Fund 61 - Information Technology Fund						
TOTAL REVENUES			(105.90)	21,399.17	(105.90)	256,790.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			11,864.58	20,487.50	11,864.58	245,850.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(11,970.48)	911.67	(11,970.48)	10,940.00
<b>Fund 71 - Police Pension Fund</b>						
Fund 71 - Police Pension Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			121,774.26	97,261.25	121,774.26	1,167,135.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			69,343.46	79,125.00	69,343.46	949,500.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			52,430.80	18,136.25	52,430.80	217,635.00
<b>Fund 73 - Agency Fund</b>						
Fund 73 - Agency Fund:						
TOTAL REVENUES			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS</b>			<b>974,065.33</b>	<b>1,426,097.03</b>	<b>974,065.33</b>	<b>17,387,120.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS</b>			<b>883,613.51</b>	<b>1,508,770.39</b>	<b>883,613.51</b>	<b>18,105,245.00</b>
<b>NET OF REVENUES &amp; EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>90,451.82</b>	<b>(82,673.36)</b>	<b>90,451.82</b>	<b>(718,125.00)</b>

**VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE**

<b>SALES TAX</b>	<u>FY10-11 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY11-12 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY12-13 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY13-14 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 BUDGET</u>
May	162,913	164,880	157,416	166,418	177,187	169,684
Jun	166,622	168,120	174,263	171,849	191,939	176,051
Jul	154,989	162,291	160,591	160,774	158,266	164,008
Aug	124,342	153,762	157,464	166,028	156,135	172,634
Sep	158,523	173,292	168,230	164,275	167,034	168,523
Oct	173,565	300,439	153,795	163,233	185,930	165,993
Nov	166,056	196,294	157,043	172,716	155,202	175,970
Dec	210,975	227,140	193,770	212,047	206,791	217,182
Jan	183,138	255,959	161,153	139,713	156,303	162,672
Feb	151,955	220,461	191,135	134,279	147,337	161,680
Mar	180,234	176,973	163,389	162,898	184,709	180,977
Apr	158,237	179,430	185,034	178,671		160,166
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>1,991,548</u>	<u>2,379,040</u>	<u>2,023,284</u>	<u>1,992,898</u>	<u>1,886,834</u>	<u>2,075,540</u>

\*Cook County Tax Rate May 2009=9.25% July2010=8.75% Jan2012=8.50%, Jan2013=8.25%

\*Dupage County Tax Rate May 2009=7.25%

\*Includes .25% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax

\*There is a three month delay in receiving Sales Tax data from the State, i.e. May data is received in August

<b>HOTEL/MOTEL TAX</b>	<u>FY10-11 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY11-12 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY12-13 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY13-14 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 BUDGET</u>
May	31,495	35,922	48,227	46,640	49,463	47,313
Jun	36,400	41,416	48,900	50,453	52,927	51,807
Jul	35,512	43,533	45,816	48,410	49,135	49,711
Aug	36,713	41,714	45,146	46,866	49,363	48,154
Sep	37,790	41,531	50,240	47,907	49,651	49,248
Oct	32,331	43,230	48,069	45,488	50,349	46,771
Nov	33,742	37,298	36,682	36,674	36,752	37,720
Dec	23,285	26,686	26,530	29,712	31,116	30,566
Jan	23,774	29,838	32,062	36,063	32,052	37,386
Feb	21,799	30,104	31,491	32,927	29,899	21,290
Mar	34,453	37,405	36,821	37,948	39,093	24,042
Apr	31,335	40,318	44,215	42,483	43,948	23,710
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>378,630</u>	<u>448,996</u>	<u>494,199</u>	<u>501,570</u>	<u>513,747</u>	<u>468,318</u>

\*May 2010, tax rate was increased from 3.0% to 3.5%

\*November 2010, tax rate was increased from 3.5% to 4.0%

\*We are currently collecting May receipts

<b>PLACE OF EATING TAX</b>	<u>FY12-13 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY13-14 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY14-15 BUDGET</u>
May	19,701	22,246	24,927	24,273
Jun	21,788	23,942	26,250	24,273
Jul	19,832	23,224	23,998	24,273
Aug	24,338	28,745	23,779	24,273
Sep	21,543	21,644	23,236	24,273
Oct	21,320	21,969	23,654	24,273
Nov	19,021	22,894	22,999	24,273
Dec	27,264	24,930	27,233	24,273
Jan	14,037	19,742	22,096	24,273
Feb	19,060	20,342	20,468	24,273
Mar	21,743	23,072	24,030	24,273
Apr	35,140	21,940	22,770	24,273
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>264,788</u>	<u>274,689</u>	<u>285,441</u>	<u>291,280</u>

\*1% Place of Eating Tax implemented May 1, 2012

\*Budget \$236K in General Fund, \$55K in Place of Eating Tax Fund

\*25% of total each month is transferred to POE Tax Fund, up to \$55K

\*We are currently collecting May receipts

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## 2015 Annual Dinner & Recognition Ceremony



2014-2015 Board of Directors



2015-2016 Board of Directors

On May 29 a beautiful day led into a wonderful evening! Over 130 members, corporate partners, and guests attended the 2015 DMMC Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony. Outgoing DMMC President, and Downers Grove Mayor, Martin Tully was represented by a recorded video message (even a great DMMC President cannot miss his son's graduation!) and through the magic of technology turned the gavel over to Roselle Mayor Gayle Smolinski. Mayor Smolinski took over the Conference Presidency on June 1, 2015, assisted by Vice-President David Brummel, Mayor of Warrenville. Our 2014-2015 Board of Directors were recognized for their dedication and service, and we also welcomed the incoming 2015-2016 Board of Directors.

A special thanks to our Presidential Event Sponsors, Comcast and J. Alexander Hunt, Inc., and our Golden Event Sponsors, Civiltech Engineering, Inc., ESI Consultants, Inc., and Illinois American Water. Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended this event including Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League, who traveled from Springfield to attend, Jerry Bennett, Mayor of Palos Hills and President of the Southwest Conference of Mayors, and Vicky Smith, Southwest Conference of Mayors Executive Director.

The DMMC 2015 Annual Golf Outing will be at the **Seven Bridges Golf Course in Woodridge** on Wednesday, **July 15, 2015.**



**For sponsorship information, please contact Suzette Quintell at [squintell@dmmc-cog.org](mailto:squintell@dmmc-cog.org).**

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## 2015 Mayor of the Year - Mayor Joe Broda

The Conference is pleased to announce Lisle Mayor Joe Broda as the recipient of the 2015 Mayor of the Year Award. The award was presented to Mayor Broda by DMMC President and Mayor of Roselle Gayle Smolinski during the Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony. All DMMC mayors were given the opportunity to nominate and cast their vote for mayors who embody DMMC's values and mission. This award was presented to Mayor Broda in recognition of the exceptional contributions he brings to the Conference. We thank Mayor Broda for his hard work on behalf of the Conference.



## And the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award goes to...David Fieldman!

Congratulations to David Fieldman, Village Manager of Downers Grove, for winning the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award. Mr. Fieldman may have been a bit surprised to learn he was the recipient of this award; however, Mr. Fieldman's innovative approach to intergovernmental relations is certainly no secret to us.

Through his work, Mr. Fieldman fostered a solid culture of innovation and collaboration among member municipalities. Mr. Fieldman conceptualized and implemented an ad hoc Managers Committee with an emphasis on streamlining municipal processes and saving significant taxpayer dollars. Mr. Fieldman also established a new working committee process for the

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### Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors:

**Thursday, July 2, 2015**

**Thursday, August 6,**  
**2015**

*DMMC Conference Room*

### Business Meetings (Full Conference):

June Conference

Business Meeting

Wednesday,

June 17, 2015 from 5:45

PM to 8:00 PM CDT

Oak Brook Hills Resort &

Conference Center

3500 Midwest Road

Oak Brook, IL 60523

Legislative Update by  
Executive Director, Mark  
Baloga and Conference  
Lobbyist Jay Keller

### Upcoming Event:

To our valued Corporate  
Partners please look for  
more information coming

Conference that resulted in a more effective way to leverage member expertise. Congratulations Dave! Your contributions are very much appreciated.

## 2015 Springfield Drive Down



The annual Drive Down to Springfield was a great success. Municipal officials from 15 member communities lobbied for the Conference's legislative priorities during the May 13-14 event. Highlights of the Drive Down included an opening luncheon featuring guest speaker Senator Pamela Althoff, lobbying at the Capitol, an evening reception with legislators and state officials, and meeting with representatives of the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors, including Mark Eckert, President and Mayor of the City of Belleville, Ray Klein, Treasurer and Mayor of the Village of Smithton, and Judy Nelson, Executive Director. Additionally, members met with a number of legislators during their time in Springfield, including Senate President John Cullerton, Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, and House Deputy Majority Leader Lou Lang. Thank you to our members and legislators for taking time out of their busy schedules and helping to make this Drive Down a success.

## Congratulations to Village of Woodridge Administrator Kathleen Rush!



soon on our August  
Corporate Partner Coffee.

Congratulations to Village of Woodridge Administrator Kathleen Rush, who was selected by the Illinois City/County Management Association ("ILCMA") to receive its Special Service Award. This award is granted to recognize significant professional service and notable accomplishments in the community. Kathleen was recognized on Thursday, June 11th, in conjunction with the ILCMA Summer Conference for her outstanding service to the community of Woodridge. Congratulations, Kathleen, on receiving the ILCMA Special Service Award for Service to the Community!

## Annual Golf Outing 2015

Mark your calendars and get ready for this year's Annual Golf Outing. The Golf Outing this year will be held at the Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Similar to last year's event, over one hundred members, Corporate Partners, and businesses are expected to participate. Practice that swing and gear up for another outstanding event! Click [here](#) to register. For sponsorship information, contact Suzette Quintell at [squintell@dmmc-cog.org](mailto:squintell@dmmc-cog.org). or 630-571-0480, ext. 227.

## DMMC Welcomes New Corporate Partners

DMMC welcomed two new Corporate Partners at the May Board of Directors meeting. The Horton Group is an insurance, employee benefits and risk advisory firm. Morris Engineering, Inc., is a progressive Consulting Engineering and Surveying firm, which specializes in addressing problems unique to the implementation of urban service systems.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with The Horton Group and Morris Engineering, Inc.

## Naperville Named Safest City in America

In its latest release of "2015 Niche Rankings," Niche.com named Naperville the safest city in America.

The ranking was based on an analysis of the city's violent and property crime data, including murder, assault, robbery, burglary, larceny and vehicle theft rates. The rankings were based on evaluations from 215 cities with populations over 100,000 residents.

Naperville was noted for having a low crime rate with no murders reported per 100,000 residents.

## Grants to Help Local Businesses Go Global

Metro Chicago Exports (MCE) is a collaboration between the seven counties in Northeastern Illinois (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will) and the City of Chicago to increase exports from small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and to support regional job growth. Chicago ranks fourth among U.S. metropolitan areas in total export volume but lags behind the U.S. average in exports as a proportion of total output. JPMorgan Chase & Co. is funding the MCE Grant Program to expand the region's export base and meet rising demand in emerging markets. Eligible SMEs can apply for grants to help take their business to the rest of the world. The MCE Grant Program will provide at least 50 companies with monetary awards up to \$5,000 to cover costs associated with the company's next steps to going global, including education, financing services, marketing, regulatory compliance, business development, and more. Applications are due July 31, 2015. Please let your local businesses know about this great opportunity. Details and application forms can be found [here](#).

## 2016-2021 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Call for Projects

The 2016-2021 STP call for projects is fast approaching. Beginning June 25 with the STP workshop, eligible municipalities, townships, and the County may submit applications for an estimated \$9 million in STP funds. This year a new policy will be implemented, allowing for project sponsors to request STP funds for the construction engineering phase of new projects (not to exceed 15% of the construction phase cost). The annual STP Workshop is a prerequisite for applying and will give an in-depth look at the STP funding process, dos and don'ts for applying, and new this year, a presentation on the benefits of utilizing the funds for alternative transportation projects. Registration for the workshop must be completed by June 19. Applications are due August 7. Contact Mike Albin at 630-571-0480 x226 for further details.

## CMAP Releases New Local Ordinances Toolkit

In response to needs expressed by local governments in its 2014 municipal survey, CMAP has recently announced two new toolkits designed to assist municipalities with transportation and housing planning. The Complete Streets Toolkit--designed in collaboration with the National Complete Streets Coalition and Active Transportation Alliance--is intended to serve as a guide for incorporating a Complete Streets approach into local planning, design, and construction processes and documents. In addition, the Homes for a Changing Region Toolkit--developed with support from the office of the Illinois Attorney General, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)--includes process guides, a data analysis model, an interactive case study library of housing strategies, outreach meeting materials, and a vast library of free images that can be used for visual preference surveys. Both toolkits are available via CMAP's Local Ordinances and Toolkits Program web page <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/local-ordinances-toolkits>.

## Celebrate ADA Accessibility in a Summer Parade (RSVP by June 22)

Join the [Mayors Caucus ADA 25 Task Force](#) in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Mayors, trustees, aldermen, and others will be participating with us in the following summer parades:

- July 4: Elgin Independence Day Parade
- July 4: Rockford Independence Day Parade
- July 18: Chicago Disability Pride Parade
- Sept 7: Naperville Labor Day Parade
- Sept 7: Schaumburg Labor Day Parade

Please RSVP by June 22 to Jeffrey Walter, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, [jwalter@mayorscaucus.org](mailto:jwalter@mayorscaucus.org) or 312-201-4508.

## Let Your Voice Be Counted: 10 Minute Survey

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has extended their "Best Practices in Community Inclusion for Persons With Disabilities" survey end date to Friday, June 19. [Please take the 10 minute survey](#) if you have not done so already. Data will be used to create a model toolkit

of best practices. [Click here](#) to review a preliminary summary of the 100 responses submitted to date.

## SPC Fuel Contracts Vendor Palatine Oil Purchased by Reladyne

On June 2, Palatine Oil Company (POC) merged with Reladyne, one of the nation's leaders in the distribution of premium lubricants, fuel, DEF and reliability products and services. This merger brings together two great companies, allowing the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) to be a more complete partner to our valued customers. All POC employees will be joining the Reladyne team for a seamless transition with the same great people, products and service. Therefore, we are pleased that the contact for SPC Contracts #126 and #132 will continue to be Joe Fell, Fuel Business Director, Great Lakes Region. SPC Contract #126 is for Gasoline, Diesel and Bio Fuels and SPC Contract #132 is the Financial Fuel Hedging program.

Reladyne has established a strategic partnership with Mansfield Oil Company, a national supplier of fuel and related products. In addition to enhanced service and support, the partnership will have slight changes in the billing process, with invoices coming from Mansfield Oil Company. For questions or additional information, please contact Joe Fell, 708-599-8700 (office), 815-621-0403 (cell), or [Joe.Fell@reladyne.com](mailto:Joe.Fell@reladyne.com).

## Corporate Partners

*The DMMC Corporate Partners program provides an opportunity for participation by organizations that share a common commitment to the well-being of DuPage County municipalities. Corporate Partners gain high visibility among member communities through such means as meetings, workshops, publications, annual events, and sponsorship opportunities.*

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#### Dear Illinois Elected Officials:

We had you—the local government official—in mind when we designed this newsletter providing research, local ordinance and state law updates, and economic data related to the Illinois real estate industry.

The Illinois Association of REALTORS® (IAR) is “The Voice of Real Estate in Illinois.” In this role, the Association works to protect the rights of private property owners and advocate for a healthy business environment.

We want to be a resource for you regarding real estate issues and look forward to an ongoing dialogue among Illinois REALTORS®, our elected officials, the IAR Governmental Affairs staff and interested citizens.

For more information on our role as the Voice of Real Estate in Illinois, see page 4 to learn who the Local Government Affairs Director is in your area.



## Harvard Research Identifies Looming Senior Housing Issues

By Bill Kozar, IAR Communications Staff

If steps aren't taken soon to address the housing needs of older Americans, family members, caregivers and communities will face a range of age-related issues for years to come.

That's one conclusion drawn from a recent report by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. Titled “Housing America's Older Adults – Meeting the Needs of an Aging Population,” the report notes that while the percentage of Americans age 50 and over is growing larger by the day, supplies of affordable, physically accessible and well-located housing are dwindling.

While one in seven Americans is at least 65 years old today, that ratio increases to one in five by 2030, says Jennifer Molinsky, a senior research associate at the Center, and lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

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## Harvard Research Identifies Looming Senior Housing Issues

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According to the report, the biggest senior housing issues include:

- **Affordability**—Housing is typically the most expensive item in a household budget and costs continue to rise. Lower-income seniors sometimes use money for rent instead of essentials such as food, thus jeopardizing their health. Those who carry debt into their later years have less to draw upon for retirement, including money for health care. As incomes drop after retirement, we can expect a larger number of lower-income older adults as the Baby Boom Generation ages.
- **Accessibility**—Seniors face more physical and mental challenges as they age, and their ability to easily and safely move in their homes becomes critical. The current housing stock is unprepared to support the numbers of older adults with disabilities we'll see as Baby Boomers age, and there will be a need for modifications such as wheelchair ramps, wider doorways or lever-style faucets and door handles.
- **Proximity**—Transportation planning in many communities favors drivers, not pedestrians. Those that don't drive can become isolated. There is a need for housing near stores, medical care and social services, pedestrian-friendly communities and convenient public transportation.

- **Connections to health care**—Many older adults wish to age in their communities and continue to live in their homes. At-home services can support independence and health, and prevent premature moves to nursing homes.

### Is Illinois different?

In general, seniors across the country will face similar issues. But Molinsky says accessibility may be more problematic for older Americans in the Midwest and Northeast because of the climate and the type of housing stock.

She says the good news is that accessibility solutions, such as ordinances requiring or encouraging universal design or tax incentive programs to help pay for home modifications, can be adapted to Illinois municipalities. In terms of connectivity, some cities, such as New York and Atlanta, have initiatives to support age-friendly communities. Federal Medicaid dollars can be used to support seniors who choose to age in their homes rather than opt for nursing homes through state waiver programs.

Using the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey, the Center analyzed the affordability of housing for "Illinois Households Age 50 and Over" by comparing incomes with housing costs. In three different scenarios, findings were divided into three categories:

### Own with a Mortgage

- 62.3 percent have no burden (Mortgage payments are 0 to 30 percent of income);
- 20.5 percent have a moderate burden (30 to 50 percent of income); and
- 17.2 percent have a severe burden (more than 50 percent of income).

### Own without a Mortgage

- 82.7 percent have no burden;
- 9.2 percent have a moderate burden; and
- 8.2 percent have a severe burden.

### Rent

- 48 percent have no burden (Rent payments are 0 to 30 percent of income);
- 22.2 percent have moderate burden (30 to 50 percent of income); and
- 29.8 percent have a severe burden (more than 50 percent of income).

For more information on Illinois housing and U.S. housing, and to view the full "Housing America's Older Adults" report, visit [www.jchs.harvard.edu](http://www.jchs.harvard.edu).



## "Crime Free" Housing Proposals Should Not Punish Law-Abiding Property Owners

By Michael Scobey,  
Assistant Director- Government Affairs

In the last ten years, several Illinois municipalities have passed what is commonly known as the "Crime Free Housing Ordinance." While the headline here may seem obvious, there are steps that should be taken to make sure it doesn't

happen. The stated purpose of these ordinances is to help prevent criminal activities in rental housing. The Illinois Association of REALTORS® has attempted to work with municipalities to ensure that the new requirements are not a de facto form of punishment of landlords who could not reasonably be expected to prevent the crime. Proposed ordinances should include the following provisions to help ensure that doesn't happen:

**Innocent Owner Defense.** A landlord should never be subject to punishment if she/he had no knowledge of criminal activity on the property and could not have known about or prevented such activity. Here is suggested language that can be included in a "crime-free" ordinance:

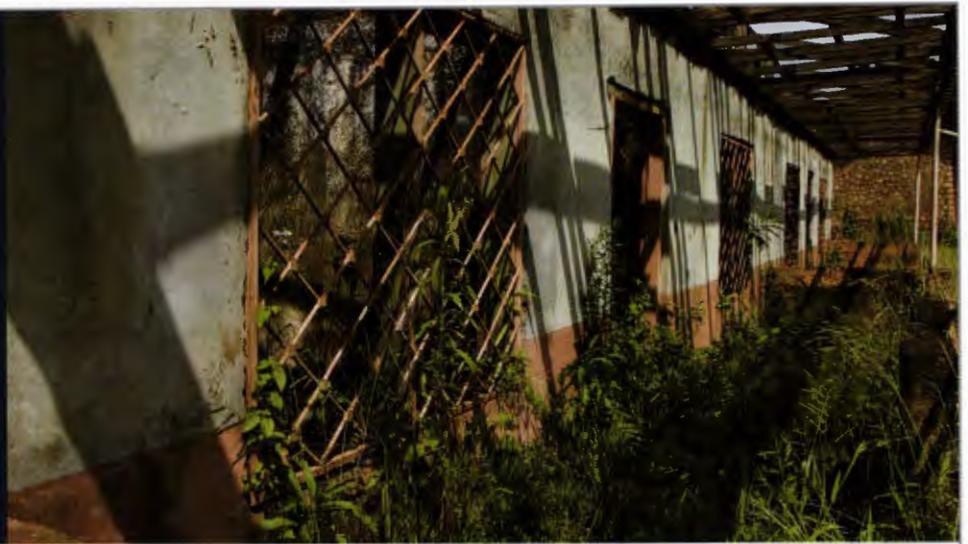
*It is a defense to an action seeking the determination of the Property as a Criminal Nuisance Property that the Owner of the Property at the time in question could not, in spite of the exercise of reasonable care and diligence, prevent a third party from engaging in the conduct constituting the Nuisance Activity complained of by the Village. It shall also be a defense for an Owner, if prior to the Owner being served the notice of determination of Criminal Nuisance Property,*

*the Owner or property manager or other designee, notified a law enforcement agency of suspected illegal activity and has begun to take steps to start an eviction action for illegal activity against any tenant or occupant responsible for the Criminal Nuisance Activity complained of by the Village.*

**Crime Free Seminar**—Reasonable Attendance Requirements. While there may be some value to having a seminar on ways to prevent crime on rental property, we believe that requiring attendance every year is excessive. We urge local policy makers to waive this requirement for those owners whose properties were essentially "crime free." If there were no incidents, no reports of criminal activity in a given time period, then that owner/property manager should not be required to attend the seminar again. If there is new information that is important for an owner to know/learn, it can be sent to him/her electronically. Also, if an owner or property manager shows proof of having attended a similar seminar in a nearby municipality, the requirement to attend another seminar should be waived.

# Existing Powers for Municipalities to Address Violations of Property Maintenance Codes and to Abate Nuisances

By Michael Scobey,  
Assistant Director- Government Affairs



In addition to the general police power to cite owners for violations of property maintenance codes, specific state laws give municipalities the ability to abate nuisances on properties. Illinois gives municipalities broad authority to take action, and incur and recover costs on properties where an owner won't clean up or enclose vacant property or where the property is deemed abandoned.

The powers that are included in the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5/11-31-1] are most appropriate for dealing with buildings that have been abandoned and are dangerous and unsafe. This section of Illinois statute includes provisions which enable the municipality to clean up, demolish or repair unsafe buildings after a notice and court proceeding. Cost recovery as well as lien authority are also provisions in this law. In addition, this section allows cities to seek to have property declared "abandoned" by a circuit court. If the court deems the property abandoned (using the law's specific definition), it may issue a judicial deed to the municipality, and this conveyance to the municipality extinguishes all liens and interests on the property.

The powers that are included in Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 11-20-15] are more appropriate for dealing with homes and buildings that have violations of property maintenance codes (cutting and removal of weeds, grass, trees and bushes; pest extermination; removal of garbage, debris and graffiti). Municipalities can perform these standard types of nuisance clean-up activities and can recover costs through liens.

Section 11-20-15.1 of the Municipal Code also gives municipalities powers to secure and enclose ("board up") residential properties (e.g. distressed and vacant homes) without going through a court proceeding and have a superior lien for the costs if the property is declared abandoned. For this Section, "abandoned" means unoccupied for 90 days or more and the municipality has made a good faith effort to contact the owners and no contact was made.

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In the 2015 Session of the Illinois General Assembly, there was a proposal to significantly expand upon these powers. Senate Bill 1380 sought to amend sections of the Municipal Code

with regard to the lien that a municipality can file to recover removal costs on an offending property (for weeds/grass, trees/bushes, pests, garbage, debris, graffiti).

This bill sought to make a dramatic change to allow the municipality to skip the foreclosure proceeding on the lien on the offending property and to instead obtain a judgment lien against ALL real estate of the owner. This bill was opposed by the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

The Association opposes the creation of impairments of property rights on non-offending properties. The Association believes that municipalities already have effective mechanisms to allow them to recover any costs owed them for clean-up.

At the time of print, the status of this bill was unknown.

## Winthrop Harbor Cuts Development Fees

By Howard Handler,  
Local Government Affairs Director

Village of Winthrop Harbor (Lake County) elected officials and staff recently did something many local governments fail to do – reexamine their development fees to determine if the fees remain justified. "They took a candid look not just to ensure fairness but because they understood that high development costs adversely impact property values and slow growth," opined REALTOR® Gary Powell (Cornerstone Realty Group, Winthrop Harbor).

In March, Winthrop Harbor repealed its school impact fee ordinance, citing lower property values and declining student enrollment since initial adoption of the ordinance. A couple months later, the Village examined their sewer and water frontage fees, tap-on fees, and street frontage fees, and eliminated and reduced those fees commensurate with reduced infrastructure needs. Combining all fee reductions, Pat DiPersio, Winthrop Harbor's Community Development Director says costs will be reduced by as much as \$7,200; according to the REALTORS® Property Resource, the median estimated home value is \$157,000.

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Affairs Committee chair added, "Winthrop Harbor officials deserve to be applauded. What they did not only leads to fairer taxation, but it makes great business sense. They are announcing to the real estate community that Winthrop Harbor is open for business."



# IAR Local Government Affairs Directors

The Association has assigned local staff to cover real estate related issues at the local government level. They monitor developments locally and weigh in on proposed ordinances and regulations that affect the industry. Shown below are the local Government Affairs Directors (GADs) and some of the areas to which they are assigned. The areas listed here are not all-inclusive. To find out who the local Government Affairs representative is in your area, contact Mike Scobey at [mscobey@iar.org](mailto:mscobey@iar.org).



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## Home Sales Data

The Illinois Association of REALTORS® compiles information on home sales in Illinois. With this, you can see monthly reports, quarterly reports and other research.

In addition to market stats, you can also read reports by Dr. Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, of the University of Illinois, who provides IAR with economic analysis and housing market forecasts. Hewings is the director of the University of Illinois Regional Economics Applications Laboratory.

This can be found at:  
[www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats](http://www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats)



## Housing Price Forecast

The strong start to Illinois' spring housing market continued in April with gains in year-over-year home sales and median home prices.

"The housing recovery continues with solid gains in prices and sales anticipated for the next three months," said Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois. "The influence of foreclosed properties on the Chicago metropolitan market as a whole seems to be diminishing in aggregate although important at the very local level."

To see a complete analysis and regional breakdown of Hewings' report, go to:  
[www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats](http://www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats).

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