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**TO:** Mayor, Trustees, Village Attorneys and Village Clerk  
**FROM:** Village Administrator Steve Stricker and Staff  
**DATE:** July 8, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Administration Weekly Memo

**Passing of Thomas J. Needham**

As I informed you earlier this week, we were saddened to learn that Tom Needham passed away July 5. Tom was actively involved in the Village as Chair of the Plan Commission and a Village Trustee for several years. Tom was married to Patricia for more than 63 years, father of five and grandfather of nine.

As a reminder, visitation is on Friday, July 8, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at **Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale**. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 9, at 9:15 AM, from Sullivan Funeral Home to Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave, Clarendon Hills, with Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6001 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Alsip.

The Village has sent a floral arrangement. However, if anyone would like to provide a remembrance for Tom on their own, the family has asked that memorials be sent to Ray Graham Association, 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 500, Lisle, IL 60532 or [www.ray-graham.org](http://www.ray-graham.org), 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com). For the full obituary, please visit Sullivan's website.

**Concert Series – Friday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.**

The entertainment for this evening's concert will be "The New Invaders," featuring 60's rock and roll. 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.

**Police Pension Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Police Pension Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.

### **BFPC Meeting Cancelled**

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting scheduled on July 13 has been cancelled.

### **Pathway Commission Meeting Cancelled**

The Pathway Commission meeting scheduled on July 14 has been cancelled, due to lack of agenda items.

### **Plan Commission Meeting Cancelled**

The Plan Commission meeting scheduled on July 18 has been cancelled, due to lack of agenda items.

### **EDC Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Restaurant Marketing Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 21, 9:00 a.m.**

The next Restaurant Marketing Committee meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 21, at 9:00 a.m.

### **Scavenger Franchise Committee Meeting – Monday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.**

The next Scavenger Franchise Committee meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.).

### **Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 4:00 p.m.**

The July meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, July 27, at 4:00 p.m.

### **Run for Veterans – Sunday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.**

The annual Run for Veterans 5k Walk/Run Race is scheduled on Sunday, July 31, starting at 9:00 a.m. All net proceeds go to an established and carefully reviewed non-profit providing direct assistance to veterans and their families. Gear Check and Post-Race will be at the Village Green, Village Center Drive and McClintock Drive. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. and the Race kicks off at 9:00 a.m. at McClintock Drive.

### **Police Chief John Madden leaves for FBI Academy**

Police Chief John Madden will be leaving this weekend to attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. During his absence, Deputy Police Chief Marc Loftus will be in charge of the Department. Graduation from this prestigious training program is scheduled for Friday, September 16, and Chief Madden will be back to work on Monday, September 19. In the meantime, Chief Madden will remain in contact with me and the Department and will be available if any emergencies occur. Chief Madden will also be attending the CALEA Conference in August, in Baltimore, where we are scheduled to receive our re-accreditation.

### **ComEd Sends out Flyer to Residents regarding Smart Meter Program**

The Village received a ComEd flyer that I am sure has been sent to all residents of Burr Ridge this week informing them that the installation of Smart Meters is coming to Burr Ridge very soon. As indicated, while some residents will receive Meters beginning in July and August, the bulk of the replacement program will occur in September and October.

### **Letters to ComEd and Legislators re Smart Meter Opt Out Resolution**

Attached please find letters that were sent this week to Anne Pramaggiore, President and CEO of Commonwealth Edison, and our legislators in Springfield requesting their support for a permanent opt out option for residents who do not want a ComEd Smart Meter installed at their home.

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ec: Department Heads



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July 5, 2016

Ms. Anne Pramaggiore  
President and CEO  
Commonwealth Edison  
P O Box 805379  
Chicago, IL 60680-5379

Dear Ms. Pramaggiore,

On Monday, June 27, the Burr Ridge Village Board unanimously adopted a Resolution encouraging Commonwealth Edison to allow residents the option to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Installation Program (see attached). As I am sure you are aware, in 2011, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer declared the RF radiation emitted by cell phones as a possible carcinogen. In addition, a study conducted by the U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP), a Federal interagency group under the National Institute of Health, has linked RF radiation to rare forms of cancer in rats. Findings in this report presented some of the strongest evidence to-date that exposure to RF radiation is "associated with the formation of rare cancers in at least two cell types in the brains and hearts of rats." Although we can agree that more study and research on the health effects of RF radiation is needed, there are many concerned residents who have been alarmed by this and other studies and would like to reduce as much as possible the amount of RF radiation that may impact themselves and their children in their daily lives.

It is clear that, in today's society, the use of RF technology is pervasive and various levels of RF radiation emanate from several sources throughout every household in America, coming from cell phones, wireless phones, microwaves, Wi-Fi modems, laptop computers, baby monitors, etc. Our objective is not to demonize Smart Meters or to insinuate that Smart Meters are somehow worse for a person's health compared to any other device. What we are saying is that the one big difference between Smart Meters and all other RF radiation emitting devices is that people have a choice as to whether or not to own an RF device. People who own homes within the ComEd service area do not have a permanent choice whether or not to

accept a Smart Meter, but can only postpone the installation until the installation process has been completed service area wide, after which time, ComEd currently has the authority under the law to install a Smart Meter on their property. This lack of choice regarding their own property creates a problem for many of our residents.

It is the position of the Village Board of the Village of Burr Ridge that ComEd can correct this problem by rethinking its position regarding the Smart Meter opt out process and to seek legislation and/or regulatory changes that will allow concerned customers to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Program.

We look forward to your positive response to our request. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 654-8181, ext. 2000, or via email at [sstricker@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:sstricker@burr-ridge.gov).

Very truly yours,



Steve Stricker  
Village Administrator

SS:bp  
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cc: Mayor and Board of Trustees  
Miguel Ortega  
Phil Halliburton



RESOLUTION NO. R-15-16

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING COMMONWEALTH EDISON TO ALLOW RESIDENTS AN  
OPTION TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF THE SMART METER INSTALLATION  
PROGRAM

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**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth Edison is planning to install Smart Meters throughout the Village of Burr Ridge during the months of September and October of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Smart Meters use radio frequency RF technology to communicate between the home and Commonwealth Edison facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of RF technology is pervasive in our society and is used by many devices including cell phones, cordless phones, microwave ovens, Wi-Fi modems, laptop computers and baby monitors, etc.; and

**Whereas**, in 2011 the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer declared the kind of radiation emitted by cell phones as a "possible carcinogen"; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study conducted by the U. S. National Toxicology Program, a federal interagency group under the National Institutes of Health, has found rare forms of cancer in some male rats that were exposed to RF radiation and lower birth weights in the litters of female rats; and

**WHEREAS**, today Burr Ridge residents have a choice not to use certain RF radiation emitting devices, but currently do not have a choice to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter installation program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1:** The Preambles hereto are hereby made a part of, and operative provisions of, this Resolution as fully as if completely repeated at length herein.

**Section 2:** That the Village of Burr Ridge officially requests that Commonwealth Edison take action to work with the ICC and General Assembly to amend its rules to allow for property owners to permanently opt out of its Smart Meter installation Program.

**Section 3:** That the Village Administrator is hereby directed to transmit this request in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Edison, the Chairperson of the ICC, the Governor, House and Senate Leaders of the General Assembly and House and Senate Members representing the Village of Burr Ridge.

**Section 4:** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** 6 - Trustees Franzese, Grasso, Paveza, Bolos, Murphy and Schiappa

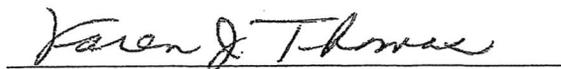
**NAYS:** 0 - None

**ABSENT:** 0 - None

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Village President

ATTEST:

  
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Honorable Bruce Rauner  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

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It is the position of the Village Board of the Village of Burr Ridge that this problem can be corrected by legislative action and we urge your support to sponsor legislation that will allow concerned customers throughout the ComEd service territory to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Program.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 654-8181, ext. 2000, or via email at [sstricker@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:sstricker@burr-ridge.gov).

Very truly yours,



Steve Stricker  
Village Administrator

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cc: Mayor and Board of Trustees  
Miguel Ortega  
Phil Halliburton

**RESOLUTION RE COM ED SMART METER OPT OUT MAILED TO (7-5-16):**

Honorable Bruce Rauner  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable John Cullerton  
Senate President  
327 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Christine Radogno  
Senate Republican Leader  
309G Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Michael Madigan  
Speaker of the House  
300 Capitol Buildng  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Jim Durkin  
House Republican Leader  
316 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Jacqui Collins  
State Senator  
M114 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Mary Flowers  
State Representative  
251-E Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Honorable Brien J. Sheahan  
Chairman  
Leland Building  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
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Springfield, IL 67201

cc'ed to:

Burr Ridge Mayor and Trustees

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Director External Affairs-Southern Region  
Commonwealth Edison  
3 Lincoln Center  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Philip Halliburton  
External Affairs Manager-Southern  
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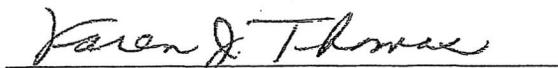
**NAYS:** 0 - None

**ABSENT:** 0 - None

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