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# Village of Addison eNewsletter April 2015

## From the Desk of Mayor Rich Veenstra



Later this month, the Village Board will approve the budget for the new fiscal year, which begins May 1. Staff has worked very hard to responsibly carry out the vision established by the Board, and there are a great many projects and improvements that I'm sure the community will be excited about. I plan to give you a preview of that next month.

However, as we finalize this process, all Illinois municipalities right now are facing the possibility that the State will actually take away part of our revenue. The State Constitution allows for the State of Illinois to collect income tax on behalf of the municipalities; however, due to the State's own budget crisis, Governor Bruce Rauner has proposed that the State keep half of that revenue for itself.

The Local Government Distributive Fund was established for the sole purpose of having the State collect income taxes from residents, on behalf of the individual cities and villages. It is not meant to be revenue for the State; rather, it is meant to simplify the process of collecting income tax, rather than having each municipality do it for itself.

When the recession hit several years ago, it affected every business, citizen, and taxing body. Everyone had to learn to make do with less. The Village Board delayed projects, left staff positions open, and cut spending, while still attempting to provide the same services to our residents. Unfortunately, as we have all heard in the news, the State was not nearly so frugal.

While this revenue does not belong to the State – it belongs to the municipalities – the State hopes to keep this \$600 million for itself. Meanwhile, the municipalities will have to choose between cutting services or raising taxes. In either case, it is our residents who will suffer.

For Addison, this money grab would mean \$1.75 million out of our budget. That is a substantial amount and would mean extremely difficult decisions would need to be made.

I, along with other mayors, am working hard with DuPage Mayors and Managers and Illinois Municipal League to voice our concerns in Springfield. But I would also ask our residents to do so as well. Please visit [ProtectMyTown.com](http://ProtectMyTown.com), which will help you to contact your legislators to let them know that you do not want the State to shift its problems on to us.

Respectfully,

Rich Veenstra  
Mayor

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Mayor Martin Tully of Downers Grove recently expressed concerns about the loss of LGDF revenue on behalf of the municipalities in DuPage County. You can view that brief video [here](#).

## Branch Pickup Resumes in April

### Branches Picked Up First Week of Each Month

The Village of Addison offers seasonal branch pickup service to residents from April through October. Branch pickup will begin on the first Monday of each month, April through October, and finish by the end of the week, regardless of where you reside within the Village.

### 2015 Branch Pickup Dates

The requirements for Branch Pickup are as follows:

- Branches must be placed curbside on the parkway, not in the street, stacked in one direction, with the thicker ends facing the street. DO NOT cross stack

Branches should be on the parkway the Sunday before the scheduled pickup week. The service dates are listed below. Contracted crews will pass down each street only one time, and only one collection will be made Village-wide per month.

The Village's Branch Pick-up program is truly a service to Addison residents. It encourages each resident and building owner to pride themselves in the health, aesthetics and value of their home, building, surrounding yard and landscape. It promotes the community's desire to beautify our neighborhoods while maintaining safe and healthy surroundings. Each month, April through October, a resident or building owner has the opportunity to place branches out curb-side in front of their property. The programs service level may range from the pick-up of a single broken branch placed out on the parkway, to the pick-up removal of a resident's entire tree, cut up and stacked as specified under the program's requirements.

Should you have further questions, please contact the Village of Addison Public Works Department at 630/620-2020.

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

branches.

- Branches shall be limited to eight feet in length and 8 inches in diameter.
- Limbs larger than 8 inches in diameter must be cut into 16-inch log lengths and placed separate from the branches.
- Branches shall not be tied with string, wire, etc.
- Branch piles containing root balls, lumber, metal, glass, yard waste or other debris, as well as large branch mound that have been multi-directionally cross stacked, will not be picked up.
- Branches shall not be stacked in the alley or along private drives. These will not be picked up.
- No contractor cuttings will be picked up.
- Branch piles shall not be placed on the parkway prior to or after the weekend prior to pick-up. All branches must be stored in the back yard until then.



## Employees of the Month

**John Junokas**  
Principal Account Clerk  
Finance Department  
January 2015

John Junokas, has been with the Village for 12 years, and is presently a Principal Account Clerk in the Finance Department. Prior to this position, John worked in the Police Department as a Crossing Guard and in Finance as a Water Meter Reader.

John's duties include handling tasks that relate to water usage by residential, commercial and industrial properties in the Village.

He and his wife, Diane, have four children: Becky, 31; Mike, 29; Julie, 27 and Molly, 23.

In his spare time, John enjoys jogging, fishing, kayaking, and gardening, but most of all, enjoys spending time with his family.



**Erin LaMantia**  
Records Clerk  
Police Department  
February 2015

Erin LaMantia has been employed in the Records Department of the Police Department for 15 years.

Her job includes processing paperwork, compiling monthly stats to be reported to the State Police, and completing expungement paperwork.

Erin is married to John and has two sons. As a family, they actively are involved with local rescue groups in helping animals find new homes. They also donate their time to events that benefit Lutherbrook.

Erin also enjoy reading, travelling and gardening.



**Beth Fiorino**  
Lab Technician  
Public Works  
Department  
March 2015

Beth Fiorino has been an employee of the Village for approximately 7 years.

## News Blurbs

### 'Ask Mayor Veenstra' Live April 6

Mayor Rich Veenstra will answer questions from residents Monday, April 6, when he makes his monthly appearance on Addison Community Television's "Ask Mayor Veenstra" program.

Tune in to the live broadcast at 6 p.m. and call the phone number on your screen to speak with the mayor about a question or concern. Or email your question before or during the program to [AskMayorVeenstra@addison-il.org](mailto:AskMayorVeenstra@addison-il.org).

Addison Community Television can be seen on Comcast Cable Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and is streamed online [here](#).

### Landscape Waste Begins

The Village of Addison provides landscape waste pickup each year, April through November. Grass and other landscape waste should be kept separate from other solid wastes, and will be removed on normal garbage pickup days by the contracted waste hauler. Acceptable yard waste will be collected either from bags or trash cans.

Residents may fill 30-33 gallon trash containers with landscape waste, provided they obtain landscape waste stickers at Village Hall and affix them to each container. There is no charge for the decals, which are necessary to make the landscape waste easily distinguishable and visible to the collectors. One sticker is needed per container.

Otherwise, residents may purchase paper biodegradable bags at area retailers including: Jewel/Osco, 140 W. Lake St.; Walgreen's, 16 E. Lake St.; Walmart, 1050 N. Rohlwing Road and Len's Ace Hardware, 30 W. Lake St. Stickers are not necessary when utilizing the paper bag system.

An unlimited amount of landscape waste may be placed at curbside, but it must be kept separate from other garbage. Mixed garbage will not be removed. Large branches, tree cuttings, sod rolls, root balls and soil are not acceptable in the landscape waste program.

### Natural Lawn Care Information

As homeowners beginning readying their yards for spring, the University of Illinois Extension has put together some tips for caring for your lawn in a more natural way, reducing the health risks and environmental impacts of pesticides and promoting safer alternatives. A calendar of when certain lawn projects should be done is included, as well as organic alternatives.

Download the Natural Lawn Care for Homeowners Guide [here](#).

### New Recycling Center Hours

The Village of Addison Recycling Center has revised its hours. The Center, located at 711 N. Addison Road, will now have the same hours year round: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 - 11 a.m.

The Recycling Center is closed Sundays and holidays.

### Water Bill Payment Information

Ever wonder why your water bill payment takes so long to be applied to your account?

When paying your water bill, it is very important to include the payment stub when sending a check to the

She previously worked as a Records Clerk in the Police Department and is now a Lab Technician in Environmental Services Division of Public Works.

Her work consists of industrial and business inspections, taking samples from the creek, and other lab work.

Beth is married to Michael and has two children: Stefanie, 30; and Daniel, 28.

In Beth's spare time, she enjoys remodeling her home in Addison, or going to her home in Lake Delavan, Wisconsin.

lock box, using the envelope included with the water bill. If the payment arrives without a payment stub, it is pulled and mailed to the Village for manual processing. This can add 7 – 10 days before your account is credited. This could also lead to a late payment and penalties.

If you are paying thru your bank, the bank will issue a check and send it on the date you specify. The funds are NOT transmitted electronically. If you use the lockbox address, again, a delay as noted above. When you are paying thru your bank, please have the payment sent to the Village Hall directly at Village of Addison, 1 Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL 60101.

Please have the payment processed 3-5 days before the due date to avoid a penalty. As a reminder, payment can be made at the Village Hall, Oxford Bank (allow 3-5 days), use the White Drop Box in front of Village Hall (checks only; no cash) , or at [IllinoisEPay.com](http://IllinoisEPay.com) for credit card payments (No VISA).

### Miss Addison Applications Available

Applications for the 2015 Miss Addison Scholarship Pageant are now available. Young women between the ages of 17 and 21 who are residents of Addison are encouraged to apply by June 2, 2015.

Miss Addison will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. First runner up will receive \$1,000 and second runner up \$500 in scholarships.

For a full list of criteria and the application, please click [here](#).

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