

The Stickney Times

SPRING
2025



From the Desk of MAYOR JEFF WALIK

Here is looking at you Summer 2025.....

I would like to start by tipping my hat to the men and women of the Stickney Fire department, led by Chief Jeff Boyajian. Yes, we are thankful for the service of our firefighters, but if you haven't had a personal experience, you don't get a chance to see up close and personal how dedicated and professional they are. I recently had my own experience with the Stickney Fire department, assisting a friend of mine, and saw it first-hand. They were VERY professional, patient and caring. As the mayor, I am very proud of them and grateful that they come to work ready to serve you.

Our Police Chief informed me that Stickney Police Department patrols are up, and crime is down, again in 2024. In 2023, crime statistics showed that crime decreased by 13%, which again as a community we should be proud of the police and their hard work.

At this time the Police Department is fully staffed, and training continues throughout the year. The Police Chief may discuss this in his annual report. Our in-house police trainer developed a training curriculum that will be used by other police trainers to train police officers in surrounding communities. BRAVO!!!

What can I say about Public Works, with less snow means more of the other projects and cleaning around the Village was done. The men in public works kept our streets snow and ice free this winter season, and we still must get a small number of residents to read the sign on their block so the entire block can be snow free. With the passing of snow, the sweeper has been tuned up and greased to get a fresh start on cleaning our streets of the ugly salt and dirt left from the winter. Also, back in the beginning of March the public works men were prepping for the small number of potholes that popped up from the cold, warm, cold again and ice buildup. At this time the potholes should have been filled or will be completed soon.

Finally, the Village acquired a small store front on Pershing Road that will be used as a maintenance facility to keep our village vehicles (cars and small trucks) running in tip top shape.

Good Luck with the new garage...

In conclusion, I spoke with some of our volunteers and told them how pleased we, myself and your Village Officials, were with ALL our events that we had this past year. If you were not a volunteer or participant in one of the Village special events, you don't know what you missed.

Our Easter egg drop was amazing. The Village officials paid for a special helicopter to drop candy onto the soccer field and the kids went out to retrieve the candies, and we also had some outstanding raffle prizes. Our Cinco De Mayo fest gets bigger every year. This is an event that I started when I first took office. It has become a great family event held at our special events field located at 43rd and Ridgeland. There were bands, food trucks, rides and games for the children. And the weather was perfect.

Family Day was the best one yet. It was the largest crowd in history, the best bands in history, the best food in history, and believe it or not the LARGEST and most amazing fireworks display in the Village of Stickney! Ever Ever, Ever, Ever...

The holiday parties were a great success. The seniors were provided with a great lunch, entertainment and every senior left with a gift. The family Christmas party immediately followed the senior party. There was plenty of pizza served, music games, gifts and a visit from a special guest – Santa!

THANK You again to all our special volunteers for making all the events the biggest and best in Stickney History.

Your Village Officials

Mayor
Jeff Walik

Clerk
Audrey McAdams

Trustees
Jim Hrejsa
Tim Kapolnek
Mitch Milenkovic
Sam Savopoulos
Lea Torres
Jeff White

Fire Chief
Jeff Boyajian

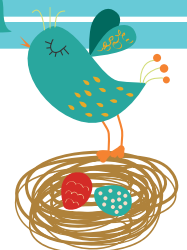
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James Sassetti

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From the Desk of Trustee,
SAM SAVOPOULOS

Annual 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Spring is upon us and it's time to think about replacing damaged sidewalk squares.

We encourage you to sign up for the 50-50 sidewalk program where the village splits the cost of the sidewalk replacement with the homeowner.



Applications for the 50/50 sidewalk program are available at the Village Hall, or you can download one from the comfort of your own home through our website at www.villageofstickney.com.

Applications for the 2025 replacement program will be taken through May 31st.



From the Desk of Trustee,
JEFF WHITE

The Board of Trustees recently passed and approved our 2024/2025 Budget. Once again, we passed a Budget without raising the tax levy. If your property taxes go up, please know that it was the county or state and not the Village. We all received our 1st tax payment notice due March 4th this year. Any increases will be seen on our 2nd installment which is usually due August 1st. Our priority is to manage and fund our Village with the revenues we currently receive, with the safety and benefit of our residents at the forefront. Make sure when you receive your tax bill you are getting the deductions that you are entitled to. Homestead exemption, Senior exemption and the Senior

freeze if qualified. All this information is available on the Cook County Treasurer's website at www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

This newsletter is just one way to stay informed about what is going on in our Village. We are also on Facebook. Just search (Village of Stickney). We have the Village website (villageofstickney.com). And we have CodeRed where you can sign up for on the Village website. These are some of the ways to stay informed with messages from Public Works, Police/Fire and your board. If you have an emergency don't hesitate to call 911. The Police non-emergency number is 708-788-2131.

If you ever have a question or concern, you can call the Village Hall at 708-749-4400. We are all here to help you anyway we can. Village office hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. On board meeting days (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) the office is open till 7p.m.



From the Desk of Trustee,
MITCH MILENKOVIC

Tree City USA

We have once again earned the status of Tree City USA. To qualify as a Tree City USA community, we must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management program, and that no community would be excluded because of size.

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

Tree Lottery

A major part of having Tree USA status is to continue to replace trees that we have lost. The Village has lost a great number of trees, many due to diseases and others that were just very old and unsafe. Since 2012 we have re-planted approximately 244 trees with the lottery. By replacing even a portion of trees that we lost will allow our village to continue to strengthen and support our existing tree care program and enhance the quality of life in our village.

There will be a tree lottery again this summer for Village residents. Applications will be available at the Village Hall or on the Village website at www.villageofstickney.org. The type of tree and quantity still needs to be determined and will be available with the application.

Winners of the lottery will be notified in August, and trees will be planted in the fall.



From the Desk of Trustee,
TIM KAPOLNEK

I Hope you all got through this past winter and stayed warm. This was the coldest winter we have had in the last few years. The snow that we did get this year was cleared off the streets right away by our great Public Works Department guys. A BIG Thank You to them for Jobs well done!

The Village Board and the Stickney Fire Department received a brand- new Ladder Truck that was delivered in March, and we are excited to see it put into service. Personally, I hope that it never has to be used.

The Village will be starting street cleaning service on April 1, 2025, where all cars need to be moved to the correct side of the street, or you will receive a ticket. The Yard Waste service will start on April 1, 2025, as well and will pick up on your regular scheduled garbage pickup day.

A reminder to refer to the Village Website for Village news and events, pay your water bill and other information on the Village of Stickney.

I hope you have a wonderful spring and summer season. Hope to see you out at the Village Events scheduled for 2025.



From the Desk of Trustee, **LEA TORRES**

We have quite a few events coming up. Our first exciting event will be the Village of Stickney Easter Egg Hunt. It will be Saturday April 12, 2025, at NOON at Haley Park 40th and Grove Ave. (please notice different location). All children from the village are invited to participate. Registration is available at the Stickney Village Hall. PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 4, 2025, this is a Village of Stickney Resident event only for children 12 and under.

Our next big event will be our Cinco De Mayo Fest Sunday, May 4th, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 43rd and Ridgeland Avenue, all are invited! We will have a variety of food vendors, ice cream truck, drinks for sale. For our kids, there will be a petting zoo, games, face painting and more. Entertainment will be music by DJ Jimmy B and

Mariachi group from Morton East High School.

June our Music in the Park starts every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 41st and Ridgeland this will continue through August.

This year is also the Stickney Police Association 100 Year Anniversary Friday, May 2nd, 2025. We are celebrating with a Dinner Dance and Raffle tickets, please help us celebrate this prestigious event. Contact Lea Torres for more information.

We have the most hard-working thoughtful women that work in our front office. They handle all responsibilities in the everyday work of the Village of Stickney. First, we have Maria who handles all the water bills, billing and different money transactions. She does a great deal of translating and helps with everyday problems Then we have Darlene who handles all permits, licenses and any work being done in the Village, Marcela handles all real estate transactions, business licenses, and everyday deals. Linda is our liaison with our senior citizens setting up snow removal, grass cutting, gutter cleaning and casino trips and helping with Parks and Rec correspondence.

Finally, Beth our Administrative Assistant, to the Mayor and Trustees. We would not be able to have everything run so smoothly without her.

A very wise person once told me the thing that makes a village exceptional is TRUST. You must be able to work with people who have your back. It doesn't mean you always agree but you must respect and understand everyone's thinking. We are very fortunate here to have most people's trust. That is why our village works so well, and no one works harder than Mayor Walik, and that trickles down to everything working so well. We work for our residents.

Stickney is a great place to live.



From the Desk of Trustee, **JIM HREJSA**

Spring is here! The best time of year! A fresh start for us all.

Our Public Works Department is busy keeping all our public spaces clean and clear. Thanks guys!

But it's time for all of us to start our own spring cleaning to keep our village looking good.

Winter takes its toll on our homes and yards.

Ice and snow can wear shingles and siding. Peeling paint and loose or damaged trim is unsightly and can lead to more serious damage to your home. Protect your investment.

Dead foliage and windblown clutter accumulate along the fences. Corners can become overgrown. Besides looking nasty, it can be a nesting place for unwanted pests. Standing water will breed mosquitoes. A little effort makes a big difference. Thank you all for being good neighbors!

Once again, the Village has planned lots of special events for the spring and summer. A complete list of dates and times is at the end of this newsletter and on the Village website. Lots of opportunities to enjoy the summer with friends and family. I hope to see you out there.

And as always, a Big Thank You to all our volunteers! Please call the Village hall if you would like to help.



From the Desk of Police Chief,
JAMES SASSETTI

We hope you are like us here at the police department and are welcoming spring with open arms. Spring and summer bring about more activity within the community, so we respectfully ask that you drive with caution and be aware of your surroundings as more people are engaged in outdoor community activities. Also, we encourage that if you see something suspicious you report it immediately to the police department by calling 911 for emergencies or 708-788-2131 for non-emergencies. Together we can do our part in keeping the Village safe!

As a reminder, April 1st through November 30th each year the Village of Stickney conducts street cleaning/maintenance throughout on all village streets. Signs are posted on each block advising residents which days and times they are prohibited from parking on a certain side of the street. Vehicles parked in violation of Ordinance (CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-141, SECTION 14-147, Section 14-148 AND SECTION 14-163 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS) are subject to being ticketed and towed by the police department as ordered by:

Sec. 14-148. - Parking during street cleaning operations.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street or portion thereof in the village at any time from April 1 to November 30, when such streets are being cleaned as follows:
 - (1) On Mondays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 - a. On the north side of all streets and public thoroughfares extending in a general easterly and westerly direction; and
 - b. On the west side of all streets and public thoroughfares extending in a generally northerly and southerly direction.
 - (2) On Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 - a. On the south side of all streets and public thoroughfares extending in a generally easterly and westerly direction; and
 - b. On the east side of all streets and public thoroughfares extending in a generally northerly and southerly direction.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on Pershing Road or portion thereof in the village at any time from April 1, through November 30 when Pershing Road is being cleaned as follows:
 - (1) On Fridays between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (c) When snowfall measures two inches or more, the snow removal regulations will supersede the street sweeping regulations.
- (d) Vehicles parked in violation of this section may be towed or relocated by the village or removed and towed away by a commercial towing service. The village shall give notice to the registered owner of the vehicles that the vehicle was towed or relocated within three business days of the relocation, removal, or tow. Said notice shall be served by registered or certified mail, or personal delivery. The registered owner of any towed vehicle shall be responsible for payment of an administrative cost of \$5.00 in addition to any and all storage costs and fees charged by the commercial towing service and any costs, judgments or bonds required by section 14-163 (cost of parking citation - \$75.00).

The intent of this ordinance is not to be punitive but to allow Public Works unimpeded access to clean and maintain the streets throughout the village for the benefit of all residents. Please ensure that you are following the respective street signs on your block to avoid being ticketed and towed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Village of Stickney shares critical emergency information and important updates via Code Red. Code Red is a totally FREE service designed for public agencies to share information with subscribers. It is provided for all residents and businesses within the village. Individuals can register by visiting: www.villageofstickney.com and click on the Code Red icon at the bottom left of the page. There you can choose how messages are to be communicated – via phone calls, emails and/or text messages. In addition, subscribers can specify multiple locations, such as a home address and a business address. All messages that pertain to the areas given will be sent to the subscriber. The Code Red site is secure – subscribers will only receive messages from the Village of Stickney. SIGN UP TO STAY INFORMED!

We hope you have an enjoyable spring and summer and remind you to follow the Stickney Police Department on Facebook. As always, please call **911** in all emergency situations or contact us at 708-788-2131 if we can assist in non-emergency situations.

Notes from the Village Ordinance Control Officer **JOCELINE BRIZUELA**

I want to bring to your attention the following issues that I see as I patrol around town.

Yard waste

The only time leaves should be put on the curb is during the leaf pick up program that takes place in the fall. If you are cleaning up dead leaves from the winter, do not put them on the curb, please put them in a yard waste container or bag to be picked up once yard waste pick up begins in April.

Make sure you clean up grass clippings. Do not blow them in the street or leave them all over the sidewalks.

When you're discarding branches or small trees, they must be cut into 3-foot lengths and bundled with string or twine. Each bundle should not exceed 2 feet in diameter or 10lbs in weight.

Accumulation of junk, debris, or litter on private or public property is not allowed. If you're storing wood, please keep it off the ground a minimum of 26" to prevent rodent problems.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND REMOVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:

If you are planning on remodeling the interior or exterior of your home or business make sure you apply for proper permits. Construction material or waste should be disposed of properly and should **NOT** be put out for Public Works to take. It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to have any construction materials removed. Any construction materials that are put out for Public Works or Waste Management to



pick up will result in a ticket and fine. Any properties under construction of any kind are responsible for maintaining area completely clean of garbage and debris at all times. Failure to do so will be issued a ticket and daily fines along with an adjudication court date.

Tires

I have seen tires put out for garbage pick-up. Waste Management and our Public Works will not pick up tires. Tires must be disposed of at your own expense. Do not store tires anywhere outside on your property.

No parking on soft surfaces is allowed, in your yard, on the grass or dirt on public or private property.

ALL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A CITATION AND FINE UP TO \$500.



From the Desk of Fire Chief, **JEFFREY BOYAJIAN**

Spring has sprung and I am looking forward to warmer temperatures. I am incredibly pleased to say that the Stickney Fire Department did not have any major fires throughout the Village this past year. That is a testament to the residents and business owners within the Village who have taken the proper steps to reduce the threat of fire here in Stickney as well as a testament to the effort the Stickney Fire Department puts forth in its Fire Inspection and Fire Education programs. Please make sure you are testing both your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors at least once a month to insure proper operation.

We are looking forward to taking delivery of our new 107' ladder truck built by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin. This vehicle is replacing a 1997 ladder truck that was placed out of service a few years ago. The new truck can take on roles of both a ladder truck and pumper truck at a fire scene.

As spring approaches, so do the chances of severe weather. Below you will see the differences between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning is outlined.

Tornado Watch: The National Weather Service (NWS) issues a watch when weather conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in or close to the watch area. The Village of Stickney does not activate its warning sirens after a tornado watch has been issued. Residents should stay informed by keeping track of weather updates from reliable sources such as local news stations and weather apps or by tuning into the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.

Tornado Warning: The NWS issues a warning when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by the weather Doppler radar. A tornado warning that has been issued for the surrounding area means you should take shelter immediately. In the event a tornado warning has been issued, the Village will activate its warning siren under the following conditions:

- If a tornado warning has been issued for our area by the National Weather Service.
- A Funnel Cloud or a Tornado has been spotted by a trained spotter, Law Enforcement or Fire Department personnel.
- A Funnel Cloud or Tornado has been spotted by a community member and reported via 911.

What should you expect to hear? During a tornado warning activation, the siren tone is steady, lasting approximately three minutes. It is important to remember that advanced warning can play a vital role in saving lives, minimizing damage, and enhancing the overall resilience of our community in the face of severe weather events like tornadoes.





From the Desk of Director of Public Works Interim Director,
SAM ALONZO

SEWER DRAINAGE

If you are having any type of drainage or sewer problems, please contact the Public Works Department immediately. The Village is Responsible for the main sewer line that runs down the middle of the street. The resident is responsible for the sewer line that goes from the house to the truck connection to the main sewer. If you are not sure where the problem is, our staff will come out and help with the determination. Please do not put any foreign objects into your drainage system at home. For example, paper

towels, wipes, sanitary products or rags. These materials can be dangerous and can cause backup not only in your sewer line but also the main sewer.

MAINTAINING YOUR SEWER LINE

You should make sure your sewer line is cleaned out at least every 2 years, especially if you have a large home and family which will create a large amount of sewage waste.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Waste management will resume yard waste pick up in April and will continue to pick up yard waste until the end of November. For the guidelines about yard waste pick-up, it can be found on our village website at www.villageofstickney.com.

SPECIAL PICK UP FOR TVS, ELECTRONICS AND LARGE ITEMS

If you have any of these items that you need to dispose of, please call Village Hall and inform them that you have these items to be picked up. Your name will be placed on the list for public works to pick up. These items will be picked up on Fridays as long as you are on the pick-up list, and we are notified.

LAWN AND WEED CARE

Please remember that it is the residents' responsibility to maintain your lawn and weeds around your property including in the alley. You can refer to Ordinance Sec. 42-368 overgrown and uncut weeds and foliage and sec. 90-31 weeds and brush.

**Waste Management will be observing the following holidays:
Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day**

When your collection falls on or after one of these holidays your garbage/recycling/yard waste collection will be delayed one day during the holiday week.

The Stickney Police Association Annual Dinner Dance

100 Years of
Service to
The Village

- Cash Raffle
- Prize Raffle
- Dinner & Open Bar
- Dancing

The Stickney Police Association is the oldest organization in the Village of Stickney. In our history we have provided funds to pay the salaries of police officers and purchase of equipment.



Please join us to help celebrate our 100 years of service to the Village of Stickney and it's police department.

Friday, May 2nd, 2025
Cocktails starting at 6:00
p.m.

*Crystal Sky
Banquets
7941 West 47th Street
McCook, Illinois
60525*



Name : _____ qty _____ (\$75)
Table of 8 (\$525)
(must be paid in full before April 15th 2025)

Call or text : **Natasa Dzolic (708) 271-0267**
 Debbie Johnson (708)878-3361

Please make checks payable to Stickney Police Association

Mail or drop off :Toby's Tap 6429 Pershing Rd. ,Stickney IL 60402



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
FROM
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

41st and Ridgeland • Stickney, IL 60402

There will be different organizations
selling food each week.
The Menu is To Be Determined!

CONCERT SCHEDULE

Date: June 2nd | Croozin' the Loop
Hits from the 60's, 70's & 80's

Date: June 11th | The Lupo Band
Classic Rock

Date: June 18th | Eddie Korosa Jr.
Polka

Date: June 25th | Hardwire
Rock N Roll

Date: July 2nd | DJ Jimmy B
Mix of dance music

Date: July 9th | Stingrays
50's & 60's

Date: July 16th | Vintage Vinyl
R&B, Classic Rock

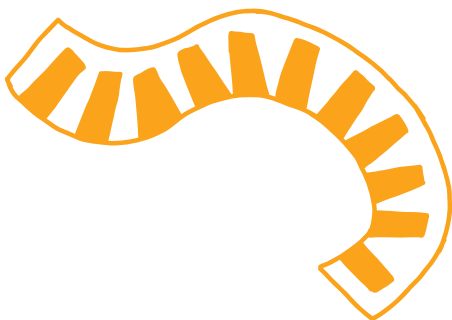
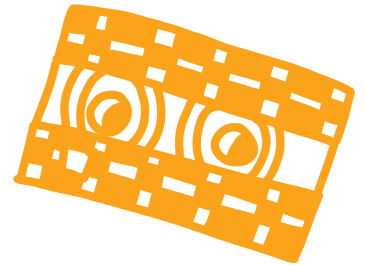
Date: July 23rd | Frenz
R&B, Santana

Date: July 30th | Parkside
Motown

Date: August 6th | The Lupo Band
Classic Rock

Date: August 13th | Crosstown Classics
Motown, Country, Classic Rock

Date: August 20th | Jolly Ringwalds
Best of the 80's pop and rock



Spring/Summer 2025 Community Calendar



April

April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt - 12:00pm at Haley Park

May

May 4 – Cinco De Mayo Fest 2:00-7:00pm – 43rd and Ridgeland Pavilion

May 17 – Little League and Soccer Parade at 12:00pm

May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 11:00am at Veteran's Memorial Park at 39th and Ridgeland

June

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Music in the Park, 7:00-9:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

July

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Music in the Park, 7:00-9:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

July 26 & 27 – Village Wide Garage Sale, 9:00am-2:00pm

August

August 6, 13, 20 - Music in the Park, 7:00-9:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

August 16 – Paper Shredding (**residents only**) 9:00am–Noon at 41st & Ridgeland

August 31 - Stickney Family Day - 2:00-9:00pm at 43rd and Ridgeland, Fireworks to follow

**Village Hall and Public Works will be closed for business on
Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July and Labor Day**

2025-2026 Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags on sale May 1st

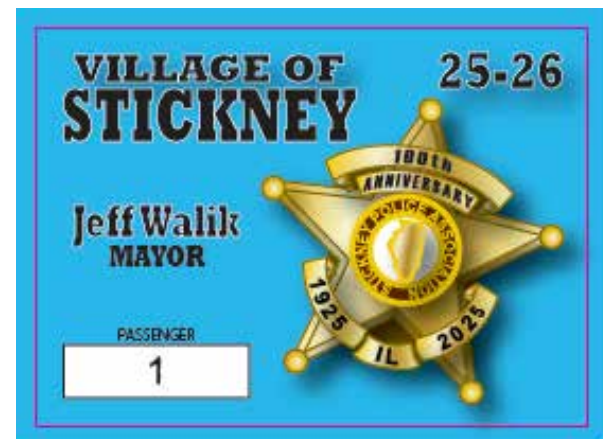
Vehicle stickers will go on sale
starting Thursday, May 1st – June 30th, 2025.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1st. Late fees
are an additional \$20.00 per vehicle.

You will need to provide a vehicle registration if you are
adding a new car.

Your pet must have a **current rabies vaccine number and
expiration date** to obtain a pet license. Late fees are an
additional \$5.00 per pet.

The Village will have additional hours on Saturday, June
28th from 9:00am – 3:00pm.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

from 2p.m. - 7 p.m.

43rd and Ridgeland Ave. Pavillion

Music • Food • Petting Zoo

Food and Drinks will be available for sale
Admission is FREE!