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## Village of Posen Newsletter



### Village Wide Improvements



President Frank Podbielniak

We completed several projects that make the Village a better place to live, work, and play.

Last year we completed upgrades to angled parking and sidewalks at the Community Center.

#### Chicago Vintage Home Association

The Village is extremely happy to announce the acceptance into the Chicago Vintage Home Association Program. Posen is just one of four municipalities accepted into this program. The program provides **free** insulation, furnace cleaning and checks as

needed for homeowners at no cost. Currently, **39** homes in Posen have been accepted. If you are interested please apply on-line via the Village website or at the Village Hall

#### Lights and Water

All municipally owned buildings and all street lights are now 100% energy efficient throughout the entire Village. We are happy to announce this saves the taxpayers approximately 35-40% per month in costs. Each year since 2015 we have also reduced the

Village's annual water loss. The reduction was from 35% in 2015; to 36% in 2016; to 35% in 2017; to 21.5% in 2018; and to finally 14.7% at the end of April 2019. We are currently negotiating an alternative water source to ensure that any possible future price increase will not impact our residents. We also worked on the 12-inch arterial water main reinforcement project. This project increased water pressure to the north end of the business district. It now also serves as a second water supply for the entire community.

### Garbage

We approved a five-year garbage contract with Republic Recycling without a residential rate increase through October 2022.

### Recycling

Recycling ended August 1<sup>st</sup> because recycling can no longer be shipped overseas. However, the containers may be used for regular garbage pick up.

### Neighborhood Watch

The Posen Police Department hosts a Community "Neighborhood Watch" meeting every month. These meetings are for the residents of the community to meet with members of the police department to exchange information on what is occurring within the community. The community meetings are also used to educate our residents with crime prevention tips and reporting incidents to the police department.



# Village Wide Grants

## Cook County Grants

We are proud to announce the Village received two grants from Cook County for the 2019 fiscal year. The first, a Connect Cook County Grant, was \$200,000. We earmarked this money for Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk corners from Western Avenue to Harrison Avenue and three intersections on 144th Street for a total of 1,000 sidewalk squares being replaced. The second was a Cook County Developmental Block Grant. This was also \$200,000 and it will be used to replace an estimated total of 1,000 sidewalks in the Village. This grant is for the 2019 fiscal year and will begin in July or August.

## MWRD Grant

We received a non-matching grant of \$340,000 from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The use of this money will be determined in the future in cooperation with the MWRD. One suggested project we are looking at is replacing the entire parking lot at the American Legion Post 990 with permeable paver blocks. We would also add flora along the perimeter of the area and the improvements would help mitigate water during a rain event.

## Alley Improvements

Alleys were graded, filled, and rolled for the first time in several years. The roller was loaned to the Village of Posen by Cook County Highway Department.



**Thornton's Gas Station  
Ground Breaking**

## Veterans News

The American Legion Post 990 meets at 2590 W. Walter Zimny Drive and currently shares space with Posen's Historical Society. The building at 2590 W. Walter Zimny Drive was donated to the Village of Posen and after a joint effort of construction companies and assistance from the Posen Fire Department Veterans can meet each month.



**M-5 Anti-Tank Weapon**

The Veteran's Memorial that was originally constructed in the year 1989 is being restored with modern landscaping and an M-5 Anti-Tank Weapon. Thanks to the efforts of the Mayor's Office, and Posen businesses, The Veterans Garage, Tommy's Landscaping, American Flag Company, Peloza Concrete, Fair Towing, and Posen Beautification.

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