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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Well, the bland, pale, green building is finally gone. Thank goodness it was only the sheathing that we were having to endure for so many months, and not the finished product. As I write this, people are moving in, the building's exterior details are complete, and the landscaping is nearly complete, awaiting only sod and grass seed. We have come a long way from a long-empty, essentially abandoned, restaurant and two homes that had rich histories, but had reached the end of their useful lives. Going forward, Warrenville now has an architecturally interesting, state-of-the-art apartment building on a beautiful site that will provide homes for low-income seniors.

It was a long and winding road, with numerous detours and potholes that led us to the successful completion of this project. The City pursued the purchase of the corner property with the restaurant building unsuccessfully for many years. By itself, it posed significant challenges to redevelopment. The building pad was very small, nearly one half of the property was flood plain, and access and egress were limited to a right turn in from Butterfield, and a right turn out to Batavia, far from ideal.

There was little interest from developers. One proposal was for a Dunkin paired with a gas station. This was not well received by the City, and thankfully was removed from the table. It was clear that to attract a desirable use, there would have to be an assemblage of this lot with the three adjacent lots to the west. Fortunately, at the suggestion of, and because of the hard work of Staff, the Council had obtained a right-of-first-refusal for the sale of the property immediately adjacent to the corner property, essentially gaining significant control of redevelopment of this high profile corner.

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Know what's below! Nearly two in five homeowners will put themselves, their families and their communities at risk by digging without first contacting 811, the national call-before-you-dig phone number.

Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to the state 811 center website, illinois1call.com, before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags to avoid unintentionally digging into an underground utility line.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Sunday,

October 31st

3 pm - 7 pm





WARRENVILLE PARK DISTRICT'S

FALL FEST

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 29, 2021

6:00-9:00 p.m.

at the Recreation Center & Community Building
35260 Warren Avenue, Warrenville

All Activities Included with \$5 Wristband



Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Line up on sidewalk along Warren Ave
Awards following parade



Inflatables, Games & Crafts



Character Meet N' Greet (6:30-8:30 p.m.)



Petting Zoo



Food, Beer & Wine for Purchase



Live Music - Alpine Thunder Band



FREE Taffy Apples

Courtesy of NuMark Credit Union

Skip the lines

and prepurchase your wristbands at the Recreation
Center beginning October 1st!

Fall Fest Fun Finder

Visit each area of Fall Fest for your chance to win a
\$25 Gift Card! You will receive your Fun Finder
Card when you purchase your wristband.

Sponsored in part by the City of
Warrenville Hotel Tax Fund.



BRUSH PICKUP ENDS IN OCTOBER

The 2021 City brush pickup ends in October. Refer to the Brush Pickup Zone map at: www.warrenville.il.us/418/Brush-Pickups-Wood_Chips, to find out what zone you live in.

- Zone 1** – first Monday of April, May, September, and **October**
- Zone 2** – second Monday of April, May, September, and **October**
- Zone 3** – third Monday of April, May, September, and **October**
- Zone 4** – fourth Monday of April, May, September, and **October**

Brush is required to be set out by 7:00 a.m. on the designated Monday, but pickup may occur on a day later in that week. Check the City website for scheduling updates.

Brush piles must comply with the following:

- Only One pile per address
- Pile cannot be greater than 3 feet high, 8 feet deep, and 15 feet long
- Branches cannot be longer than 8 feet in length and no more than 8 inches in diameter
- Cut end should extend toward the street

Brush pickup is limited to branches from trimming and pruning trees, bushes, and shrubs, **not tree removal**. Other items such as logs, root balls, stumps, lumber, etc. will NOT be picked up. **Brush piles that do not conform to these standards will not be picked up, and a notice will be left on the front door.** Call Public Works at (630) 393-9050 for more information.

PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL

DuPage County residents are encouraged to dispose of leaves properly this fall. When leaves blow into storm sewers and waterways, they can become a source of water pollution. Leaves can also build up along streets and block storm drains, which can lead to localized flooding. Residents can avoid these issues by composting, bagging, and mulching leaves. For more information see the "Falling into Winter (BMP's for Fall & Winter)" flyer at:

https://www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater_Management/1163/.

STORM BRUSH PICKUP

After storm damage is assessed, Public Works staff will post a message on the City Facebook page and website to inform residents if storm brush pickup will occur citywide, or if pickups will be completed upon request, and when pickup will begin. Please be patient, as pickups can take several days, depending on the extent of the damage. Requests can be submitted through the "service requests" button on the city website, or by calling Public Works at (630) 836-9050.

DOG LICENSING & BIKE REGISTRATION EVENTS

The Police Department will be hosting dog licensing and bike registration events through mid-October. There is no cost to register bikes, although fees do apply to dog licensing. Those purchasing dog licenses are asked to bring proof of their dog's current rabies vaccination and exact change, if possible. No credit or debit cards can be accepted. Registered bikes will receive a numbered sticker that will be adhered to the bike, so please bring each bike with you. See the City website "Spotlight" for detailed event information, dog licensing requirements and applicable fees. Questions may be directed to Community Service Officer (CSO) Perry at the Police non-emergency phone: 630-393-2131. Event locations are as follows:

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| • Country Ridge Apts | Friday, 10/1 | 6pm-7pm | North end, center complex |
| • Summerlakes | Friday, 10/8 | 6pm-7pm | North, Continental & Branch |
| • Winchester | Saturday, 10/9 | 2pm-3pm | Near pool |
| • Emerald Green | Saturday, 10/9 | 3:30pm-4pm | Near Clubhouse |
| • Summerlakes | Friday, 10/15 | 6pm-7pm | Near Clubhouse |
| • Thornwilde | Saturday, 10/16 | 2pm-3pm | South end of park |
| • Maple Hill | Saturday, 10/16 | 4pm-5pm | Near Clubhouse |



LAWN SPRINKLER WINTERIZATION

The Illinois Commerce Commission requires water suppliers to develop and implement a cross connection control program (CCCP) for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention or protection from all future cross connections on potable drinking water systems. Regulations are enforced to keep drinking water safe. Residential backflow preventers may be found on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. Backflow preventers may also be required if there is another water source on the site, such as a well, pond, river, etc.

Lawn sprinkler systems should be winterized soon. If a backflow preventer is located outdoors, remember to either blow it out or remove and store it someplace warm for the winter. It may be covered with a blanket, towels, or similar item temporarily. Insulation or heat tape may also be used, but would be insufficient protection for the winter. Allowing it to freeze is a costly mistake. Once removed, remember where it is stored. The backflow preventer will need to be given to a lawn irrigation contractor or plumber next spring to re-install it. Plumbing Code requires that the backflow preventer be tested upon re-installation every season by a certified tester. Test results are then submitted online at TrackMyBackflow.com by the tester.

The CCCP is designed to safeguard public health. Cooperation with the City's program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or Utility staff is appreciated. Questions, call: John Satter, (630) 836-3051.

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

With cooler weather arriving, please keep in mind the following permitted open burning regulations:

- Branches and twigs may be burned as long as they are dry and do not cause a large amount of smoke.
- Recreational fires and small landscape waste fires, in approved containers with a spark arrestor, are permitted up to 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, as long as they are no closer than 15 feet to any temporary or permanent structure (including fences, garages, houses, patios, etc.).
- Open burning in a container that is not approved, and still no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, must be located 50 feet from any temporary or permanent structure and must be covered with a spark arrestor.
- Open burning greater than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, requires an open burning permit, which may be obtained at City Hall.
- Open burning greater than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet, is not permitted except for ecological management, and requires an IEPA burning permit.
- Violations of the open burning ordinance may result in a \$75 fine.



Please call the Community Development Department at (630) 393-9050 for more information.

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Of course, whoever wished to redevelop this proposed assemblage would be required to make a substantial investment in the land alone, limiting interest from potential users. Fortunately, the City connected with Alden Foundation, a successful and well-respected developer of rent-subsidized senior living facilities in the western suburbs. They were able to negotiate the purchase of the four properties (\$1.2 million). The flood plain portion was deeded to the Forest Preserve District, and Alden worked with Staff to design a building that would best fit the property as well as be an appropriate addition to the downtown area. The end of this challenging process is what you see today, Warrenville Horizons.

The stated goal of the community for any development or redevelopment is to encourage and obtain the “highest and best use” for the land involved. I think a lot of us thought a new restaurant would be perfect for this corner. Given the realities of the market, if the City decided that this was the only “highest and best use” acceptable, it would be a very long wait, and the opportunity to assemble a parcel that would attract quality development would have been almost certainly lost.

With Warrenville Horizons, I think we have gained an asset. Alden builds these facilities and retains ownership and management. They are very careful to do things well because, first of all, they are experienced, and second, they will have to deal with any problems that arise going forward. So, we have a quality operation. And then there is the final product; a beautiful, well designed, modern place to live for seniors of modest circumstance, overlooking the river and forest preserve, and yet within walking distance of the library, park district, the prairie path, local businesses, and shopping opportunities. It is already fully leased (including many current Warrenville residents), with a waiting list of over one hundred. I say the “highest and best use” standard has been upheld. What do you think?

INPUT NEEDED ON FUTURE OF FORMER CITGO PROPERTY

If you would like to learn more about the current status and provide input on the future reuse of the former Citgo Gas Station at the corner of Batavia and Warrenville Roads, plan to attend a virtual public information and input meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Community input on the future composition of the site will help the City finalize a preliminary site redevelopment plan, design and implement a cost-efficient remediation plan, and effectively communicate a preferred redevelopment vision to desirable businesses, and quality developers.

For more information about the project and to find access to the October 19, virtual input meeting, see the project webpage at: www.warrenville.il.us/808/OTRS-2, or stop by the Community Development Department in City Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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 AUGUST 13, 2021