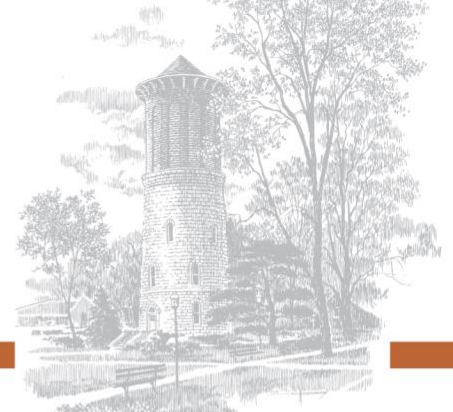


TUESDAY TOPICS



May 25, 2021

Village Board Renews Contract with RedSpeed:

- Last night, the Board approved renewal of its contract with RedSpeed, to continue the partnership for the Village's red light cameras. The Village has two intersections covered by the cameras: the west-bound approach at 55th and Wolf, and the east- and west-bound approaches at Ogden and Wolf. Since the cameras were installed in 2008, overall crashes have decreased by 50% at 55th/Wolf and 37.2% at Ogden/Wolf. In addition to enhancing traffic safety, the cameras generate revenue that supports Village operations. In 2020, the Village received \$168,775 from red light camera fines, which are directed towards funding our public safety programs.

New Village Clerk Sworn In:

- At last night's Board meeting, current Village Board Trustees Scott Lewis, Heidi Rudolph, Jim Tyrrell and I, were formally re-appointed and sworn in for a second four-year term. Former Trustee Ed Tymick was sworn in as Village Clerk. He will succeed Clerk Jim Horvath, also a former Trustee, who stepped in to fill a vacancy mid-term. We owe Jim a debt of gratitude for his many years of dedicated service. I am also grateful to our Trustees and new Clerk for volunteering their time and talents to serve for four more years.

Recent Increase in Air Traffic:

- During the past few weeks, you've probably noticed a significant increase in the number of low flying planes over the Village. The Village has contacted the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) to see if there's a specific reason for this, but has not yet received a reply. However, we have made similar inquiries in the past and received the following explanation from the CDA last year.

Weather conditions and routing maintenance may require sporadic use of Midway Runway 13C for landings and takeoffs. When winds are from the southeast, the FAA may use this runway which requires planes to fly lower over Western Springs. This happens infrequently, about 1 percent of the year.

The CDA has a flight-tracker program accessible for free on its website [here](#), and we encourage all homeowners to use this flight tracker to understand what's happening at Midway.

The Village does not have authority or input with regard to flight patterns. This is governed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Memorial Day:

- On Monday May 31, VFW Post 10778 representatives and Village officials will participate in a pared-down Memorial Observance at the Tower Green, including the West Suburban Concert Band, starting at 10 am. There will be no parade this year. No matter where you may be on Memorial Day, please take a few moments to honor the military personnel that have sacrificed so much, and especially those we have lost while protecting our way of life by serving in the United States Armed forces.

Tuesday Topics will be on hiatus next week, but will return again on Tuesday, June 8. In the meantime, don't forget about [Styrofoam Recycling](#) on Saturday, June 5. Also, please be reminded that [summer hours](#) at Village Hall begin after Memorial Day, and continue through Labor Day.

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President

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