

TUESDAY TOPICS



August 17, 2021

BNSF Pile Driving:

- [BNSF](#) continues to build out the infrastructure for the [West Pedestrian Underpass](#). BNSF estimates this pile driving work will be completed on August 23. Some residents have expressed concerns that the work is not complying with the Village's noise ordinance. Unfortunately, the Village has no control over BNSF and their construction schedule because they are operating in their own right-of-way, the work is scheduled according to their union rules, and primary consideration is given to creating the least amount of disruption to train traffic. According to BNSF the work will continue to begin at approximately at 9:00 am and conclude around 2:00-3:00 pm daily, to avoid train rush hour periods in the early morning and late afternoon. It is also likely to include 7 am –7 pm work on weekends. No night work is anticipated.

Water Main Breaks:

- This past week has included significant water main breaks on Wolf Road. The Village's aging infrastructure coupled with extreme weather conditions (hot or cold) can result in water main breaks without warning. Breaks are usually the result of earth shifting near the main or the deterioration of the main pipe itself. The Public Works Department strives to make necessary repairs as quickly and safely as possible, with the least disruption to residents and traffic. Learn more about water main breaks on the [Village website](#).

Back to School Reminders:

It's hard to believe, but area elementary and high school students will soon be returning to school. This is a fitting time to remind residents of ways to keep our community safe during back-to-school season, and all year round:

- Come to a complete stop at all stop signs and take extra care in all intersections. Pedestrian and bike traffic will increase substantially around town, especially during the morning and afternoon as students travel to and from school. Please be patient and allow extra time to ensure everyone's safety.
- Be prepared to stop for school buses. It is imperative that all drivers in both directions stop when a school bus has lights flashing and the "Stop" sign is activated. Failure to do so is not only illegal, but puts lives at risk
- Observe and respect your school's pick-up and drop-off policies. They are designed with the safety of students in mind.
- Parents, please talk to your students about bike and pedestrian safety. Students should cross at appropriate intersections, use crossing guards whenever possible, and take extra care at the railroad crossings.
- For additional back-to-school safety tips, visit the National Safety Council website for a [safety checklist](#), as well as [safety tips for drivers](#). The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) also has useful [back-to-school resources](#) to keep children safe.

A few items of note:

- [Branch pick-up](#) for tree limbs that fell during recent storms, began on Monday, August 16.
- My regular office hours at Village Hall will *not* take place the week of August 25.
- [Styrofoam recycling](#) will take place as scheduled on Saturday, September 4, on the Labor Day holiday weekend.
- Tuesday Topics will be on hiatus for the next two weeks, returning after Labor Day. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Until September,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President

Take Care of Yourself, Protect Others, Support our Community