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Dear Neighbors,
Police Incident in Iowa. The tragic shootings of two

Police Officers near Des Moines, Iowa in the early morning hours of last Wednesday are a stark reminder that Police everywhere face incredible danger on a daily basis and this danger is present more



today than ever before. The ambush attacks this week along with the horrific events in Dallas and Baton Rouge over the summer remind us that Police are frequently the target of criminal activity while serving and protecting the public.



Sgt. Anthony Beminio of the Des Moines Police Department and Patrol Officer Justin Martin of the Urbandale PD thank you for your service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your families, your co-workers and law enforcement officers everywhere. The Village Board will have a moment of silence at the next meeting to honor those officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty.

If you see a police officer at one of the many community events in Wauconda through the year, please consider thanking them for their service and show your appreciation for the challenges and risks they face each day. They do an excellent job of protecting us and deserve our gratitude and appreciation.



Election Day. Election Day is November 8th. Don't forget to exercise your right to vote! To find out where to vote go to Lake County's website at www.lakecountyl.gov.

Construction Zone. Please pardon the mess at Village Hall over the past couple of weeks. We are replacing the carpeting to remove trip hazards present with the old flooring. Crews disassembled work stations on the administrative side of the building on Friday and carpeting installers will be in over the weekend to complete the installation. A grant from the Village's worker's compensation insurance carrier paid for the new carpeting.



World Series Champions. Congratulations to the Chicago Cubs and Cubs fans everywhere on the 2016 World Series victory!

Lake Michigan Water. Village staff will be providing an update on the status of the Lake Michigan Water Project at the December 20th Village Board meeting. Updates on the internal upgrades will be provided along with the status of the transmission pipe that will be constructed by the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency

(CLCJAWA).

Garbage Rates. Approximately a year ago, the Village Board extended Waste Management's contract to provide refuse, recycling, yard waste, curbside leaf, electronics, and household hazardous waste collection services. Included in



the contract is an annual adjustment. Effective January 1, 2017, Waste Management's rates will increase 2% for both the 64

and 96 gallon tote. The 64 gallon tote charge will increase from \$18.63 per month to \$19.23. The 96 gallon rate will be \$19.61 up from \$19.23.

Ask the Mayor

Question: I've been receiving a lot of conflicting information about the "Safe Roads Amendment" referendum issue. What does this mean for the Village of Wauconda?

Answer:

The first referendum question on the November 8th ballot for Illinois residents is a statewide referendum on a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution. If approved, the amendment would require that revenues raised for transportation services are only used for transportation



maintenance or construction projects including mass transit. Transportation related revenues include motor fuel taxes applied at the gas pump and vehicle registration fees among others. Historically, the state government has redirected a significant portion of the transportation revenues to other purposes such as education or social services.

For Wauconda, we are currently restricted in how we use motor fuel taxes collected by the state and shared with the Village. In addition, communities that generate funds from the sale of vehicle stickers could only use those revenues for transportation related maintenance or improvement projects if the amendment passes. Wauconda has not implemented vehicle stickers nor does it have any other transportation related fees or taxes that would be affected.

The biggest question remains what will the state do if the amendment passes? Will they increase taxes and fees to make up for the loss of redirected transportation revenue? Will the availability of increased transportation funds improve the transportation network in Lake County? Or, will the increased transportation funds be dedicated to mass transit in Chicago and other urban areas? At this point, I'm certain I can't answer these questions and doubt anyone else can with any certainty.

Veteran's Day



The American Legion will be bringing Veterans to speak with at Wauconda Grade School, Robert Crown, Cotton Creek, Transfiguration and Frassati Catholic Academy throughout the day.

12:00 PM The Village is hosting our annual lunch at Village Hall for all Village employees & elected officials who are Veterans.

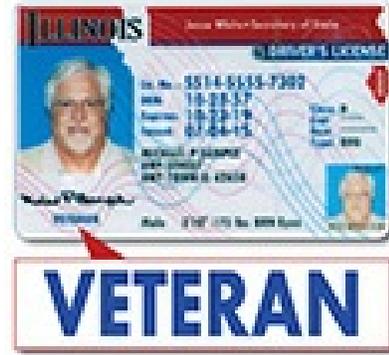
Please join me in recognizing my fellow Brothers & Sisters in Arms for their sacrifice in service to our Great Nation.

Veteran Designation

To obtain a "Veteran" designation on your Driver's

License or State ID card you must:

- Be an honorably discharged U.S. Veteran.
- Take your DD-214 or Certification of Military Service (NA Form 13038) to your local Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs' Office to have a certification stamp placed on your DD-214 or Form 13038.
- Bring the certified DD-214 or Form 13038 to any Secretary of State Facility to obtain the "Veteran" designation on your Driver's License or State ID card. If the "Veteran" designation is added during the renewal of your Driver's License or State ID card, there is no additional cost. If a veteran chooses to add the designation before their scheduled renewal date, they may obtain an updated Driver's License for \$5 and an updated State ID card for \$10. Veterans over the age of 65 can obtain an updated State ID card at no cost.



To find your nearest Illinois Dept. of Veterans' Affairs office or to request a replacement DD-214 or Form 13038, please call 1-800-437-9824 or visit: <http://www.illinois.gov/veterans/>.

What is Green Light a Vet?

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women.

However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.



The Meaning of Green
Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. "Greenlight" is also

a term commonly used to activate forward

movement. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and "greenlight" them forward as valued members of our communities.

Veteran Empowerment

Learn more about additional resources and organizations that support veterans and their families. Together, we can build a bridge between veterans and civilians and make a better tomorrow for all Americans.

Change One Light to Green

Change one light to green in a visible location—on your porch, in your home, or at your office—and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.

Visit <http://www.greenlightavet.com/> for more information.

Meals for All

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Come support our Veterans at the Wauconda American Legion,
hosted by WHS FBLA!

Wednesday, November 9th 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

All Veterans Eat for FREE!

The meal is sponsored by Panhandler's Pizza and WHS FBLA
Next "Meals For All": December 14th

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 15TH, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.

Take care and God Bless,

Frank

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