



Mayor's Message Lincoln F. Knight

A message to the Village of  Wauconda residents

WATER SPIRIT WONDER

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that your holiday season is off to a good start. The Village officially kicked-off the 2017 holiday season on November 22nd when we “flipped



the switch” on the downtown holiday lights. A special thank you to the Public Works Department for their hard work in making the downtown look festive for this holiday season.

The annual Wauconda Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning saw great weather and record attendance. The proceeds from the race will benefit the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. Thank you to Star Charities for another successful event and to everyone that participated and/or volunteered their time.

As a reminder, tomorrow, December 2nd is the Holiday Walk on Main Street followed by the annual Tree Lighting and Santa’s arrival. The festivities begin at 2:00 PM on Main Street. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

In the spirit of the holidays, the Wauconda Police Department will be hosting their first “Shop with a Cop” program by partnering with the Wauconda Park District, Wauconda Township, and Wauconda School District 118. District 118 has selected 20 children to participate in the event to be held this Sunday, December 3rd. Each child will be paired with a Wauconda police officer to shop for gifts for themselves and family members at the Target in Mundelein. Once shopping is completed, the

children will be bused to Middleton's on Main for a Sunday breakfast where Mr. and Mrs. Claus will provide additional goodies. A special thank you to all individuals and organizations that sponsored children for this event. Please see the Wauconda Police Facebook page for photos and sponsors for the event.

The "Shop with a Cop" program is not the only good news coming from the police department this month. Police Sergeant Sean Lewakowski has recently been recognized by the American Legion as the Illinois Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Sean has served the Village of Wauconda for the past 16 years and has participated in many community service programs, including the monthly Kids vs. Cops program through the Wauconda Park District. Sean was also recognized for his exemplary service when he saved the life of a woman who had overdosed on heroin along with his efforts in catching a car burglar responsible for several burglaries. We are proud to have Sean as a member of the Wauconda community and congratulate him on this distinguished award. Finally, back in July the Village Board authorized the completion of a special census by the U.S. Census Bureau. You may have been visited in your home by census takers over the past several weeks. I am pleased to report that the special census process is now complete. Thank you to the residents that participated for your cooperation.

Lake Michigan Water Update

In the past six months the Village has accomplished some significant milestones in the Lake Michigan Water project. You may recall, there are two separate project components to bring Lake Michigan Water to the residents of Wauconda. First, there is the internal system improvement project to facilitate the distribution of the single source of water throughout the community. Second, there is an external project (outside Wauconda) to construct a transmission water main to bring the valuable resource to the Village.

The internal project is broken down into three phases. Phase 1, consisting of replacing and improving water mains and installing pressure regulation stations, was completed in 2015 at an approximate cost of \$5.1 million. Phase 2 continued this work in 2016 and was completed this fall at an approximate cost of \$4.9 million. Phase 3 will wrap up the internal improvements to the distribution system, which includes the construction of an elevated storage tank on Bonner Road and construction of a ground storage tank and booster station on Gilmer Road for a combined estimate of \$4.3 million. I am happy to report the elevated water storage tank on Bonner Road was completed earlier this month. This is significant in that the system is now able to provide better water pressure to most of the business park located north of Bonner Road. The remaining Phase 3 internal improvements on Gilmer Road began this week. The final completion for the Phase 3 improvements is scheduled for fall of 2018.

To date, the construction for the internal improvements have been completed on time and within budget. Additionally, the Village was able to secure Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) funding for Phase 2 and 3 of the project resulting in approximately \$2.4 million in debt service savings compared to a conventional bond-funding. You can follow the progress of these improvements by visiting www.wauconda-lmw.com.

The construction of a transmission main to bring Lake Michigan Water to Wauconda and Volo will be managed by the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) and is referred to as the West Group Expansion. In 2015, CLCJAWA engineers identified the preferred route for the transmission main and began preliminary engineering on the project. Final Engineering was completed in early 2017. In addition, CLCJAWA continues to work on right-of-way and easement acquisition for the external water main. Construction of the first of four segments of the transmission main is expected to begin early December. You can follow the progress of the West Group Expansion (Volo & Wauconda) by visiting <http://www.clcjawa.com/publicrelations/construction>.

Special Recognition



I would like to congratulate Precision Screw Products, Inc. on celebrating your 25th anniversary 1992-2017. Owners Joe and Andrea Pausa have lived the true “American Dream” but would argue that it has been a hard, yet rewarding journey. Married at the ages of 19 and 31, Joe and Andrea saw a value and need in a growing industry. “Everyone needs screw, nuts and bolts” said Andrea. So with Andrea having a knack for sales and Joe having experience with fastener quality and manufacturing, they decided to invest with Andrea’s parents and open

Precision Screw Products, Inc. Andrea explained that they collected manufacturing lists from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa and began the long and tiresome task of calling every company asking for a chance to quote their needs. Andrea stated that she could “sell anything she believed in”, well judging by their success, she was exactly right!

Throughout the 25 years of creating, maintaining, and growing a business in such a competitive industry, Andrea said that it was imperative to “never take anything for granted, live within your means and always count every day as a blessing.” As Andrea explained more about their history, it was incredible that she was able to keep that mindset. For the first two years Andrea and her father worked at PSP, Inc. without receiving one paycheck, always reinvesting the money in the business. Joe worked during the day at his full-time job and would work at PSP, Inc. in the evenings. Andrea did the same, she put in her 8:00 - 5:00 at the shop and then off to Henri Studios from 6:30-9:30 just to make ends meet. In addition to her already tireless schedule, she was blessed with two children, a daughter Amanda and son Joey. She reflected on her children growing up, laughing that she used to set up her daughter’s play pen in the women’s handicap stall to let her nap as it was the quietest spot in the building. Both of their children have grown now, her son will be graduating college with a Degree in History and her daughter graduated with a Masters in Criminal Justice.

Six years ago, Andrea's father and partner retired from PSP at the age of 81 years old. Andrew and Barbara Scalzitti live in Rolling Meadows and are enjoying a healthy and happy retired life! Listening to Andrea describe her father as a 86 year old man having the mind of a 70 year old, you could see the respect and admiration she has for him. That same emotion was obvious when she talked about her husband Joe as well. She explained how perfect they worked together and although it wasn't always easy she was blessed to have shared 25 years of marriage, business and life with such a hardworking and selfless man.

Although it is easier for Andrea and Joe to find time for themselves these days, they still dedicate much of that time to the Wauconda Community by volunteering at the Park District, Andrea started the cheerleading classes and of course is a committee member for Wauconda Fest. They also are the proud parents of two wonderfully energetic pups, Tebow and Brady which keep them on their toes!

On behalf of myself and Village of Wauconda, congratulations on this wonderful milestone. May you enjoy the rewards of your hard work for years to come!

Please join me in formally recognizing Precision Screw Products, Inc. for the achievement at the December 5th Village Board meeting.



Meet your Village Administrator - Kevin Timony

I am honored to have been selected by the Mayor and Board of Trustees to serve as the new Village Administrator for the Village of Wauconda. I was attracted to this position because of Wauconda's unique downtown, active civic groups and residents,

community events, and the overall small-town feel. I have enjoyed meeting many members of the community and staff over my first two-weeks and I am looking forward to working with all of you moving forward.

Prior to coming to Wauconda, I spent the last nine and a half years serving the residents of the Village of Grayslake. Throughout my time in Grayslake I held several positions, including Management Assistant, Special Services & Economic Development Manager, and Assistant Village Manager.



I am a Lake County native having lived in the Libertyville/Mundelein area over the past 22 years. I am a graduate of Loyola University Chicago with a degree in Communications/Marketing. I have also earned my MBA from North Park University in Chicago. My wife Lauren is a Reading Specialist for Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73 in Vernon Hills. We have two daughters ages 5 and 3 and we are expecting our third child this coming January.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to serve the Wauconda community.
-Kevin Timony

Holiday Walk & Tree Lighting

Join the Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wauconda Park District as they present the annual Holiday Walk on Main Street, hosted by the Village of Wauconda. This wonderful holiday celebration takes place December 2nd and features activities such as: scavenger hunt, horse drawn sleigh rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus, gingerbread decorating contest, children's crafts and book readings, letters to Santa, face painting, free give-aways, tree decorating contest, warming stations, caroling, food and craft vendors and the latest addition of a "walk" with Santa to the Park District for a tree lighting ceremony and FIREWORKS (procession begins around 6:00 PM)!



Sincerely,
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The next Village Board meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall, 101 N Main Street.

Committee Meeting dates are as follows:

- Village Services ~ Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 PM
- Economic Development ~ Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 PM
- Natural Resources ~ Tuesday, December 19th at 5:30 PM
- Marketing ~ Tuesday, December 26th at 5:30 PM
- License & Administration ~ No December meeting

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