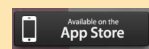
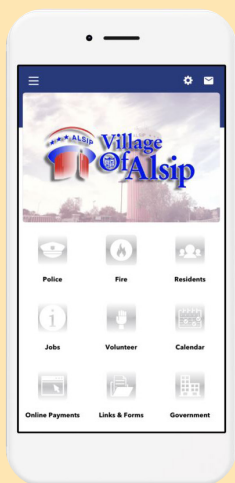


ALSIP Messenger



NEW Village of Alsip Mobile App

Use the Village of Alsip
Mobile App to Report
Issues, Find Community
Resources,
and Much More!



FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

The winter months weren't that bad, and hopefully your families are well and your businesses are prospering. Please don't get complacent, we need to look out for one another and be safe!

Dial 911 to get police and fire service, because your safety is always the Village's priority and we're doing everything possible to keep everyone safe.



If you see something that doesn't appear as it should
"Say Something" and call 911 to report the 5W's:



1. **Who** or
2. **What** you saw
3. **When** you saw it
4. **Where** it occurred, and
5. **Why** it's suspicious



"While initially disappointed, they get it!"

2nd Grade Lane students visit the Village to understand "Why your Vote Matters"

If you ever think that just one vote in a sea of millions cannot make much of a difference, consider how your voice can make a difference. Every year the students visit the Village Hall and I read a book selected by the teacher to help everyone understand the importance of voting, after which I'll split the room in half to let everyone know they're having Brussel Sprouts for lunch, because one side of the room voted for it and the other side of the room didn't vote.

more from the Mayor on page 2

Did you know

The **Alsip Village crest** was designed by resident Nancy O'Connor, approved as the official City Seal in 1965.

ALSIP ILLINOIS



Three Interlocking Circles is an old Christian symbol for marriage, and here it symbolizes **Family Life**.

Lamp of Knowledge, symbolizes **Education**.

Wheel symbolizes **Progress**.

Smoke Stack symbolizes **Industry**.

All are encased in a **Gold Crest** which symbolizes **Prosperity**.



Village of Alsip

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Clerk
Renee Harding

TRUSTEES



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Chairperson
Public Works/Boat Launch Committee
Planning, Zoning and License Committee



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Human Resources & Insurance Committee



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Chairperson
Sewer & Water Committee
Economic Development Committee



David Perretta
Chairperson
Building & Health Committee
Ordinance & Legislation Committee



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Mayor Ryan's office is working very hard at doing what it takes to attract new businesses to the Village of Alsip, as these developments eliminate blighted property.

During the past (6) years of this administration the Village building department has:

Issued over 6,000 building permits and oversaw \$168,000,000.00 of new and expanded development in the majority commercial/industrial communities, but now we're seeing new homes being built again. We are blessed to have this much development taking place, as these new property taxes support not only the Village, but the schools, parks and the library, all of which make Alsip a **"Great Place to Live & Work"** and keeps our taxes fair!



"Businesses will follow other businesses, because they want to be part of something great, they want to be part of that growth, and more families purchasing homes in a community where they feel Safe"

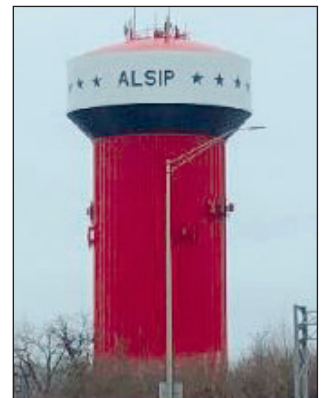


Belle Tire has notified the Mayor's office that they've finally received all permits to start construction soon for a new store at 111th near Cicero Ave. at the former Bakers Square property.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE — continued from front cover

Alsip's water tower has become a landmark for travelers & village residents

The Southtown/Tribune interviewed Water Commissioner Dan Tryban, where he explained the water tower was installed in 1967 and is one of two holding a million gallons of water. The tower's position next to the tollway serves as great advertisement for the community. There's no slogan, but the colors evoke patriotism, that was intentional when it was repainted just after the bicentennial in 1976. The real job of the towers is to ensure residents & businesses have water supply and pressure consistent throughout the Village and providing safe drinking water. Dan said Coca-Cola can use over a half million gallons a day!



"It's nice when towers provide additional value, if just a sense of pride."

In Remembrance . . .

The Village of Alsip wishes to remember Don Castaldo, who was a very dedicated member of this community and passed away 3/20/2023 at the age of 86.

Don was a long time member of IBEW Local 134 electricians and served as an electrical inspector and Village of Alsip Trustee from 1985-2007.



Donald Castaldo Sr.
December 11, 1936 - March 20, 2023

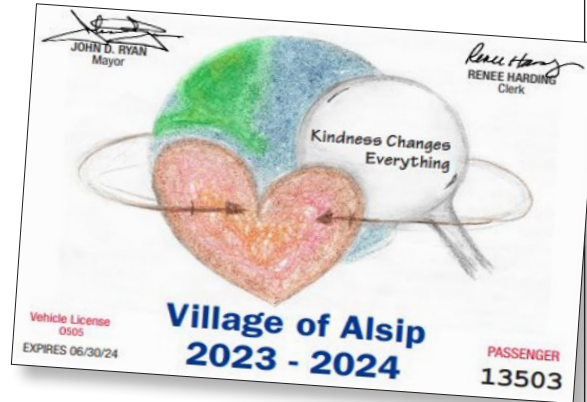
Message from the Village Clerk



Renee Harding
Village Clerk

Stickers may be purchased in person, through the mail, or online. If you have previously purchased a discounted vehicle sticker as a senior, disabled, or military/veteran resident, you can now mail in your payment with the completed form or online by visiting www.villageofalsip.org and click on the top toolbar where it says "On Line Services" then "Purchase Vehicle Sticker". You will no longer need to come to the Village Hall in person to get your vehicle sticker.

Only one vehicle sticker per household shall be eligible for the discounted vehicle license be that senior, disabled or military/veteran.



Vehicle Sticker Contest

This year the Clerk's Office held a contest amongst Alsip schools for the vehicle sticker design. The theme was **Kindness Changes Everything**. The winner received a \$25 gift card, one free vehicle sticker for their household, and of course their design on the 2023-2024 vehicle sticker.

Our winner was **Cassidy King**. Cassidy is a 7th grader at Prairie Junior High School.

Her explanation of the design was:



"My design shows 4 objects. A world, magnifying glass, heart, and 2 arrows. These 4 objects represent the world changing by kindness and realization. The world represents everything worldwide, the heart represents love and kindness, the arrows represent changing, and lastly the magnifying glass represents visualization."

Congratulations to Cassidy and thank you to all of the students that participated in our contest!!



Yard Waste services are provided by **Republic Services** and will be collected on **Fridays from April 1st until November 30th**. Landscape waste (grass, leaves, branches, brush and other vegetative waste, excluding dirt, clay or other inorganic material) must not be mixed with garbage. Yard waste needs to be placed in a yard waste bag or an appropriately labeled container not to exceed 33-gallon capacity and must not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Tree and shrub trimmings shall be tied and in bundles not exceeding fifty (50) pounds and forty-one (41") in length. Yard waste may not be placed in plastic bags, drums, or fiber drums.

Yard Waste Only stickers are available at the Village Hall Clerk's Office.

Birth Announcement



Brittany and her husband Alex welcomed their first child into their hearts on February 22, 2023.

Bryce Allen was 6 pounds 11 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long.

Brittany and Bryce are both doing very well. The Clerk's Office could not be happier for them, and looking forward to her being back in the office!

Congratulations!

A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller
Police Chief

Alsip P.D. Partners with the Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team (TRT)

The CCSO developed and implemented the Sheriff's Treatment Response Team ("TRT") in order to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on Cook County and its residents.

The TRT utilizes a Co-Response Model for mental health incidents, which combines law enforcement resources with assistance from Licensed Clinical Social Workers to connect individuals suffering from a mental duress, mental health issues, and/or substance abuse disorder with harm-reduction and substance abuse treatment services.

The Alsip PD provides law enforcement services within its jurisdiction and is partnering with the CCSO in order to connect citizens in real-time, to mental health and substance abuse services during community calls for law enforcement service.

The Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Call or text:
309-4ME-HELP (463-4357)

Providing assistance with:

Inpatient & Outpatient Placement - Family & Caregiver Support - Medical Assisted Treatment
- Naloxone (& Training) - Mental Health Services - Crisis Intervention - Detox Services



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are Hiring Police Officers!

Stop by the Police Department and fill out a pre-application card to be notified of the next testing date or check our app for updates.

2023 Cop on a Rooftop

in support of Special Olympics

Illinois will take place on Friday,

May 19, 2023 from 5am-12pm



Check on the Village website and Alsip P.D. Facebook for location and updates.



In 2022, the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run had more than 310 locations hosted and raised more than \$950,000 for the 21,000 tradition athletes and 9,000 Young Athletes that participate in Special Olympics Illinois programs. This was only possible because of the hard work and dedication of departments like yours!



PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

Attention Hyundai/Kia Owners

A TikTok trend is making its rounds on the internet depicting an effortless method to start/steal a KIA/Hyundai using a USB charger. The hashtag #KiaBoys quickly spread on social media resulting in KIA's & Hyundai is being targeted for motor vehicle thefts. The suburbs of Metropolitan Chicago are being targeted, particularly large public parking lots and apartment complexes.

What you can do to protect your property:

1. If you have a garage, park your car inside.
2. Lock your doors.
3. If you have an alarm, turn it on.
4. Park in a well-lit area.
5. Pick up your free "Club" at the Police Department
(Available Mon-Fri 8am-4pm).

The "Club" is being offered compliments of Hyundai and Kia for Hyundai and Kia owners ONLY. Must show proof of Alsip Residency and proof of purchase of a Village Vehicle Sticker. Supplies are limited. First come, first served.

Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski
Fire Chief

2023 is here and off to a fast start. It is hard to believe it is March already. At the time of this writing, we have had only 4" of snow for our winter and has been very mild. I hope that as you are reading this, this is still true or at least close. Hopefully everyone has put their snow blowers away and have their lawnmowers ready to go!!

Since the last newsletter there have some changes here at the Alsip Fire Department. During the last letter, I mentioned that we have several new vehicles coming. Well, they have arrived and have been placed in service.



We have a new ambulance that went in service in November. The primary ambulance responds from Fire Station #1.

It is our 2nd ambulance with a sliding side door for the safety of our firefighters especially in traffic ways. Because of the on-going supply chain issues, we have ordered an identical ambulance that will be delivered sometime in 2024. We also put in service a mini-squad. This is not a new concept to our department. The fire department used one from 1977 until 1994 (all 3 generations shown).

This unit responds to all EMS calls and auto accidents on fire station #1's side of town, all brush fires and accidents with entrapment. It stores all of our specialized and heavy rescue equipment and has the capabilities for brush fires. It stores 300 gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam. This unit is much more effective and efficient for responding to the majority of our calls instead of putting wear and tear on our large fire apparatus and uses quite a bit less of fuel.



Pictured left to right Kevin O'Connor, Fire & Police Commission, Mayor Ryan, Candidate McArdle, Chief Styczynski

At the time of this writing, we will be processing and hiring a new firefighter. His name is Trevor McArdle. He has been a firefighter for several years now with both the Bourbonnais Fire District and Monee Fire Dist. Trevor is one of three new firefighters that we will be adding to our firefighting staff to bring our shift staff up to 36. This includes lieutenants and firefighters. Our department has not seen 36 since 2010 when we lost 6 by attrition and only have been able to regain 3. We look forward to our new firefighters and providing a better service to our residents and businesses with the added staff.

Our annual business inspections began in February to ensure that all businesses are compliant with the life safety codes. This keeps the businesses protected and their employees, customers and our firefighters safe. There are quite a few new buildings being constructed and some buildings being added on or remodeling which also keeps our fire prevention bureau very busy. It is also a good problem to have because of the positive impact it has on our village. Our Public Education Coordinators are working on more programs for our Community Risk Reduction program. These programs include CPR programs for our residents and businesses, the 7th & 8th graders at both Hamlin and Prairie Jr. highs, our fire extinguisher training for businesses and "Stop the Bleed" program for our businesses. New this year for our residents we will be offering home inspections and installation of 10 year smoke detectors (which is a program of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office). This information will be coming out shortly.

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2023 Water Main Replacement Projects



Dan Tryban
Water Department
Commissioner

The Village of Alsip Water Department will be looking to get an early start on the 2023 Water Main Replacement Projects this spring.

This year's projects consist of the replacement of 2300 feet of existing water main along 115th Place from Kolin Avenue to Joalycy Drive and 1300 feet of existing water main along 118th Place from Karlov Avenue to Tripp Avenue, including Jo Bev Lane. The project also includes the installation of new valves and valve vaults, fire hydrant assemblies, water services, and all necessary restoration and related work.



FIRE DEPARTMENT — continued from page 5

Non-Emergencies - If you have a **non-emergency call** such as a smoke detector chirping, carbon monoxide alarm or anything of that sort, **still call 911**. Calling the non-emergency number still goes to our dispatch center. **DO NOT CALL the fire stations for these types of calls.** If our crews are out on a call or training there is no one there to answer the phone. Your best bet is to call 911.



No Lights, No Sirens Request -

The Alsip Fire Department does not respond to emergency calls with no lights or sirens. There are certain and very narrow criteria where we do respond with no lights or sirens. If you ask our dispatcher to send the ambulance with no lights or sirens,

they will inform you that we don't respond that way. If you are calling in an emergency, we are coming with lights and sirens. There are state vehicle laws that we must follow. Most ask for no lights or sirens because they do not want their neighbors to know we are at your house. However, you can't miss our ambulance or our big red fire engine, they will know.

In conclusion, the Alsip Fire Department is committed to providing the best service possible for any emergency you have and additional support that you may need from our fire prevention or public education programs.

Thomas Styczynski,
Fire Chief, Alsip Fire Dept.

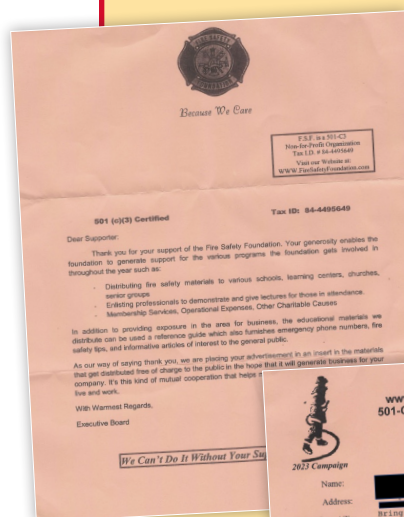


COMMUNITY ALERT!

There are reports that there is an organization going around collecting for local fire departments. They are based out of Florida.

The Alsip Fire Department and most departments in the Chicagoland area do not use a vendor to collect for the fire departments.

If you see these decals or logo, beware of them. We also do not go door to door to collect money or ask for donations.



News from the Public Works Department



Mike Fraider
Public Works

Public Works have added 2 new trucks to our fleet and expecting a 3rd one by end of April. We received in September 2022 our white Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 dump truck with plow. We just received in March 2023 our red Ford 350 4x4 pickup truck with snow plow that was ordered March 2022.



Branch Pick-Up Schedule

WEST OF CICERO Monday/Tuesday

April 10, 11
May 8, 9
June 12, 13
July 10, 11
August 14, 15
September 11, 12
October 9, 10

EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI Wednesday/Thursday

April 12, 13
May 10, 11
June 14, 15
July 12, 13
August 16, 17
September 13, 14
October 11, 12

EAST OF PULASKI Friday

April 14
May 12
June 16
July 14
August 18
September 15
October 13

- Please remember this is a BRANCH PICK UP ONLY.
- This service is offered to homeowners in the Village of Alsip.
- Condo associations, apartments, and businesses should make arrangements with a private tree service or waste hauler to have their branches picked up.
- Branches MUST BE STACKED NEATLY on the parkway with cut ends facing the roadway no longer than 4 feet in length and less than 6 inches in diameter.
- Bushes with root balls still attached must have dirt completely knocked off.
- Branches should be placed out no sooner than 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding your first scheduled pick-up day.
- Residents that remove a tree themselves MUST contact Public Works to schedule a pickup.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO PICK UP FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Trees cut down by a professional tree service or contractor will not be picked up.
- Large tree trunks and large diameter stumps will not be picked up.
- Branches placed on parkway that contain debris of any sort will not be picked up.
- Branches not stacked neatly on parkway or meeting size requirements will not be picked up.
- Branches from condo associations, apartments, and businesses will not be picked up.

Your cooperation will assist us with performing a safe, rapid, and efficient service. Please contact the Alsip Public Works Department (708) 385-6902 ext. 364 if you have any questions.

Welcome!

Public Works would like to welcome our newest part-time maintenance employee, **Mike Thompson**.



Mike loves his kids & grandkids and is recently retired but can't stay still. Which is a plus for us.

Welcome to our group Mike.

Street Sweeping Schedule

WEST OF CICERO

April 17, 18
May 15, 16
June 19, 20
July 17, 18
August 21, 22
September 18, 19
October 16, 17
November 13, 14

EAST OF CICERO

April 19, 20
May 17, 18
June 21, 22
July 19, 20
August 23, 24
September 20, 21
October 18, 19
November 15, 16

All parked vehicles are to be removed from the roadway between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the days the sweeper is scheduled to clean your area. The sweeper will not return to sweep an area where a parked car has been moved.

Your cooperation will assist us in performing a safe, rapid, and efficient service.



The program incorporates life-saving and decision-making skills in order to decrease injury and mortality; providing help when an unplanned disastrous event unfolds which has the potential to overwhelm the existing response capability. Volunteers focused on disaster preparedness, practiced fire suppression, emergency operations, basic search and rescue techniques, organizing resources, basic medical operations, how to use a fire extinguisher and basic damage assessment.

The CERT program is part of a nationwide effort to empower citizens in preparedness and response to major emergencies. The training curriculum was developed and approved for the National CERT Program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

Those interested in registering for the CERT Course should contact Charles Geraci, Department of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Village of Alsip, (708) 254-2900 or cgeraci@villageofalsip.org. Class size is limited to 30.



ALSIP CERT CLASS #6

The next annual basic 20-hour course will begin on September 6, 2023. Recruiting for the class will begin sometime in late February or March. Many people have already expressed interest in attending the class.

4th Annual Appreciation Dinner and Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

The 4th Annual Appreciation Dinner and Presidential Volunteer Service Awards was held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the Alsip Village Hall. After dinner, a short awards ceremony took place.



2022 Presidential Service Award Recipients

GOLD

500 and Above



Laura Braden



SILVER

250 - 499 Hours



Timothy McGarry

BRONZE

100 - 249 Hours



Julie Biernat



Michelle Brown



Christopher Guzman



Jennifer Kotel



Phillip Mason

(Not pictured)
Tyra Coleman

***Congratulations to all award recipients!
Special thanks to all members for their service
and commitment to Alsip CERT.***

Alsip Boat Launch Howes Landing Opens April 1

Alsip Boat Launch Howes Landing located off of 127th St and Laramie Ave. will open for the season April 1st and runs through October 31st.

The Village of Alsip wishes you all a safe and happy boating season. Seasonal Permits are on sale as of April 1st, Monday thru Friday at the Village Hall at 4500 W 123rd St or at the Launch from attendant effective May 26th Thursday thru Sunday. For more information call (708)385-6902.



Fees:	\$10.00 Daily Launch & parking for vehicle with trailer
	\$60.00 Season Launch and parking for vehicle with a trailer
	\$2.00 Boat Launch parking for additional passenger vehicles
	\$125.00 Boat Dealers per season

The Village of Alsip Police Department patrols and enforces all parking and safety regulations at the village ramp area. Open Alcohol is strictly prohibited on the ramp and parking areas. Violators will be arrested. Boating and safety violations are enforced in conjunction with U.S. Coast Guard and Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Non-Staffed Payment must be made by using the Drop Box, located at the entrance of the launch area. Non-payment will result in citations being issued. Fees are required for additional days of parking after launching. Unsafe conduct will result in ejection from the ramp area.

HOMETOWN HERO

BANNER PROGRAM

Eligibility:

Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of Alsip and must have served in any of the following branches of service:

Army ★ Navy ★ Air Force ★ Marines
Coast Guard ★ National Guard

Ordering a Banner:

To order a banner, simply fill out the application that is provided at the Village Hall or on the Village's website:

villageofalsip.org
alsipchamber.org

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall. Applications also available at the Alsip-Merrionete Park Library.

Photo Requirements:

Photos submitted should be in reasonably good condition. Photos of the individual in uniform are preferred. The original photos will be returned.

Cost:

The fee for participation is **\$100** and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period mentioned below.

Banner Display:

Banners will be displayed approximately from Memorial Day through Veterans Day for a period of two years.

If requested on the application, banners that are removed at the end of the two-year display period will be provided to the applicant.

Applications will be accepted from September 1st through March 31st of each year.

~Village of Alsip~
Alsip Chamber of Commerce

Robert W. Klett



Army

HOMETOWN HERO

LET'S DO OUR PART!

VILLAGE OF ALSIP CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9am-12pm

Meet at Alsip Village Hall
4500 W. 123rd Street



NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Please Call or Email

Becky Smith

(708)-385-6902 x 2317

Bsmith@villageofalsip.org

Alsip Village Residents

GOT OLD ELECTRONICS?



Schedule a free E-waste pick-up, one item per month.

**Call Republic Services at
708-385-8252**

E-WASTE



Acceptable items include:

- Computers, monitors, scanners, printers
- TVs, stereos
- Refrigerators, microwaves
- Air conditioners
- anything with a cord

Alsip's Village Wide



September 15, 16, & 17

8am-5pm

For map of participants go to

www.Villageofalsip.org

Get to know your fellow neighbors
and find some new goodies!
A list of participating residents will be
available on Monday, September 11
at the Village Hall, the Park District, the
Library, and on the Village Website at
www.Villageofalsip.org



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Board /Committee Meetings

The Alsip Village Board meets the first and third Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Alsip Village Hall located at 4500 West 123rd Street. Committee Meetings are held the second and last Monday of each month.

Village Hall Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tues-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday – closed

Police, Fire or Paramedic

Emergency dial 9-1-1

Non-Emergency . . . 708-385-6131

Department Phone Directory

All departments of the Village can be reached by dialing **708-385-6902**, then add the extension of the department you wish to contact.

The following is a list of department extensions:

Office of the Mayor 2317
Office of the Village Clerk . . . 2319
Office of the Treasurer 2331
Building Department 2335
Building Commissioner. 2328
Civil Defense 2244
Environmental Health 2336
Fire Chief 2235
Police Chief 2243
Public Works 2364
Water Department 2327
Water Commissioner. 2325

We would like to inform everyone the Village has converted over to a **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**. The new system requires a **four-digit extension**. If you have the persons old extension, please **add a two (2) in front of the old extension**. If not, you can reach each department by dialing the main number and following the prompts listed below.

Village Hall Call 708-385-6902

- 1 - Water Department
- 2 - Building Department
- 3 - Public Works
- 4 - Police Department
- 5 - Fire Department
- 6 - Clerks Office
- 7 - Accounting
- 8 - Mayor's Office



Village of Alsip SPRING FLOWER SALE

Village Hall • 4500 W. 123rd Street

**Friday, May 12th
9am-4pm**

**Saturday, May 13th
10am-1pm**

10" Hanging Baskets — \$18.00

10" Premium — \$20.00

12" — \$25.00

48ct Flats Variety — \$14.00 each

4.5" Geraniums mix of colors — \$5.00 each

11" Geranium Tubs 2 per pot, mix of colors — \$20.00 each

CASH OR CHECK ONLY • WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!

Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 4