



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 3, 2017**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

***Places to be this Week...***

**Village Council Meeting** - The next Village Council meeting will be held on **March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

***Future Calendar Reminders...***

**Village Council Meeting** - The next Village Council meeting will be held on **March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

**Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting** - The Village of Downers Grove will be co-hosting the March 11th meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting with Landmarks Illinois and the Friends of the Edwards House. The meeting will be held at Avery Coonley School and will highlight the Village's recent changes to the Historic Preservation program. The agenda is attached.

**Cross-Connection Control Survey**

Every drinking water system in Illinois is required to have a cross connection control program, more commonly known as a backflow prevention program. Backflow prevention is designed to protect the public water supply from contamination from non-drinkable sources. Cross-connection hazards exist in a variety of places, such as factories, processing plants, laundries, dental offices and hair salons. Residential in-ground sprinkler systems are also capable of contaminating the public drinking water if they are not properly protected, for example.

One part of a backflow program is a bi-annual survey of all residential water customers. The survey asks water customers a few questions about the presence of potential cross connections created by lawn irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, boilers and hot tubs or in-ground pools. This year's survey is being sent to 15,125 single family homes and gives homeowners the option to reply by mail, fax or online. There are no consequences to homeowners for not replying, but everyone's cooperation helps protect the quality of the community's drinking water. It is expected that the survey will be received by homeowners within the next week. Customers that identify potential sources of backflow may be contacted by staff at a future date for follow up. The Village's next such survey will take place in 2019.

**Attachments**

Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting agenda

Cross-Connection Control survey



Friends of the Edwards House



## **Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting**

Hosted by Landmarks Illinois  
the Village of Downers Grove,  
and The Friends of the Edwards House

**Avery Coonley School / 1400 Maple Avenue / Downers Grove, IL 60515**

Saturday, March 11, 2017

### **AGENDA**

9:30 -10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcome and Legislative Update – Lisa DiChiera, Director of Advocacy,  
Landmarks Illinois

10:15-11:45 Downers Grove Presentation

- History of Preservation in Downers Grove – Stan Popovich, Director of Community Development, Village of Downers Grove
  1. 2007 Historic Preservation Ordinance
  2. Edwards House / Marquis on Maple – Tom Nybo, Vice Chair & Founder, Friends of the Edwards House
  3. 2015 Historic Preservation Ordinances Changes
  4. Recent Successes
- Friends of the Edwards House, Local Advocacy Group – Rich Kulovany, Chair, Friends of the Edwards House
- DG Historical Society and DG Museum Historic Home Program - Liz Chalberg, president of the DG Historical Society
- Foursquare Initiative – Amy Gassen, Co-Founder, American Foursquares of Downers Grove

11:45-12:30 Complimentary Lunch

12:30-1:15 Avery Coonley School Tour



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## Open To the Public

- 1:15-1:30 Pierce Downer Home Landmark Certificate Ceremony: Martin T. Tully, Mayor Village of Downers Grove and Art and Judy Frigo, homeowners
- 1:30-2:15 Presentation on Financial Incentives – Anthony Rubano, Project Designer, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- 20% federal Historic Tax Credit for historic income-producing buildings
  - 10% federal tax credit for non-historic commercial structures older than 1936
  - 50% Disabled Access tax credit
  - Property Tax Assessment Freeze program for owner-occupied housing
- 2:15-2:30 Presentation by Willis Johnson, Tivoli Enterprises, regarding past use of the Federal Historic Tax Credit program at the Classic Cinemas' Woodstock Theatre, Woodstock, IL.



Customer Name or Current Occupant  
Customer Address  
City, St Zip

Dear Water Customer:

The Village of Downers Grove is dedicated to providing water to your home that is safe and clean. An important part of this is ensuring the effective control of cross connections. A cross connection is a point where your water supply pipe comes into contact with a source that could contaminate the water. Lawn irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, hot tubs/spas and in ground pools are examples of cross connections. If left unprotected, cross connections can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the water system through “backflow”. Backflow occurs when a drop in water pressure causes water to flow in the opposite direction, increasing the potential for contaminated water to flow back into the system.

To ensure the integrity of the water supply, the Village has established a Cross Connection Control program in compliance with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requirements. Backflow Solutions, Inc. is a professional service company contracted by the Village to inspect the water supply and assist in the maintenance of this program.

Your participation in a comprehensive survey of the water system will help determine where cross connections exist. Please file your survey report online at [www.bsiprograms.com/surveys](http://www.bsiprograms.com/surveys). Alternatively, you may complete the below form and fax it to 888-414-4990.

By working together and cooperating in this critical program, we can further protect our water from potential contamination. If you have any questions, please contact Backflow Solutions, Inc at 800-414-4990.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Christine Walsh / Backflow Administrator for the Village of Downers Grove  
BSI Online



Village of Downers Grove Water Survey RE: Property Address / Acct Number XXXXXXXXXX

Please check whether or not you have the following:

- |                                       |                          |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                       | YES                      | NO                       |
| Lawn Irrigation (Lawn Sprinklers):    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire Sprinklers (Not smoke detector): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boiler (Not water heater):            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hot Tub/Spa/In-ground Pool:           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is your residence part of an HOA:     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have one of the above items, and know of an existing backflow prevention device at your home, please list your backflow prevention assembly information:

Manufacturer	Model	Serial	Size

I affirm all of this information to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_