



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 20, 2013**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

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

**Village Council Meeting** - No Village Council meeting this week.

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

**Holiday Closings** - Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and January 1.

**Village to Begin Communications on Concealed Carry** - In preparation for the Firearm Concealed Carry Act to go into effect, the Village will begin to inform the public. The purpose of informing residents is to reduce the anticipated questions or confusion when signs and other information begin to appear in public buildings. Staff has been working with intergovernmental partners to create uniform signage as required by law. The law allows approved licensees to carry concealed or mostly concealed handguns in many public places. Applications for concealed carry licenses will be available on January 5, 2014, with the first licenses being issued no later than April 4, 2014.

According to the law, **prohibited** concealed carry areas include, but are not limited to:

- Schools/Childcare Facilities
- Local Government Buildings
- Public Parks and Playgrounds
- Public Libraries
- Hospitals
- Public Transportation
- Events on Public Property that Require a Permit from the Village (this will include Block Parties or community events, such as 5K races)

The Village will advise the public to call 9-1-1 if they have reasonable suspicion that someone is carrying a firearm in a prohibited area.

All prohibited areas, including the ones listed above, are **required** to post State approved signage clearly and conspicuously at all entrances. In the coming weeks signs identical to the one below will be posted in all Village buildings, schools and Park District facilities, advising that firearms are prohibited. Private businesses may also prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms if they wish by posting the signage at all entrances to their business.



Public gatherings or special events conducted on property open to the public that require a permit from the Village are designated as prohibited areas under the law. This includes block parties and races that take place in the Village. Village staff is adding information to special events permits and instructions to inform event organizers of the new requirements. Village staff will provide the proper signage and posting instructions to event organizers.

Additional information about concealed carry can be found here:

- [Firearm Concealed Carry Act](#)
- [Illinois State Police Website: Concealed Carry FAQ](#)