



**GEORGE'S MARKET**

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF PRAIRIE  
AND FIRST, CLOSED 1998.  
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**JARNECKE'S GENERAL STORE**

LOCATED ON CENTER STREET, 1970'S.  
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# THE PRAIRIE CHICKEN IS THE CORNER STORE MAKING A COMEBACK?

By **Brian Wolf**, *Revitalize Des Plaines*



The Prairie Chicken, soon to open at Prairie and First Avenues, seeks to bring back a neighborhood resource of the old days – the corner store.

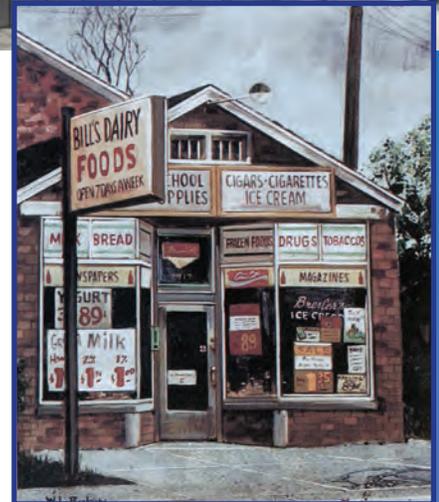
While still often seen in dense, walkable cities like Chicago, corner stores have fallen by the wayside in the suburbs, where most convenience shopping is now done at convenience stores like 7-11. Groceries are now bought weekly at supermarkets, warehouse stores, and department stores instead of at bakeries, butchers, and corner groceries.

Most subdivisions had a small shopping area for the convenience of residents, many who had at most one car per household. Many longtime residents remember a grocery store on Prairie, best known as George's Market and previously Senne's Prairie Market, which survived into the late 1990s. The Prairie and First intersection was at one time one of the city's bigger neighborhood shopping districts. By 1916, Wolf Schwab's Des Plaines Manor store was already serving the neighborhood. Senne's probably took over this business eventually, which seems to have been in the yellow brick apartment building at Prairie and Second.

The area once was home to a number of businesses, including Ray's West Side, Boomer's Tap, a bakery, a meat market, a gas station, and several other stores. After the nearby Soo Line railroad passenger station closed, many of these businesses began a long decline.

Of course, what is remembered best about these stores is often their candy selection. Jarnecke's Oakwood Dairy at Oakwood and Center is fondly remembered by generations of Des Plaines school children. In the middle of town was Wegner's on Algonquin, now an unusually rectangular-looking house. Southsiders recall The Little Store at 1460 Prospect Avenue, a penny candy shop run by Henry and Helen Senne. On Oakton, Runde's/Bill's Dairy came complete with a soda fountain.

Will The Prairie Chicken go on to be as happily remembered as these others? Only if you patronize your local businesses.



**TOP:** THE PRAIRIE CHICKEN CORNER STORE AT THE CORNER OF PRAIRIE AND FIRST WILL BE OPENING SOON

**BOTTOM:** BILL'S DAIRY ON OAKTON. PHOTO COURTESY OF MENSCHING FAMILY ARCHIVES

# NEW CONTRACT IS NOT RUBBISH

## *eWASTE RECYCLING AVAILABLE*

**By Denise Rodd, 3rd Ward Alderman**

Our new contract with Republic Services (formerly ARC) went into effect on April 1, 2014. Besides lower bills, Des Plaines residents can enjoy eWaste recycling at the curbside. Small items can be placed in the blue recycling bin. Larger items such as computer monitors, radios, and televisions can be placed on the curb next to the blue recycling bin. For items over 50 pounds, Republic asks that you contact them ahead of your pick up day at (847) 981-

0091 or visit their customer service center on their website at <http://www.republicservices.com/site/chicagoland/en/pages/customer-services.aspx>

The same unlimited service we had with our former contract is still in place. For larger appliances and large amounts of waste, contact Republic at least a day before your pick up day. If a pickup was missed at your home or your neighbor's, contact Republic, and a supervisor will return.

# SUMMER DAYS DRIFTING AWAY *BUT OH, THOSE SUMMER NIGHTS!*

With all the fun scheduled in Des Plaines this summer, why leave home?

## **SUNDAY SCOOP**

Look for elected officials scooping ice cream for residents around Des Plaines on Sundays this summer. Visit [www.facebook.com/DP3rdWard](http://www.facebook.com/DP3rdWard) for the schedule.

## **SUMMER FLING**

Friday, June 27-Saturday, June 28  
The Special Events Commission has direct input into this year's festival, so expect more of what you liked about the old Taste of Des Plaines.

## **DES PLAINES YOUTH COMMISSION CO-REC HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

Every Saturday night, every hour starting at 6:00 p.m. June through August. High school students, including incoming freshmen, form teams that play at Rand Park (behind Mystic Waters) through the summer. For more info, go to [www.desplainesparks.org](http://www.desplainesparks.org).

## **LATE NIGHT IN THE PARK**

Children in grades 5-10 are welcome spend Saturday evenings from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. each month through October at Mountain View Adventure Center (Prairie Lakes) with friends. Adult-supervised activities include unlimited mini-golf, batting cages, ga-

rage band concerts and more for \$10 admission.

## **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**

Friday, July 4  
10:00 a.m. start at corner of Center and Wicke, going north to Prairie Avenue. This is an awesome tradition to share with friends, family and neighbors.

## **MAYOR'S CURB APPEAL CHALLENGE**

Monday, June 30 – Deadline to register your home. Don't forget to take "before" photos to qualify.  
Saturday, July 5 – Everyone votes!  
[www.DesPlaines.org/curbappeal](http://www.DesPlaines.org/curbappeal)

# SMOOTHING OUT THE BUMPS DP ROAD WORK

Subscribe to the City's automated construction alerts, and get the latest updates and road closures for projects going on around Des Plaines. Go to <http://www.desplaines.org/Blog.aspx?CID=1>, and click the "Notify Me" link on the right side. Once you sign in with your email address, you can choose which alerts you would like to receive, and if you would like them by email, text, or both.

1 - Thacker from Wolf to First will be closed for the first half of June for reconstruction: storm sewer separation, new storm sewer, curbs, sidewalks, driveway apron replacement (where necessary), 4" new asphalt, and new parkway sod. Complete details are at

<http://www.desplaines.org/Blog.aspx?CID=1>

2 - The Flood Water Master Plan project at Prairie Avenue at First will begin once the work on Thacker is complete. Public Works does not want to close both Prairie and Thacker at the same time, or drivers will have a difficult time traversing the City.

3 - Starting around July 7, Dennis Place will get new storm sewer, complete street reconstruction, all new curbs and driveway aprons. Sidewalks will be replaced as necessary, and new parkway sod installed.

4 - Date TBA, Prairie Ave. from Third to Fifth will be resurfaced with 2" of new asphalt. Take it slow through here always, but even slower now.



**TOP:** AS A CURRENT GIRL SCOUT LEADER, DENISE TAKES PART IN TOURS AND MOCK COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOPS WHO VISIT CITY HALL. THIS JUNIOR

TROOP FROM FOREST SCHOOL DISCUSSED A MOTION TO ALLOW CHICKENS AS PETS (MOTION CARRIED). **BOTTOM LEFT:** THIS BROWNIE TROOP

FROM FOREST SCHOOL GIVES THE GIRL SCOUT SIGN. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** DENISE PARTICIPATED IN THE FLAG CEREMONY TO OPEN THE DES PLAINES YOUTH BASEBALL SEASON AT WEST PARK IN MAY.



# WARD R3PORT

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THERE WILL **NOT** BE A  
3RD WARD MEETING IN JULY.  
WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE  
AT THE JULY 4TH PARADE!

THE WARD R3PORT USES NO TAXPAYER FUNDS, AND IS RUN COMPLETELY BY VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR FAMILY-OWNED DES PLAINES BUSINESS FEATURED, CONTACT ALDERMAN RODD.

**BELOW:** ADVERTISEMENT FOR WOLF SCHWAB'S DES PLAINES MANOR STORE LOCATED AT PRAIRIE AND SECOND. COURTESY OF WOLF FAMILY ARCHIVES.



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## WOLF SCHWAB'S Des Plaines Manor Store

For the Very Things You NEED

PRAIRIE & SECOND AVES.

# HAULING ASH OUR SYSTEMATIC TREE REMOVAL PLAN

Many ash trees did not survive this harsh winter, and the City has a systematic approach to removal of dead and diseased trees. These are the borders of the areas in order of the tree removal plan from now until the end of the year:

First Section: between the Canadian National Railroad (CN) and Des Plaines River Road going north from Algonquin Road to the Union Pacific Railroad (UP).

Second Section: between Alfini Drive and the CN going south from the UP

Railroad to Oakton Street.

Third Section: between Wolf Road and the CN going south from Oakton Street to Touhy Avenue.

The \$55 replacement tree cost to residents (over \$300 to the City) is offset by the savings on air conditioning bills, cleaner air, flooding mitigation, increased value to our properties, and the beauty that the tree canopy brings to our neighborhoods. Replace trees when possible and invest in the future of Des Plaines.

## SPEEDY, NEW CODE POLICY

The Building Department is the busiest place in City Hall as summer construction season is in full swing. With the City Council's adoption of the 2012 International Code Council's family of codes, getting through the review and permit process will be faster than ever. Under direction from the City Manager, Building Department staff worked to eliminate redundancies, outdated and improperly located codes, and most local amendments. Bring your plans to the 3rd Floor of City Hall, and get your projects started now!

## FIREWORK SAFETY

The Des Plaines fireworks ordinance goes above and beyond Illinois State laws that regulate fireworks. If you need an open flame to ignite fireworks (including sparklers, worms and punks), it is PROHIBITED in Des Plaines. Fireworks cause serious injuries to users and put public safety at risk.

The Police and Fire Departments will focus efforts on enforcing the ordinance using a training program about commercial grade fireworks created by a former ATF

Bomb Squad officer from the 3rd Ward. Commercial grade fireworks are the large explosives typically used for licensed shows under the supervision of professionals. Unlawful users of these types of fireworks can be charged with a felony. If you see these types of explosives set off by residents near their homes, call 911, and give the address or approximate address.