



## 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN DENISE RODD

March 11, 2015

### AGENDA

- ICash- State of Illinois Treasurer
- Citywide Issues
  - o Plowing
  - o Parkway Trees

### GUESTS

Barbara Chalko, State of Illinois Treasurer's Department

### CITYWIDE ISSUES

- Plowing:
  - o Sidewalks are not always cleared along the following: Graceland, Senior Center, and Bus Stops. Businesses along strip malls are responsible to keep their part of sidewalks cleared. Downtown area is within a TIF, which pays to keep sidewalks cleared for pedestrian traffic. Senior Center is not cleared making it difficult to walk or having to walk in the parking lot. Businesses are issued citations if walks are not shoveled/plowed in front of their business. Denise is willing to present a budget allowing for sidewalk shoveling/plowing throughout Des Plaines; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward meeting participants agreed that this should be taken under consideration.
  - o Streets: Thank you to our Public Works Department in their efforts to keep the City's streets clear. Curbs are not completely cleared, leaving snowbanks about a foot or more from the curb, which makes it hard to maneuver vehicles. (One reason for not clearing closer to curbs is to not damage the plow blade.) Public Works does not plow all of Des Plaines, there are streets that are covered by both county and state.
  - o Citizen Action Request (CAR) on the City's website is available and has been used to make snow clearing requests.
- Parkway Trees: Residents that have trees removed do not need to pay for a replacement tree. What of those that have already paid for a tree? Reimbursement will be given to those folks that ordered a tree but have not yet been planted. What if a person elected to not have a tree because of cost? Yes, they are now allowed to order a tree at no cost. Trees already planted on parkways will not be reimbursed.
- Which Fire Station has the newest ambulance? Station 3 on Dempster/Thacker has the new ambulance in service. Station 2 on Oakton is scheduled to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance.

### STATE OF ILLINOIS ICASH PROGRAM:

Barbra Chalko from the State of Illinois' Treasurers' office came by to talk about the ICash Program and help you to discover what is yours. State Treasurer Michael Frerichs just started. Barbara has been with the State of Illinois for 12 years. Treasurer's Department is responsible for the financial portion of the state's investing and banking.

Barbara is in a different financial division called ICash that gives back unclaimed property to individuals. ICash is a lost and found for unclaimed property for old and forgotten bank accounts, uncashed paychecks, insurance refunds, stock funds, estates and safety deposit boxes. By law the monies in the ICash cannot be used for anything within the State of Illinois and ICash is a holding place for these funds until claimants are found.

Does State auction property? Yes, if safety deposit box items. State does not have the space to hold all items. State will hold an auction periodically and then the cash from the property is turned over to claimant. How is the state notified of unclaimed property? Banks will notify ICash directly when there are unclaimed safety deposit boxes, savings accounts or paychecks forgotten.

To find out if you have unclaimed property go to [icash.illinois.gov](http://icash.illinois.gov), put in your name or a name of a relative (alive or deceased) and discover what may be in the database.

Unclaimed accounts are divided by categories of less than 10 (<10); between 10 – 100 (10-100); and greater than 100 (>100). It is done this way to protect from non-claimants trying to get at the monies. There is no fee for the service. To make a claim provide ownership with photocopy of the claim owners' social security card or 1040/1090 documentation showing SSN and claimant's address plus a photocopy of the owner's driver's license. If owner of claim is deceased, other forms may be required such as a Death Certificate and a Small Estate Affidavit and proof of your relationship to the deceased.

Barbara assisted 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents in attendance with claims to hidden property. (This writer just sent in her claim...will follow up on my found treasure.

#### NEXT MEETING

Date April 8, 2015 -- Prairie Lakes

Submitted by Ruth Bethscheider, volunteer

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