Despite delays, Niles Police anticipate new home

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fter some initial delays, the Niles Police Department are scheduled to move into their new facility at the corner of Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues the first of March.

"Construction is coming along," said Niles Deputy Police Chief Dean Strzelecki. "We had originally hoped to move in at the end of December, but the construction company had some problems with sub-contractors and we had some site problems."

"Among the site problems, were buried SBC Ameritech telephone lines that would have been too expensive to move. As a result, the garage level, which was originally designed to be constructed underground, has been built above.

"If you look at the building right now it appears to be three-stories," said Strzelecki. "But it was originally supposed to be only two with a buried garage." Workers are hurrying to "close up" the building by installing the windows and finishing the exterior walls.

"Currently, the crews are working on the masonry walls on the outside and inside of the building," said Strzelecki. "They hope to close up the building by the end of November and then move on to the interior work."

Workers have already completed the room that will eventually house the computer and phone equipment for the building. According to Strzelecki, it should be installed within the next five weeks.

"We have a five-week window to install the computer and phone equipment," he said. "It's already been ordered but we also have to wait for the utility companies. We're sort of at their mercy."

Once the building is completed, the Niles Police Department will move from the old building to the new, one division at a time.

"Everybody's excited," said Strzelecki. "These guys are working on top of each other over here. Sometimes the Chief has to have staff meetings in the kitchen."

The Department is scheduled to finish its move completely in three to four weeks.

"The Property Officer who has taken possession of all the evidence for court has to be present for the movement of all the evidence," Strzelecki said. "It has to remain in his custody so he has to move it himself or at least be present when it's being moved."

Once all the divisions have been moved from the old station, it will be demolished.

"It's going to be our parking lot," said Strzelecki.

Municipalities assess costs of garbage strike

WENDY ELLIS

Local Communities are still assessing the damage done to safety coffins by the recent nine-day garbage strike. Public works crews in most communities pitched in to haul away garbage from businesses, groceries and multi unit housing developments, and were getting ready to tackle perishable residential trash when the garbage haulers ratified a new contract and went back out on the street. Nonetheless, the various strategies pursued by the individual communities put an added wrinkle into already tight budgets in many municipalities.

In Park Ridge, officials are estimating the nine-day strike cost the city over $22,000 in overtime pay and rental of trucks, and additional secretarial hours to answer phones. "These are out of pocket expenses we would not have had to endure if they had not been on strike," said Saccomanno. "In addition, they did not provide us the service we were owed the days they were not on the street." That means the city's efforts to recover the cost will be two fold. The city will ask ARC Disposal to reimburse the out of pocket expenses, and then give the city an additional $30-$35,000 credit for the work they did not do. "We don't know what's going to happen," said Saccomanno. "But the city attorney is working on it."

In Niles, Village Manager Kay Morrissey says the village is still trying to add up the numbers. Niles also rented garbage trucks from downtown and put public works employees on the street to keep ahead of the situation.

As for Morton Grove, the village hauled 70.89 tons of garbage to the SWANCC landfill during the strike. Public Works Director Andy DeMonte says they aren't sure yet whether that bill will be paid by the village or by the village's waste hauler, Groot Disposal. As for paying the public works employees for their time, DeMonte says that would have been done anyway, they just would have been doing work other than hauling garbage.
Niles Fitness Center installs new sign
TRACY YOSIDA
The Niles Fitness Center will unveil a new, illuminated sign on the front of the building. The new sign will be a welcome addition to the building's facade.

T. Maniscalco, Niles Fitness Center Director, said, "It's a great tool to draw budget for the fitness center and the ambition was part of this year's people to the center." The sign will include the name of the fitness center, its location, and promotional information.

The old sign will remain on the building, but will be altered to include a new message, "Niles Fitness Center." The current sign has "Niles Family Fitness Center, 7200 W. Dempster Morton Grove, Restaurant & Pancake House, Favorites to Carry Out! Waukegan Newly Remodeled State's Cafe to Order." The new sign will be more visible and will include the name of the fitness center.

Niles Fitness Center Foundation now accepting beneficiary applications
The Morton Grove Foundation is now accepting applications from worthy 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations and other agencies or programs supporting the interest of the community. These subscriptions will enable the Foundation to make Morton Grove and its neighbors better communities in which to live. The Morton Grove Foundation believes in giving organizations, it can make Morton Grove and its neighbors better communities in which to live. The Morton Grove Foundation believes in giving organizations, it can make Morton Grove and its neighbors better communities in which to live.

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MORTON GROVE

- Racing boat burglarized
(7000 Golf)

Two racing motors valued at $3,500 were taken off a racing boat parked in storage in the 7900 block of Golf sometime between Oct. 8 and Oct. 10.

- Multiple trips to mens' room

Mom stuffs toy cars in son's pockets

A One Doc Dog store employee told Morton Grove police a man in his mid 20's walked into the store Wednesday night Oct. 13 and stood in the liquor aisle. She said that the man walked to the men's room and returned back to the liquor aisle several times over a 20 minute period and then left the store. The manager told police after the man left the store she went into the men's room and found 17 security sensors that were on the toilet. Police valued this loss at $75.

- Construction tools stolen

(500 block Touhy)

An 89-year-old Chicago woman visited her 3-year-old son.

An 89-year-old Chicago woman told police someone removed her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at a supermarket in the 5600 block of Touhy, Wednesday afternoon Oct. 15. The woman said she placed her purse in her shopping cart and when she went to pay for her groceries her wallet was missing.

- Rotisserie fire

(7300 Melvina)

Theft at $250.

The manager of the store full of clothing (5000 Dempster) told police someone tried to wheel out a cart full of clothing out of the store.

- $30 1/2 red potatoes

(5900 Dempster)

Woman tries to wheel out cart

A 42-year-old mother was arrested for shoplifting between the 5000 and 5600 block of Lincoln, Wednesday night Oct. 15.

- Two victims of theft

(500 block Touhy)

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- Wallet taken while shopping

(5900 Lincoln)

A 39-year-old woman told police someone removed her wallet while she was shopping at a supermarket in the 7300 block of Melvina, Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15.

- $373 in air

(5600 W. Touhy)

A woman was shopping at a supermarket in the 7500 block of Melvina.

- Boat parked in storage

(7900 Golf)

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