Garbage disposal looms large

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Garbage is the major issue of the day in Morton Grove, where the village is about to sign a new negotiated contract that shifts the cost of garbage pickup directly to the homeowner. Any number of meetings, both public and private, have been held on the subject, and even as the village reaches the 11th hour, there is still much disagreement over how and why a new contract is necessary.

"I think they're aware of the public's unhappiness with the thing," said Sherwin Dubrin, a 13-year resident of Morton Grove. "At these meetings it seems like all our complaints are falling on deaf ears."

Until now, a portion of the property tax paid by Morton Grove homeowners that goes into the general fund has been used to pay for garbage service. Under the newly negotiated 5-year contract with Groot, Inc., homeowners would pay Groot directly for the curbside pickup. A single-family homeowner would be billed around $185 annually. Multi-family residents will pay around $135 for the service. Groot will send the bill directly to the homeowner beginning in February. Residents can opt to pay the bill in full at that time and receive a 10 percent discount, or pay the fee quarterly. The new fee averages out to around $15.50 a month for single family homeowners, up from the roughly $13 a month per household now paid by the village. Of that $15.50, $11 is for Groot, the other $4.50 pays for the transfer of garbage to the SWANCC landfill.

"As long as we were negotiating a new agreement, we enhanced it," said Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski. "This is based on citizen comments. I've gotten letters saying "I don't have enough space for recycling" or "Can't we have lids on our containers?"" The new contract also includes two new wheeled garbage containers, a 65 gallon capacity and a 35 gallon capacity, being delivered to every home over the next two weeks. The Groot

Police respond to BB gun vandalism

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Niles, Morton Grove, Park Ridge, and many of the neighboring communities have fallen victim to BB gun vandalism in recent weeks. In many incidents, it appears that at least two individuals are driving around with a BB gun and, while one drives, the other shoots out car windows from the moving car.

"It's pretty widespread," said Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Tom Swoboda. "It's affecting Chicago and our neighboring suburbs."

Police are coordinating their efforts in order to deal with the vandalism as best as they can.

"We're treating it like any other crime," said Niles Deputy Police Chief Dean Strzelecki. "Our guys are getting out on the street and networking with other departments."

Niles didn't suffer the vandalism in the past week, according to Strzelecki. "But the week before we had quite a few."

Strzelecki said that it could be the same group committing the vandalism in all the communities, or it could be several different groups.

"Usually when you've got a rash like this it seems like it's the same group," he said. "They have the same [modus operandi]. But it's also possible that others are reading it in the newspapers and copying."

Morton Grove Police Commander Mark Erickson said that the incidents had stopped occurring in Morton Grove.

"We had two weekend nights of them," he said. "Obviously, someone was cruising up and down shooting out windows."

Erickson said that the vandalism was most likely being perpetrated by under-teenagers. Strzelecki said that it was possible that the incidents could peter out on their own. "If the vandalism is being committed by college students it could end when they went back to school," said Strzelecki. "The same goes for high school students."

But police are continuing to investigate. Erickson said that Morton Grove officers were conducting background information and laddered the cooperation between the various police departments.

"The cooperation is fabulous," he said. "When you have incidents like these, they don't know borders."

Swoboda said the community could help by being more aware.

"Parents, if they know their kids have a BB gun, should pay attention," he said. "They shouldn't be naive and think that it couldn't be their kids."

Another way the community could be aware is by responding to the sound of breaking glass, according to Erickson.

"If you hear the sound of breaking glass, go check it out," he said. "We'd be particularly interested if anyone in the community could see license plate numbers."

Search continues for new director of Niles Chamber

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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With the resignation of former Niles Chamber Director Denise McCreery now about a month behind, the search for a new director has entered its final stages.

The Chamber received between 60 and 70 applications for the position. A list of about 12 finalists was generated from those applicants and the first set of interviews was conducted last week. Seven applicants were scheduled to be interviewed this week.

"We'll narrow it down to another couple and then make a selection," said Niles Chamber President Dean Strzelecki. "We'll probably make an offer by the end of January."

Strzelecki said that a couple of the remaining candidates live and work in Niles.

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trucks lift these containers mechanically to dump the refuse. Some residents, especially senior citizens, have expressed concern over having these containers in the yard for pickup. They're completely inflexible,” said Dubrin. “They don't want to bother to come forcing us to use their garbage cans. It's really a one savings for Great. They are not passing the savings on to us.”

“I think once people have the chance to tip these new containers without snow and ice on the driveways they'll appreciate them,” said Czerwinski. “But I'm sure if someone puts their garbage out in a bag or whatever, they'll take it anyway.

Even though residents will now be paying directly for pickup, they will not see a reduction in their property taxes. Czerwinski says the county is not going to throw these containers directly to the homeowner it is going to some of the money in the general fund for other expenses.

“This if we don't do this we will have to take money from the fund balance to balance the budget,” said Czerwinski. “We can't continue to do that or else sooner or later it's going to be gone.”

“Something of this importance should have more transparency in it. I mean being given too much authority on their own. I have doubts if they did a good job of looking for a good price. Something as important as this, where you're entering into a five-year agreement, you should open up the bidding to other companies. It doesn't seem like any honest negotiation is going on.

“We don't wish to do this but this goes way beyond garbage,” said Czerwinski. “This is a balancing act between protecting the services as best as we can and balancing the budget.”

The only recourse they're giving me is to get them at the elections next time.”

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The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Jan. 10, 2004:

- **Aggravated assault with van (800 Dempster)**
  - A 37-year-old Morton Grove woman told police a man in a white van talked to her daughter with his van along the sidewalk in the 6000 block of Viking Monday, January 12.

- **Departmental theft (800 Dempster)**
  - A fire is in the 6000 Block of Dempster caused a check for $3,500 for a woman who looked at the woman's van in another, claimed her signature, and went, as far as to call the alleged master of the check only to find out later that the check may have been a high-quality computer generated check using the name of U.S. Citizenship in Lake Zurich as the issuer. A representative of U.S. Mechanical told police he never issued a check for the $3,500 amount and that no checks were missing from his checkbook.

- **Estate sale leave woman without money (8000 Block of Dempster)**
  - A 73-year-old Morton Grove woman reported someone removed jewelry from her basement during the day on Saturday, January 10 while she was at the park with the 6000 block of Dempster.

- **Telephone communications with victim (800 Dempster)**
  - A Christmas decoration still victim of vandalism (8000 Dempster)
  - Vandalized a Christmas tree and装饰品 in the front yard of a home in the 6000 Block of Dempster, Saturday night, January 11. The single told police it was the fourth time in five years that Christmas decorations have been vandalized. The damage was estimated at $100.

- **Note (800 Dempster)**
  - The location is in the two previous streets that received a note from a health club in the 8000 Block of Dempster did not take place at the Morton Grove Park District office.

- **Fire alarm (Niles)**
  - The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Jan. 10, 2004:
  - **Arson investigated by arrest (200 Golf Field)**
    - A 22-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested Saturday, January 17 after a security guard at a supermarket on Golf Road reported the man to be carrying a matches box in the 6000 Block of Dempster. Police said the man said "voles told me to set fire in the vodka." During search, police discovered two matching police cars traveling in the opposite direction.

- **Deer collided with vehicle (8000 Golf Field)**
  - A 50-year-old Chicago man was arrested Friday, January 16 after his car was involved in the 8000 Block of Dempster. Police said the man said "voices told me to set fire in the vodka." During search, police discovered two matching police cars traveling in the opposite direction.

- **Arrest (8000 Golf Field)**
  - A 26-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested Saturday night, January 16 after police stopped the man for traveling 40 mph in a 30 mph section in the 6000 Block of Dempster. Police said they noticed a strong odor of alcohol from the man's mouth and asked the man if he had anything to drink. The man said "yes, yes, yes" after which the man failed a sobriety test. At the Niles Police Department a breath test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .161, more than twice the legal limit. He was charged with DUI and speeding.

- **Arrest (100 Golf Field)**
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- **Crabtree vandalized (3000 Golf Field)**
  - Someone broke a window at a house located in the 3000 block of Hamlin. Police said they noticed a broken odor of alcohol from the man's mouth and asked the man if he had anything to drink. The man said "yes, yes, yes" after which the man failed a sobriety test. At the Niles Police Department a breath test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .161, more than twice the legal limit. He was charged with DUI and speeding.

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Opinion

Dear Editor,

On November 24, 2003, there was a public hearing re: the 2004 proposed budget. There were about 75-100 residents who showed up. In addition, many of those there represented as many as 50 other residents. There were 5-10 of us who spoke to voice our disagreement of the proposed tax increases. Among those who spoke estimated the various increases would cost an average household about $400.00+ per year.

There was much good intent expressed, but one of the most consistencies that came out was the board was concerned only with the "bottom line" of the City, not the expense side. For example in this department only cut $1,200 from its budget this is nothing! It is certainly not enough to keep the Village Administrator is the former Fire Chief. Please note we are NOT talking about compromising safety as some on the board suggested.

Since the last Village election, the board needs to review all the services provided and the costs associated with them including staff salary increases, frequency of services provided, outsourced services, TIF expenses (paid from the general fund), pension plan contributions (the stock market is up 18% this year) we have $1.5 million in the bank of OUR(MG) revenue. Let's have 5 million in the bank. It is time in the Board to start consider our residents with yet another tax increase. There are many in this body with a connection to our children as well as many who have authored with the recession these past few years.

The residents of Morton Grove were quite clear on November 24. However the board did not listen and respond to the wishes of the people. There have been some new blood here (find this past election to break the monopoly of a one party system). We had hoped these new faces wouldn't compromise their ideals to conform to the old system (it looks like they have).

Let's hold the board responsible. If the board doesn't respond, maybe we should introduce term limits. Or better yet - "Throw the Bums Out!"

A Morton Grove Resident

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Park Ridge Chorale Presents: On Broadway...Featuring the Past 20 Years of Broadway Musicals will celebrate the Chorale's 20 years in existence. This concert will be held on July 24, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at Maine South High School, 1131 S. Dee Rd, Park Ridge, IL. This concert will feature former directors of the Chorale who will conduct the group in a musical number.

The Park Ridge Chorale has been serving the Park Ridge area for 20 years. The Chorale is directed by Ed Zeizis, who has developed a national reputation, receiving critical acclaim in the Chicago area as music director for productions at the Goodman and Steppenwolf Theatres, and as a tenor soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

For more information on these concerts, contact Kyle Cartwright at (847) 825-5499 or Dave Daniel at (847) 827-4613. Tickets for the April concert will go on sale sometime in May. Tickets for the July concert will go on sale sometime in June. Prices are $12 for Adults, $10 for Seniors. Children under 12 are free. Cathy Parrillo, Public Relations.

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**Park Ridge**

**The Changing Face of Uptown: Target Areas 1, 3, and 4**

By Chuck Baldacchino

The Park District is getting it right

A new thinking about the Uptown area as a potential commercial and residential development area.

The Southwest Sector is described in the Uptown Master Plan as the area generally bounded by Touhy Avenue, Main Street, and the area south of the Southwestern Sector and northwest of the Central Business District.

The Park District has the unique opportunity of making the development of Uptown, their work so far has been looking into the redevelopment of Uptown. Currently, ammunition dealers at the area are redeveloping

"It’s been an area that has been designated as a residential area for many years," said "This area’s ever-changing status. It’s evolved differently, every area of residential and some businesses are not in line with the overall plan, but the overall plan has changed."

The Uptown Master Plan calls for new sewer, telephone, and commercial development as well as parking improvements in the targeted area. Final plans have already been made.

"We’re starting to get in just a little bit of progress in target areas 3 and 4," said "The area remains a challenge, but we are still in the process of planning and development."

The Uptown Master Plan calls for a mix of new retail and commercial development in the targeted area as well as a possible parking structure.

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**SPORTS**

Wolves come from behind to win

BY RYAN BISHOP

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Tough in the first quarter, the Wolves needed a spark to get the game open. That spark came from behind to win.

Mendenhall fed Odzic and Odzic fed Odzic with a Jimmy Kane three were part of the lead, the Wolves needed a spark to win. Loyd's steal led to a fast-break layup, a Jimmy Heinz three and a layup, a Jimmy Heinz three and a layup.

In holding a 24-16 halftime lead, the Wolves needed a spark to win. Loyd's steal led to a fast-break layup. Loyd's steal led to a fast-break layup.
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SPORTS

Niles baseball league registration begins Jan. 17

Register now for the Niles Baseball League, which will take place on the following dates and at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St. Niles.

Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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- 15-17 year olds/AA Pony League: $30
- 13-14 year olds/AA Pony League: $80
- 12-15 year olds/V Pony League: $100

There will be a 20 percent discount for multiple children. Add $25 for each non-resident player.

The fees will be applied for registering after the designated dates. Both certificates are required for all new registrations. For general information, contact the League Commissioner Tom Barone at (847) 470-8649. For registration information, contact the League President Tim Curvy at (847) 993-8895.

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Business Briefs

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Norwood Park Home to host Job Fair, Jan. 29

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If you're like many people, you may not enjoy doing your retirement planning. There are a lot of numbers and percentages floating around out there — particularly if you consider the information you receive is beneficial.

Never mind that the average retirement begins at about age 62, but you're probably thinking about what your retirement will be like when you're 62. And you want to make sure that your retirement will be as comfortable as possible. So you're thinking about what you need to do now to prepare for retirement.

But what do you need to do now to prepare for retirement? It's easy to say "Save more money," but it's not so easy to actually do it.

How much will you need to save for retirement? How much you need to save for retirement depends on a lot of different factors. How much you need to save for retirement depends on your age, your income, your expenses, and your retirement goals.

One way to think about how much you need to save is to use the "3 percent rule." The 3 percent rule says that you need to save 3 percent of your income each year for retirement. So if you're making $50,000 a year, you need to save $1,500 a year for retirement.

But the 3 percent rule is just a starting point. You may need to save more than 3 percent of your income for retirement, or you may need to save less.

The key is to start saving now. Every dollar you save today is worth more than a dollar you save tomorrow. So start saving now and you'll have more money to retire on.

If you're self-employed, open up a SEP-IRA or other suitable plan; if you're an employee, open up a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Both IRAs and 401(k)s can be funded with after-tax dollars.

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