D219 board eyes budget

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If a Dist. 219's referendum is not approved in the Mar. 16 Primary Election it could necessitate cuts in both extra-curricular activities and in the curriculum itself, according to Karen Bednarz, Public Relations Director for the District.

At their next meeting, Feb. 23 at Niles West at 7:45 p.m., the District's Board will discuss proposed cuts that would have to be implemented if the referendum fails.

The proposal includes eliminating the sports programs from the Niles West and Niles North into one district-wide program.

"It would be very unfortunate for if the District had to combine the programs," said Bednarz. "It would mean less spots for student athletes. We've even considered alternatives such as the elimination of freshmen and junior varsity teams."

The District is also considering cuts in their curriculum. One proposal is to limit students to five classes and a physical education class.

"That would basically limit students to their core requirements for graduation," said Bednarz. "It would prevent them from taking many elective classes which would be terrible because this is the time in their lives when they decide what is it they want to do."

The referendum asks voters to approve a tax increase of 23 cents per $100 of Equaized Assessed Valuation (EAV). The EAV of the average home in the District is $294,000 so the average tax bill would increase by $108.

Budgeting in the red since 1998 has required the District to use up its reserve funds. According to Bednarz, the District's funds will be depleted if the referendum doesn't pass, necessitating some of the proposed cuts.

Among the causes cited for its budget woes are the property tax cap, unfunded state and federal mandates, property tax appeals, growth in student enrollment, increased security costs, and dramatic increases in the cost of health care for employees.

The problem isn't unique to 219. According to Bednarz, 78 percent of Illinois schools are operating in the red. Nor will this referendum end all of the District's financial problems.

"Even this referendum would only hold the line," said Bednarz. "It will only keep us afloat for a few years because of the continuing property tax caps, property tax appeals, growth in student enrollment, increased security costs, and other burdens. When you see all of this, you realize something's wrong."
Niles Park District Board officials met recently to discuss the new multi-purpose facility that will be constructed on the former Moscow Nights property at 7800 Caldwell.

Plans are underway for the new multi-purpose facility that will have 2 regulation basketball courts, walking track, lounge areas, concession areas and ancillary spaces to be used for future programming needs.

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We have completed Phase I which is the conceptual design and site location for the building, said Joe Lo Verde, Executive Director. The total project cost is estimated at $6.5 million including additional modeling to Tom Tennis & Fitness Complex. Phase II of this project will continue with the interior design.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting once final drawings and renderings are available for public display and comments. Gorman High School is our only gymnasium, built in 1955, so we are very excited about this long overdue and much needed facility, said Joe Lo Verde.

Niles Park District officials met recently to discuss plans for the former Moscow Nights property at 7800 Caldwell. Pictures above from left are Vice President Elain Heinen, President Jim Hynes, Commissioners Bill Terpinas and Ray Czarnik and Executive Director Joe Lo Verde.
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The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending Feb. 12, 2004.

1. Burglary (1800 block of S. Cleveland)
An unarmed individual gained unauthorized access to the 1800 block of S. Cleveland sometime between Dec. 25, 2003 and Jan. 2, 2004. A safe, digital scales, and a power saw, were stolen. Total estimated value of the items was $1,800.

2. Burglary to motor vehicle (100 block of S. Cleveland)
An unarmed individual entered a vehicle in the 100 block of S. Cleveland. The vehicle was parked in the 100 block of S. Cleveland on Friday, Feb. 6. The driver's side window of the vehicle was smashed, and a tool was removed. The tool was later discovered by police. Total estimated value of the items was $1,200.

3. Theft to motor vehicle (1200 block of S. Oakton)
A table saw, power drill, and digital camera, worth $1,600 were taken from a 1200 block of S. Oakton on Friday, Feb. 6. The vehicle was parked in the 1200 block of S. Oakton.

4. Burglary (1800 block of Waukegan Rd.)
An unarmed individual entered a vehicle in the 1800 block of Waukegan Rd. between Dec. 31, 2003 and Jan. 2, 2004. A radio, a plastic ashtray with remnants of cannabis, and a plastic ashtray with remnants of cannabis were stolen from the vehicle. The driver was given a ticket for possession of cannabis.

5. Theft from locker (6300 Oaktown)
An Alpine stereo and speakers were stolen from a locker in the 6300 block of Oaktown on Feb. 6. The theft occurred in the 6300 block of Oaktown.

6. Burglary (6300 block of E. Touhy)
An unarmed individual entered a vehicle in the 6300 block of E. Touhy and attempted to leave the vehicle with a tool he wanted to use. The tool had a value of $1,500. Total estimated value of the items was $1,500.

7. Theft from locker (5600 Oakton)
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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**CIVICS**
- February 21
  - 8:30 A.M. City of Park Ridge Budget Workshop
- February 26
  - 7 P.M. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting
- February 27
  - 8 P.M. Niles Village Board Meeting

**COMMUNITY**

Sunday, February 22
- The Niles Historical Society will host Toddy Roserouch, played by Terry Lynch, today, beginning at 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at El Sol restaurant, 6000 Dempster, Morton Grove. Along with dinner there will be a dinner salad, cheese and sausage pizzas, montecilli, dessert and unlimited soft drinks. A door prize will also be raffled off. To register for this event, call Jaymi at (847) 588-8482.

Thursday, February 26
- The Morton Grove Cannabis Party will hold its annual party and fund-raiser today, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at El Sol restaurant, 6000 Dempster, Morton Grove. Along with dinner there will be a dinner salad, cheese and sausage pizzas, montecilli, dessert and unlimited soft drinks. A door prize will also be raffled off. To register for this event, or for questions, call Jaymi at (847) 588-8482.

**PARKS**

Saturday, February 19
- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District regular board meeting.

- Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:
  - Niles: Village of Niles Civic Center, 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles, Ill. 60714
  - Park Ridge: City of Park Ridge Park District: 2701 Villa St., Park Ridge, Ill. 60068

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**SAFETY BARRICADES RETURN TO PARK RIDGE CROSSWALKS**

BY MIKE SANTORO

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The City Council chose safety over legality Monday when they passed an resolution in support of an administrative decision that reinstates the use of a-frame barricades throughout the city. In supporting this, the city believes it will improve the safety of area children despite the increased liability at stake.

The issue arose when the city received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on Jan. 26 informing the city that the barricades would need to be removed due to the fact they were at risk of being struck and becoming projectiles. In the opinion of IDOT, having the barricades in the street creates a danger that the lack of speed would lead to accidents.

The council disagreed with this and felt that the reduced speed caused by the barricades would help prevent injury to inclining school children. The barricades have proved effective in slowing traffic and increasing the safety at the crosswalks. "Speed kills. We've heard all those stories," Ald. Michael Tinaglia (2nd) said. "It's important that we consider the importance of slowing these vehicles down."

The decision to reinstate the barricades in opposition to IDOT policy will increase the liability taken on by the city. In the case that a pedestrian is hit by a car and thrown into a pedestrian the city itself is up to be liable for that injury.

Despite this risk the aldermen voted to reinstate the barricades effective immediately. "By taking these signs down we put our children at risk," Ald. Rex Parker (6th) said. "It is too bad to take the risk being road rather than put our children in danger."

Multiple claims from the community came up over the removal of the barricades over the past weeks. When the council voted to reinstate, the barricades the audience erupted into applause and shouts of approval.

Despite these signs, the barriers and children would be in a significant amount of danger. Ald. Mary Ryan said, "We believe that it is a matter of safety and even the survival of our children is at stake."

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Public fund surpluses work against the fundamental economic principle of demand and supply.

The Park Ridge Community Disaster Planning Committee (CPDC) has been organized to assist local disaster management personnel in planning, preparing, and coordinating local emergency operations during emergency or disaster situations. CPDC will also work with the Homeland Security Operations Center as well as with other federal emergency management agencies to improve the capabilities of the Park Ridge Fire and Police Departments, city administration, school officials, and community business personnel to respond to local emergencies.

The CPDC consists of representatives from the Park Ridge Fire Department, Park Ridge Police Department, Park Ridge Village Administration, Park Ridge Public Schools, Park Ridge Park District, Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Park Ridge Hospital, and representatives from various other community organizations.

The CPDC meets on a bi-weekly basis to discuss issues related to disaster planning, preparedness, and response. The committee is chaired by the Park Ridge Village Administrator and includes representatives from each of the participating agencies.

The CPDC has developed a comprehensive disaster management plan that addresses a wide range of potential disasters, including natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods, as well as man-made disasters, such as terrorism.

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Arden courts offers safety tips for Alzheimer’s care

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With toddlers, the term is “childproofing.” For those with Alzheimer’s disease, there is no similar term, but the concept is the same. Many things around the home that pose no danger to people in full possession of their mental faculties can be major hazards to a person with Alzheimer’s. And even though it is impossible to make any home absolutely safe for a person with the disease, there are many steps you can take to reduce the risk of your loved one getting into things he/she shouldn’t, or reduce the risk of injury. Here are some tips to make your loved one’s environment safer and more comfortable:

1. Landslides and controlling hazards: Place objects that are fragile or breakable out of reach. If your loved one watches TV, choose humorous or animated cartoons, not game shows and musical shows. These types of shows can make the individual laugh and stimulate positive memories. Encourage walking if your home is safe, enclosed yard. Gardening is also a good activity. But, make sure that the yard is free of toxic plants and that your loved one uses safe gardening tools (nothing sharp). When the individual is unresponsive, you may want to involve your spouse in household chores and maintenance behavior problems.

2. Keep up hazardous materials. Keep all medicines, cleaning products and sharp utensils up or out of reach. Consider writing the stove, thermostat and hot water heater with hidden switch.

3. Home pick-ups. Avoid doing household chores if your home has a safe, enclosed yard. Gardening is also a good activity. But, make sure that the yard is free of toxic plants and that your loved one uses safe gardening tools (nothing sharp). When the individual is unresponsive, you may want to involve your spouse in household chores and maintenance behavior problems.

4. Diet and nutrition: Encourage healthy eating habits. It is important that the person maintain a weight that is above the desirable weight level. Also, encourage the following healthy eating habits:

- Include breakfast, lunch and dinner. Avoid skipping meals.
- Choose a variety of foods from all food groups. Encourage the person to eat a balanced diet that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, lean meats and low-fat dairy products.
- Limit the amount of sugar and salt in the diet.
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5. Encourage physical activity: Encourage the person to engage in regular exercise. Exercise can improve mood, reduce stress, and increase energy levels. Encourage the person to participate in activities such as walking, swimming, or cycling. Avoid activities that involve speed or hand-eye coordination.

6. Sleep: Encourage the person to establish a regular sleep schedule. This can help improve overall well-being and reduce symptoms of the disease. Ensure that the person’s bedroom is dark, quiet, and at a comfortable temperature. Encourage the person to avoid naps during the day.

7. Cognitive stimulation: Encourage the person to engage in activities that stimulate the brain. This can help improve cognitive function and reduce symptoms of the disease. Encourage the person to participate in activities such as reading, doing puzzles, or playing games.

8. Socialization: Encourage the person to engage in social activities. This can help improve mood, reduce stress, and increase energy levels. Encourage the person to participate in activities such as going to a senior center, attending a support group, or volunteering.

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**SPORTS**

**NOTRE DAME**

By Ryan Bishop
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Friday night’s conference finale turned into a championship game as the Notre Dame Dons came down the stretch to a defensive battle right from the opening tipoff. If you weren’t the other team, you certainly wouldn’t recognize the Dons as the team that shot 47-43 and put up a basket-dunk low and three-point play, three minutes in the game, the first points were scored.

The Dons benefited from the absence of guard Torn Freeman (17 points), who sat out most of the first quarter due to missing the team bus along with two other players. Ironically, it was Freeman who made two big shots under two minutes left in the fourth quarter to propel the Chargers on to victory. One was from the left side and the other a force shot that somehow found its way in the horn despite the stifling defense applied by Carlisle. The last three shots put the Chargers ahead 44-43 with 0:12 second remaining. And the Madrid with that shot that Carlisle on his face I will never know. That was the moment when the Dons became the best players in the area and that was the moment for me said Dennis Zelasko.

The Dons dominated the first quarter on the defensive side as they shot 77% and the team was 11 of 13 from the floor. The Chargers had 15 turnovers and the Chargers turned the ball over four times in a sloppy 12-minute offensive display. Guard Travis Wilson of St. Joseph had 17 points and two gave them some problems and their best players in the area and that was the moment for me said Dennis Zelasko.

The Dons took their biggest lead at 26-17 on a Corliss pointer by Mixon that extended the low-scoring affair 13-9 in favor of the Dons.

**Boys Sectional Swimming**
When: 6:00 PM, February 22
Where: Chicoaen Assembly Hall, Champaign, IL
Outlook: Maine South, Maine East, and Notre Dame have all struggled this season and have achieved only moderate results. In last final meet, Maine South failed to win any event and Maine East is in a race with only margin making. Notre Dame does even with a good point in practice. Despite that, those teams will be ready for sectional competition on Saturday and hope to advance a few individuals with some strong teams. This is the event that many teams prepare For this event at the state meet personal best results from nearly everyday swim and some exciting sports coming out to last few yards.

**NOTRE DAME Hockey State Playoffs-Second Round**
When: 6:30 PM, May 22
Where: Chicoaen Assembly Hall, Champaign, IL
Outlook: The Notre Dame Ice Dons stepped up big in the first round of the state playoffs winning of their 5 games and advancing to the second round. They play the No. 1 New York White team in Maine South this Saturday. Notre Dame is right now, with Mike Johnson on film. That was incredible. We played them in last year’s tournament and their SEC game this year. Our team performed velocity in three-out-of-four games and put the finishing touches on a 4-2 over Maine South. That was a team that played well in their playoff games. If they can continue to play strong they should be able to advance.

Does your team whether high school, grade school, or part district have an exciting game coming up? We want to know about it! Email rezan@buglenewspapers.com with details and contact information and your team could be featured in next week’s Weekend WarBre!

**Outlook: There have been high expectations for the area wrestlers since the season began. As the tournament begins this individuals have a chance to make good on these expectations. Sixty teams split from the area, 2 from Maine East, 3 from Maine South, 5 from Niles North and 6 from Notre Dame will have the chance to claim a championship. Some have been here before and are expected to win. Others are less experienced national competition and many will be less stable. The top 20 individuals in this tournament will make the state meet and only 8 spots will be determined.**

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BY PATRICK FERRELL

Crag Fallico went into the IHSA 132-pound sectional with 125-pounders Nick Loesch and Rick Loesch (175lbs.) and, Rick Loesch (175lbs.) dominated the entire field. Nick had the fewest number of wrestlershtm in the finals with an outstanding performance, and this has been the trade-off for the coaches.

Craig Fallico went Into the Sectional Finals at Champaign. Kevin Driscoll took third at 125lbs, and the group dominated the entire field. Nick became a state alternate at 125lbs by recording a 31 percent increase in sales volume compared to the previous year.

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The camp's theme this year is "The Wizard of Oz" and "CATS." It's a fun and exciting," explains managing director Ali From-Pletto, a Glenview school district drama teacher who is the camp's producer and director.

"Our focus is on enrichment and empowerment, allowing kids to try new things, develop new talents, learn teamwork, and to dream their dreams," explains Toth, who has shared the stage with Broadway diva Liza Minnelli and appeared nationally in productions of "West Side Story," "Miss Saigon," and "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding."

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