Inverness Dedicates Memorial to Corporal Peter Giannopoulos, USMC and...
Dear Residents,

As the national observance of Veterans Day approaches, this holiday will take on a new and very personal meaning for all of us in Inverness. Our much-anticipated Veterans Memorial, now a reality, was dedicated on September 8, 2007. The sad and tragic loss of one of our own, Marine Corporal Peter J. Giannopoulos, who was killed in action on Veterans Day, November 11, 2004 in Babil Province, Iraq, was the original inspiration for the Memorial.

The Memorial also pays tribute to all servicemen and servicewomen of all branches of the military who have perished, who have served, or are now serving this wonderful country of ours. It is only through their sacrifice, courage and call to duty that we are permitted the freedoms that each of us enjoy. And because of their steadfast loyalty to America’s principals, we gathered to honor them. More than 200 people came to the Memorial dedication to honor Peter and all those who serve our country and protect our freedoms.

During the construction of the Memorial I was awestruck to hear the emerging stories from veterans and their families of the sacrifice and heroism of those who have served over the years. The accounts were truly amazing for me to hear:

- Army LT.Col. Jack Foersterling, who was assigned to General Eisenhower’s staff at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force in the European Theater as Chief of Counter-Intelligence and Planning, Civil Security, Germany;
- Major George Guderley, who bailed out of his damaged bomber behind enemy lines. He was twice captured and remained a POW for 10 months;
- John Mitchell’s father, William, who served in the U.S. Army in World War I and John’s brother who honorably served in the Army during World War II;
- The resident who showed me a final letter received by her family from a brother who was in the first wave on Omaha Beach. This was his last letter, dated June 6, 1944;
- The three World War II veterans who heard about the Memorial and came to pay tribute to those left behind, and simply to remember. One of the gentlemen flew Avengers off an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during the Battle of Midway. The second made the beach landing with the Army at Normandy. And the third veteran served courageously in the merchant Marines as a crew member on a liberty ship.

The Memorial is already serving its purpose — as a place to honor those who have and are now serving . . . a place to reflect . . . and a place to remember.

It was with great honor and humility that I, as Mayor, on behalf of the residents of Inverness, dedicated the Veterans Memorial, in the name of Corporal Peter J. Giannopoulos, United States Marine Corp, and in tribute to those who perished, in honor of those who served, and in gratitude to those now serving.

Special thanks go to our Veterans Memorial Committee -- Chair John Willis and members Timothy W. Tiedje, Bill Spalletto, Joette Brown, Ken Rogers, Kent Venema, and Rob Brumbaugh, as well as the donations that were instrumental in creating this new Inverness landmark. Their dedication to the dream of an Inverness Veterans Memorial is now a reality for all to appreciate and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Jack Tatooles, Mayor
Quick Tips on Keeping Your Ghosts & Goblins Safe This Halloween

If you have children who are planning to go trick or treating this year, Police Chief Jeff Lawler has some important words of advice:

- Parents! Always accompany your children.
- Use face paint instead of masks to ensure your children can see well, and provide them with lights or reflective tape to ensure that they can be seen by others.
- Instruct your children to approach only those homes that have the front porch light on.
- Never enter a home where the residents are unknown to you.
- Be sure your children know to cross the street only at the corner.
- Do not light your pumpkin with a candle. Use a flashlight or cold chemical light stick instead.
- Autumn leaves, dry corn stalks, berry branches and similar fall decorations -- and even some Halloween costumes -- can be hazardous. Keep lighted bulbs, open fires, and even adult smoking materials at a safe distance.
- Keep pets inside, and don’t leave your home unattended.
- Notify the Police Department of any unusual occurrences or incidents. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Dispose of Household Chemical Waste At Any of Three Recycling Events in October

If the arrival of fall weather has inspired you to clean out your garage, basement, and even the inevitable accumulation of things under the kitchen sink, you’ll want to know about three upcoming opportunities to safely dispose of all those half-used bottles of old household chemicals you’ve found.

What exactly is considered “household chemical waste”? The term is used to describe common household chemical products used for cleaning, painting, pest control and yard work. If the words “danger,” “toxic,” “flammable,” “corrosive,” and/or “reactive” appear somewhere on the product’s packaging, it is a household chemical waste. Properly disposing of these wastes is vitally important because personal and environmental damage can occur if they are disposed of in the trash, poured down the drain, or dumped on the ground. That’s why the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) sponsors one day collections throughout the state for proper disposal of such wastes.

Upcoming Household Chemical Waste Collections are listed below:

**River Grove**
- **When:** Saturday, October 20
- **Where:** Triton College Northwest Parking Lot
  2000 Fifth Avenue
- **Time:** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Vernon Hills**
- **When:** Saturday, October 20
- **Where:** Vernon Hills Metra Train Station
  75 E Highway 45 (Route 45 & Ranney Road)
- **Time:** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Park Ridge**
- **When:** Saturday, October 27
- **Where:** Maine Township Town Hall
  1700 Ballard Road
- **Time:** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Acceptable Wastes at One Day Collections

- Oil-based paints, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, mercury, household batteries, used motor oil, drain cleaners, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze, hobby chemicals, aerosol paints, fluorescent lamp bulbs.

Unacceptable Wastes at One Day Collections

- Latex paint, explosives, fireworks, lead acid batteries, medical wastes, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals and business wastes are not accepted.

For questions concerning the IEPA’s one-day or long-term collections, call the Waste Reduction Unit at (217) 785-8604 or visit [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us).

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**Village Hall Holiday Closings**

**Thanksgiving:** All day Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23

**Christmas:** All day Monday and Tuesday, December 24 & 25

**New Year’s:** All day Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1
Snow Season is About to Sneak Up on Us

With winter weather around the corner, this is the time to take a look around your property and remove all landscaping obstructions -- such as boulders, stones and tree limbs -- from the right-of-way. Such items can pose a significant safety hazard for Village snow plowing crews.

While crews always do their best to protect lawn areas and mailboxes adjacent to the roadway, we ask you to report any damage caused by snow plows within 24 hours so that we can investigate and make repairs as warranted.

Residents are reminded never to shovel or plow snow from the driveway into the street. Snow from driveways that is deposited on the roadways can become compacted and icy, posing a significant danger to both vehicles and pedestrians.

We recommend removing snow from your driveway after the plow has made its last pass. Snow plows are designed to push snow to the outside edge of the road, which means the plow will inevitably leave snow at the bottom of your driveway. You can save yourself both time and frustration by waiting to clear the bottom of your driveway until the plow has made its final pass on your street.

Be a Dog-gone Good Neighbor

Village ordinance requires that all dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the owner at all times when off the owner’s private property.

When walking your pet, please be sure to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

A friendly reminder that those who violate the Village’s leash law may be ticketed and fined.

Village of Inverness Calendar of Events

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- 16 Plan Commission

November
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- 20 Plan Commission

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WINTER TRAVEL INFORMATION

Illinois Department of Transportation
312-DOT-INFO
www.dot.state.il.us
For information about state highways including Palatine, Dundee and Barrington Roads.

Cook County Highway Department... (708) 485-7130; www.co.cook.il.us
To report problems on county highways such as Ela, Roselle, and Bradwell Roads.

Illinois Tollway Information Line
1-800-TOLLFYI (1-800-865-5394); www.illinoistollway.com
For tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. This information is updated every four hours, more often if weather conditions warrant.

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