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Village to waive all permit fees associated with flood clean-up

Flood follow-up to look for new ways of responding to future events

ELMWOOD PARK – Elmwood Park Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano announced today that the village is waiving all permit fees for all construction, restoration and repair efforts related to the devastating flooding last month.

"People have suffered enough from the floods," Saviano said. "I just felt it wasn't necessary to burden them any further with additional fees involved in restoring their homes and putting their lives back together."

Permits will still be required but fees normally associated with such permits will not be imposed for any work necessary as a result of the flooding. Normal inspections will still be required. "We will return any permit fees already collected for work associated with the flood," Saviano said.

Saviano also said he has been in contact with Village Manager Paul Volpe and Department Heads to assess the village's response to the flooding. While he thanked everyone for their hard work and extraordinary job in keeping residents safe during this last event, Saviano said he wants to look at several new ideas that could help bolster response efforts in the event of future storms or other natural disasters.

"We may not be able to control when and where Mother Nature will strike next," Saviano said. "But, we must do all we can to make sure we're prepared so that our residents are as safe as possible. We need to do all that we can to help people during these difficult times."

Anyone with ideas or concerns about the village's flood response is encouraged to call Village Hall at 708-452-7300.

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