



Village of
Elmwood Park

Federal grant application moves Grand Ave. underpass forward

Village Board approves major street resurfacing contract

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ELMWOOD PARK – The Village Board has approved a roughly \$2.1 million contract for the first phase of this summer's street resurfacing project. During the first phase of the project, street resurfacing will take place on selected streets between Harlem and Thatcher from Armitage Ave. south to North Ave. under the contract awarded to J. A. Johnson Paving Co.

"This is long overdue for residents," Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano said. "We know there will be inconveniences for motorists and residents, but the end result will be better streets for everyone."

A second contract will be awarded for the resurfacing of streets from Armitage north to Fullerton Ave. later in the summer. In all, approximately 10 miles of streets will be repaved, roughly 10 times the amount of resurfacing done during a typical summer.

In other action, President Saviano notified the Board that the Village has applied for a federal Tiger Grant to be used to begin the planning process for a new rail underpass on Grand Ave. Tiger Grants are awarded for up to \$3 million for such projects.

Congressman Mike Quigley (D-5th) and Gov. Pat Quinn both wrote letters strongly supporting the project. Sen. Durbin's office also indicated that the Senator would be offering similar support in the future.

Finally, an estimated 350 children and parents turned out for last weekend's ice cream social at the Parks and Rec Center. The event included ice cream donated by Mori Milk & Ice Cream Company along with arts and crafts and a movie. It marked the start of several events the Village is hosting to tie in with the Centennial Celebration for Elmwood Park.

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