

ADVANTAGES!

Village of Addison

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A Message from the Mayor ...

As the cold bonds of winter give way to the promises of new life and opportunities that come with the spring, I am reminded of the lines first found in the Book of Ecclesiastes and later popularized in song by Pete Seeger: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Just as the seasons change, each with their unique gifts and expectations, so do the chapters of our lives.



On May 2, 2013, Rich Veenstra took the oath of office to become Addison's 16th mayor. He has decided not to seek re-election to a fourth term, and will leave office this spring.

Writing what will be my last *Message from the Mayor*, I am filled with a feeling of gratitude for the opportunity and support you have given me over the past 40 years during my various roles with the Village. Together, we have seen Addison grow from a small rural town to a model for other communities to emulate.

We have shared a common vision and expectation to make Addison the place to live, to raise a family, to retire, and to share in all the advantages that comes from a community built on the basic principle, "It's about the people."

As I leave office, my only regret will be no longer working

with our remarkable, talented, and dedicated employees led by a management team that is respected as the best in the county. My comfort is in knowing the Village is in excellent hands.

Sir Isaac Newton was quoted as saying, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants who have come before me." The giants' shoulders that I stood upon – men like Mayors Anthony Russotto and Larry Hartwig – shared a love for Addison and a vision of what Addison could be.

That tradition and philosophy continues today with our Village Board. Knowing their dedication and commitment to our community and their belief that elected officials

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por favor mira
el otro lado**



Chatting with the Chiefs

On Jan. 8, the Addison Police Department held the first “Chat with the Chiefs” event, seeking to promote dialogue and enhance community relations. The event was well received, and the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall. This is a very informal environment for residents to talk with the Chief and Deputy Chiefs about any issues or concerns you may have, and get updates about what’s going on in your police department. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chief Roy Selvik at (630) 693-7944, or email rselvik@addison-il.org.

Mayor

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should be public servants, not politicians, gives me confidence in knowing that the vision will continue to be clear, and the future of Addison will be secure.

My final message to you is one of sincere gratitude and thanks for allowing me to serve as your mayor, for your support, your kindness, your friendship, and yes, for your occasional criticism.

So, as Mary Ann and I enter our “next season,” – whether it’s on a sunny beach in Italy or in a Christmas Parade here in Addison – we will look back fondly on the times we spent living the Addison Advantage.

May God bless you
and our Village!

Mayor



Rain Barrels: How can rainwater be used?

- **Plants** - Use rainwater to water both your plants in a garden and indoor plants.
- **Pet-care** - Fill animal water bowls and use for your pets bath time.
- **Washing** - Use the rain water to wash cars and bicycles.

American Water Works Association | **Illinois** Section | **WATER** AMBASSADOR

Community Inauguration Ceremony

**7 p.m., Thursday, April 24
Village Hall Rotunda**

The Village of Addison will host a Community Inauguration Ceremony, for Addison elected officials to take their oaths of office.

The event will be open to the public, and will swear in the officials elected from the Village of Addison, Addison Public Library, School Districts 4 and 88, Fire Protection District and Park District.

The ceremony will later be broadcast on ACTV.

Former Village President's Home Became Village Hall

Third Village Hall was home to prominent businessman, official

In 2025, Addison Village Hall will mark its 25th anniversary. This is the second part in a series, commemorating this important milestone by looking back at all the structures that have served as Village Hall.



Edward Rotermund



The Rotermund home (left, circa 1885), was located at 195 E. Lake St., and later became Addison's third Village Hall. At right, Nels Anderson, Chief of Police, is pictured in front of the building, in 1958.

According to an article in the *Addison Press* newspaper, Village government workers moved into their new quarters at 195 E. Lake St., in December 1957. This third Village Hall building was the former home of Edward Rotermund. It was located behind Krage's Standard Station.

The Rotermund family was one of Addison's early prominent German families. Edward was the only child born to Heinrich Christian Rotermund and his wife, Lena Fiene Rotermund. He was born on March 14, 1849 in Addison. Christian was a farmer by trade, but died in 1850; his widow later remarried, becoming the wife of another Addison farmer, J.H. Weber.

According to his biography in *Portrait & Biographical Record of DuPage & Cook Counties, Illinois* published by Lake City Publishing in

1894, Edward lived with his mother and step-father until his step-father's passing.

After finishing local schools, he attended Eastman's Business College, and in 1872, opened a general merchandise business with his younger step-brother, August Weber, which was known as the Weber-Rotermund Store. The business was so successful that both Edward and August were able to build their own stately homes on Lake Street.

In 1890, Edward sold his share of the business and began dealing in grain, feed, lumber and coal. He was also one of the founding members of the Addison Railroad Company which brought the Illinois Central spur line to Addison. Rotermund

went on to serve as Addison Village President from 1891-1893.

In 1902, Rotermund helped form Addison's first bank, Addison State Bank (now, GreenState Credit Union). In October 1913, while serving as an assistant cashier at the bank, he was shot and killed by a bank robber. The murder made national newspapers, and the culprit was never brought to justice. Rotermund left behind a wife and two grown sons, and is buried in St. Paul Cemetery on Mill Road.

The Village used the Rotermund home for its base of operations until 1960 when it acquired the former Kinderheim building from Lutheran Child Welfare Association and converted it into the Village's first municipal building.

Free Mulch Available for Residents

Mulch properly applied around the base of plants and trees is visually attractive and helps to retain soil moisture, hold down aggressive weed growth, return nutrients into the soil, and can provide a barrier to keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from the base of trees that often cause severe damage affecting the health of the tree.

Truckloads of finely ground woodchip mulch are available for free to Addison residents. Public Works will deliver mulch right to your driveway in volumes of three or six cubic yards, while supplies last.

To arrange for a weekday delivery, or for more information, call the Village Public Works Department at 630-620-2020.

How to Properly Mulch for a Healthy Tree:

- DO NOT pile mulch up against the tree trunks.
- Apply no more than 2 to 4 inches of mulch, spread out in a saucer shape around the tree.
- Pull mulch back several inches from the stem so that the base of the trunk is exposed.



BAD MULCH



GOOD MULCH

Who Do I Call?

Need Help? Have a question?



Village Hall Business

Emergency	911
General Information	630-543-4100
Branch Pickup	630-620-2020
Building Permits	630-693-7530
Business License	630-693-7573
Cable Television	630-693-7551
Code Enforcement	630-693-7530
CodeRED	630-693-7550
Community Development	630-693-7530
Community Relations	630-693-7550
Crime Prevention	630-543-3080
Dead Animal	630-620-2020
Environmental Services	630-279-2140
Finance	630-693-7570
Flood Control	630-279-2140
Human Resources	630-693-7504
Liquor License	630-693-7510
Police Non-Emergency	630-543-3080
Public Relations	630-693-7550
Public Works	630-620-2020
Real Estate Transfers	630-693-7570
Recycling	630-279-2140
Sewer Backups	630-279-2140
Stray Animals	630-543-3080
Street Lights	630-620-2020
Traffic Violations	630-543-3080
Tree Trimming	630-620-2020
Water Billing	630-693-7570
Website Information	630-693-7500
Zoning Regulations	630-693-7530

Village Board

Mayor Tom Hundley	630-693-7510
Village Clerk Lucille Zucchero	630-693-7501
Trustee Jay Del Rosario	630-693-7510
Trustee Cathy Kluczny	630-693-7510
Trustee Sam Nasti	630-693-7510
Trustee Dawn O'Brien	630-693-7510
Trustee Maria Reyes	630-693-7510

Community Agencies

Addison Fire Protection District	630-628-3100
Addison Historical Museum	630-628-1433
Addison Township	630-530-8161
Addison Park District	630-233-7275
Addison Public Library	630-543-3617
Addison Center for the Arts	630-458-4500

School Districts

Addison Elementary School District 4	630-458-2500
Marquardt School District 15	630-295-5450
DuPage High School District 88	630-530-3981
Glenbard High School District 87	630-469-9100

Miscellaneous

Drivers License & Motor Vehicle Facility	800-252-8980
50 E. Oak St.	800-222-1222
Automobile Emission Testing Station	630-543-0128
Addison Post Office	630-543-4071
IL State Toll Highway Authority	630-241-6800
DuPage County Senior Programs	630-620-0804
DuPage County Health Department	630-682-7400
Poison Control	800-222-1222
PADS	630-682-3846

Utilities

J.U.L.I.E.	811
ComEd	800-334-7661
Nicor Gas	888-642-6748
Comcast	800-934-6489
U-Verse TV	800-288-2020
Republic Waste Services	708-345-7050

Mass Transportation

Pace Dial-A-Ride	888-405-2060
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	630-836-7000

Houses of Worship

Calvary United Pentecostal Church 19W701 Army Trail Road	630-628-6866
Good Samaritan United Methodist 960 W. Army Trail Road	630-543-3725
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 1201 W. Grove	630-773-0273
Messiah Baptist Church 600 S. Villa Ave.	630-832-3328
Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran 1213 W. Army Trail ...	630-543-3458
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 893 Church Road, Elmhurst	630-834-7010
St. Joseph Catholic Church 330 E. Fullerton Ave... ..	630-279-6553
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church 37 Army Trail Road... ..	630-543-6909
St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church 1223 W. Holtz Ave.....	630-628-0900
Shreejidwar Haveli 440 W. Fullerton Ave... ..	630-568-8600
Sunny Place Church of God 901 E. Oak St.....	630-530-1830
Villa Avenue Church of Christ 750 S. Villa Ave.	630-832-0169



Village of Addison
presents

FINE ARTS SHOW

April 12 12 - 4 PM
Village Hall
1 Friendship Plaza

featuring
Addison Art Guild
Spring Members
Show in Village Hall
Rotunda

and visit the Addison
Historical Museum

Details available at
l1appensinAddison.com



Spring Recycling Event Coming in April

Public Works to be Site of Drive Up/
Drop Off Event

The Village of Addison Public Works Department will partner with Republic Services, BLH Computers, SCARCE, ProShred and Addison VFW to host another recycling event this spring.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Public Works, located at 1491 Jeffrey Drive.

This service is open to Addison residents free of charge (proof of residency required). As in the past, residents may drive up with items in their trunk, and recyclables will be unloaded by workers.

More information is available at AddisonAdvantage.org, including items and quantities that will be accepted.

Feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 630-620-2020 or 630-279-2140 with any questions.

Branch Pickup Schedule April through November

The Village of Addison offers seasonal branch pickup service to residents from April through November. Branch pickup will begin on the first Monday of each month and finishes by the end of the week, regardless of where you reside within the Village.

To qualify for the Branch Pickup Program, branches must be on the parkway the Sunday before the scheduled pickup week. Contracted crews will pass down each street only one time, and only one collection will be made Village-wide per month.

The Branch Pick-up program is truly a service to residents. It encourages owners to pride themselves in the health, aesthetics and value of their home, building, surrounding yard and landscape. It promotes the community's desire to beautify our neighborhoods while maintaining safe and healthy surroundings. The program's service level may range from the pick-up of a single broken branch placed out on the parkway, to the pick-up removal of a resident's entire tree, cut up and stacked as specified under the program's requirements.

2025 Branch Pickup Dates

April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 2*
October 6
November 3

**Pick up day is
delayed by one day
(to Tuesday) due to
the holiday.*

The requirements for Branch Pickup are as follows:

- Branches must be placed curbside on the parkway, not in the street, stacked in one direction, with the thicker ends facing the street. DO NOT cross stack branches.
- Branches are limited to 8 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter.
- Limbs larger than 8 inches in diameter must be cut into 16-inch log lengths and placed separate from the branches.
- Branches should not be tied with string, wire, etc.
- Branch piles containing root balls, lumber, metal, glass, yard waste or other debris, as well as large branch mounds that have been multi-directionally cross stacked, will not be picked up.
- Branches should not be stacked in the alley or along private drives. These will not be picked up.
- No contractor cuttings will be picked up. Trees and branches cut by a privately contracted company, or individuals hired by the property owners do not qualify for the Branch Pickup Program, and must be properly disposed of by said private contractor, or other private service.
- Branch piles should not be placed on the parkway prior to or after the weekend prior to pick-up. All branches must be stored in the back yard until then.



Addison
School District **4**

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'24-'25 School Year at a Glance

This year, we've made incredible strides to support our students, families, and schools :

New Partnerships

- We introduced **Organic Life** as our new food vendor, bringing fresh and nutritious meals to our students.
- **Right At School** joined the ASD4 team to provide before and after school care, offering families greater flexibility and enrichment opportunities.
- We partnered with **Kelly Services** to enhance and simplify the substitute teacher process, ensuring even greater support for our schools.

District-Wide Support

- We provided **free breakfast and lunch** to all students every day school was in session, ensuring no student starts or ends their school day hungry.
- Every scholar received **free school supplies**, easing the financial burden on all ASD4 families.
- We introduced **free mental health services** through the ASD4 CARES Program, a partnership with ReferralGPS, prioritizing emotional well-being alongside academic success.

These initiatives are made possible thanks to the work of our District Office team in securing grants.

- Additionally, we held our First Annual Halloween Costume Drive.

New Opportunities for Kindergarten Students

For the first time, all incoming kindergarten students had the opportunity to enroll in the **Two-Way Dual Language Program** at all elementary schools. This program provides the perfect platform for students to learn and develop a second language while being exposed to the same curriculum as their peers.

Improved Accessibility

We enhanced community wide accessibility by providing **Board of Education meeting recaps in English and Spanish**, making it easier for everyone to stay informed and engaged.

Celebrating Success

- At the IASB Conference in Chicago, Addison #4 and Legat Architects were recognized for the Indian Trail Junior High library renovation, earning an Honorable Mention among districts statewide!
- Each of our schools demonstrated significant improvement, reflected in state designations. Visit the ASD4 Facebook page to see videos showcasing how each school achieved success.

And so much more! We are proud of what we accomplished together and cannot wait to see what the next school year brings. Thank you for your continued support in making our schools thrive!

Developing future leaders: DuPage High School District 88/Addison Trail implements U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program

At Addison Trail High School, part of DuPage High School District 88, we provide a high-quality and comprehensive learning environment to prepare students to be college and career ready in a diverse society.

District 88's curricular offerings include more than 30 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, more than 50 Dual-Credit/Collegiate-Credit courses, access to more than 35 career industry credentials in 18 career pathway areas and award-winning fine arts programming.

This year, District 88 is excited to implement a new opportunity for all students in the district – the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program. This fun, challenging and interactive course officially launched in December 2024. See more details below.

WHAT IS THE U.S. ARMY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) PROGRAM?

· **JROTC Mission:** To motivate young people to be better citizens.

· **JROTC Vision:** To provide a quality citizenship, character and leadership development program, while fostering partnerships with communities and educational institutions.

· For more information, go to www.dupage88.net/AddisonTrailJROTC.

WHAT DO STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH JROTC?

The program focuses on teaching students the following values.

- Character
- Personal social responsibility
- Student achievement
- Fitness
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Selfless service to community and others

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE JROTC PROGRAM?

· **ACADEMICS:** Grades are based on quizzes; assignments; participation; attendance; and presentations on current events, self-exploration and more. The goal is for students to complete the following four levels of the JROTC program

TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS

“ I have aspirations to enroll in the military. The JROTC program allows me to get the feel of that career path and helps me achieve my goal to be a better person, who's well-spoken and well-mannered.

- Jaridia Francisco,
Addison Trail class of 2025

“ JROTC offers the opportunity to earn scholarships, higher military rankings and other benefits.

- Mekhi Haywood,
Addison Trail class of 2026

“ JROTC has helped me to grow and step outside of my comfort zone.

- Heidy Grajales-Benitez,
Addison Trail class of 2026

during their high school career: The Emerging Leader, The Developing Leader, The Supervising Leader and The Managing Leader.

· **WEEKLY EVENTS:** Every Friday, students participate in physical training. This includes teambuilding sports and a biannual Cadet Challenge that tests calisthenics, flexibility and running up to 1 mile. Students also participate in a drill and ceremony/uniform inspection each week.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED WITH JROTC BEYOND THE CLASSROOM?

- Color Guard
- Drill Team
- Archery
- Robotics
- Drones
- JROTC Raider Challenge (obstacle course competition)
- JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB)
- JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC), which is four days and three nights in June

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ENROLLING IN THE JROTC PROGRAM?

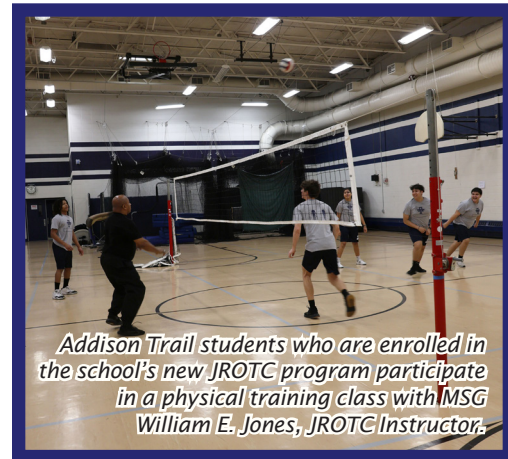
- Access to scholarships to pursue a post-



Addison Trail students who are enrolled in the school's new JROTC program recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Creed.



Addison Trail students who are enrolled in the school's new JROTC program enhance their public speaking skills.



Addison Trail students who are enrolled in the school's new JROTC program participate in a physical training class with MSG William E. Jones, JROTC Instructor.

secondary education

· Ability to enter the U.S. Army two ranks higher than other new soldiers, which leads to an increase in salary

· Opportunity to build the values and skills listed above

· Chance to participate in activities to enhance your résumé

For questions or more information about the JROTC program at Addison Trail, including the steps to enroll in the course, contact MSG William E. Jones, JROTC Instructor, at 630-628-3370 or wjones@dupage88.net.



Drawn to the Library

Celebrate National Library Week

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National Library Week: April 6-12

Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything.

From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next.

Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your big business idea at a workshop, or trace your history with genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone!

Bookmark Design Contest

In the spirit of this year's National Library Week theme, we're inviting you to design a new bookmark for us!

All ages are invited to participate! Starting Monday, March 10, pick up a template at the library or download it at addisonlibrary.org/bookmark-contest. Submit your design by Sunday, April 13 at 5:00 PM.

Winning designs will be printed and shared with library visitors. Visit our website for full details and guidelines!

More Library News

Pathways to Success

Do you have an advanced degree from your home country? Are you ready to grow your career? Join us for a six-week program created to help you succeed.

This program includes a four-week English pronunciation class and a two-week job search workshop. You will learn how to write a strong resume, do well in job interviews, and use language and career skills to take the next step in your career.

Weds., Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Apr., 9, 16

6:00-7:30 Indian Trail Jr. High

For more information, contact Ana Beltran, Adult Services Assistant, at 630.458.3315 or abeltran@addisonlibrary.org.

Building Project Updates

Phase 1 of the third floor renovations is underway and will continue through May 2025. While much of the work at this time is behind the scenes, here's how it affects library services:


- **Staff relocation:** Third floor staff are temporarily working in the Large Meeting Room.
- **Unavailable spaces:** The first floor café, Adult Program Room, and Silent Reading Room are closed. Meeting rooms are not available for reservations.
- **Study rooms:** Most study rooms remain open.

For the most up-to-date news on the library's building project, please visit addisonlibrary.org/renovation, or give us a call at 630.543.3617!

Our staff would be happy to talk about the project with you.




Addison Township serves most of Addison and Itasca, all of Bensenville and Wood Dale, parts of Elmhurst, Villa Park, and Lombard. Our boundaries are North of North Avenue, South of Devon, East of Route 53, and West of County Line Rd.



Early Voting

The Addison Township Event Center will serve as an Early Voting site for the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election.


Early Voting begins March 17, 2025 and runs through March 31, 2025. Hours will be weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and weekends from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Passport Acceptance Agents

The Township serves as passport acceptance agents during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.


Appointments are required.



Limited Financial Assistance

Residents seeking assistance with rent and utilities, who meet our guidelines, may be eligible for limited assistance.


Please call our office at 630-530-8161 for more specific information.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry, located at 50 E. Oak Street, is open to Township residents every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to

10:30 A.M. **Residents are asked to provide I.D.**




LIHEAP
(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Households wanting to apply for LIHEAP can call the Township office regarding income eligibility, required specific documentation, and to schedule an appointment.




Highway Department

The Highway Department maintains all roadways in the unincorporated areas within the Township. For further information call 630-766-2228.




Shred Event

A Shred Event will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon in the parking lot at the Township building. Residential shredding only, binders not accepted. Shredding services provided by Shred First.



Senior Programs

The Township assists with the online Benefit Access application for income eligible seniors and persons of disability to purchase license plate stickers at a reduced fee. Call for additional information.




Secretary Of State

Now open at the 50 E. Oak Street entrance of the Township building, road tests are **by appointment only.**

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1-844-817-4649. Phone lines to schedule appointments are open from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.


For any additional information on the Road Test Center please visit ILSOS.gov or call the number listed above.

License plate stickers, State ID's, Driver's Licenses can also be obtained at this location.



Transportation

Ride DuPage provides transportation for Township seniors and people of disability. Please call the Highway Department at 630-766-2228 for further information.



Assessor's Office

If you have any questions regarding property taxes, senior exemptions or senior freeze the Assessor's office is available to answer those questions. Assessor lobby is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Assessor's office can be reached at 630-530-8161 Option 1.

For any questions, please contact the Township office at 630-530-8161.



SMOKE ALARMS

- When It's time to change the clocks, It's time to check your smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms are the safest way to protect your family from fire.
- If you're in need of new ones Contact AFD about our smoke alarm program.

Dryer Fire Safety

- Have your dryer serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
- Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.



Wildfire Preparedness

- Build a emergency supplie kit.
- Plan a way to stay connected with family.
- Learn First Aid CPR.
- Understand Health Impacts.



Red Cross wildfire
Checklist