

Village of St Anne

President's Report

June 13, 2011

- 1. Beautification Committee** - The St Anne Economic Alliance Beautification Committee has planted 7 trees in the downtown area. They may end up planting two more on the NW and SW corners of Station Street and 2nd Street. To date they have sold all seven trees as memorials and they may have one more sold as a memorial. Soon they will pour concrete edgings around the trees and place steel grates around the trees. Their final step to this project will be to place tree guards around the trees to protect them. The committee is still looking for cast iron scrap metal that can be donated to the group. This metal is being melted down and used for the grates that will be placed over the trees in the downtown area. If anyone has any scrap cast metal or knows of anyone who would like to donate to this cause, please have him or her contact my wife Carol or Duane Meier. So far they have had about 3000 pounds of metal donated and they need another 2000 pounds for this project. The groups next project will be to paint the streetlights in the down town area. They will be painting them a matte black color. The Witvoet's are donating the paint that will be used for this project. The group plans to have the trees completed and the painting done by the end of the summer.
- 2. Mayor's Association Dinner** – We will be co-hosting the July Mayor's Association Dinner again this year with Aroma Park. The Meeting will be at the Aroma Park Boat Club on July 20th at 6:30 pm. You all will be invited along with your spouses to this event. We will have more information next month concerning the reservations. I hope to see you all there with your spouses.
- 3. Fourth of July Fun Raiser and Fireworks Celebration** – The Fun Raiser group is working hard on their event for July 2nd. They have lots of events scheduled for the day. They have two bands, a 3 on 3-basketball tournament, a golf ball drop and other events. Fireworks will go off at dusk. I have invited both State Representative Lisa Dugan and U.S. Representative Adam Kinzinger to this event. They are both interested in attending and I am currently trying to work out the details with each party. I hope to see all our Board Members at this event to show support for what this group is trying to do for the Village Residents.
- 4. Park Committee** – I would like for the Park Committee to meet this month and do a walk through at the Park to identify any issues or needs that we might have at the Park. I would also like to investigate what it would take for one of our maintenance employees to be certified to spray for weeds. In speaking with Mayor Dykstra of Aroma Park, he thought it was a pretty simple process to get certified.

5. **Building and Zoning Committee** – I will be setting up a meeting for this committee in the next week or so to start the process of setting up our Code Enforcement. This is going to be something new for the Village and it may not be a very popular project at first with some of the building owners. I will be inviting Cliff Cross from the City of Kankakee to attend this meeting. Cliff is the City Planner for the City of Kankakee and is responsible for the planning and zoning of the City. Cliff and I have been discussing our problems with code enforcement in the Village and he feels he can give us some guidance and expertise in this area. The enforcement of building codes was one of the major weaknesses that the SWOT Analysis pointed out and is something that we need to establish. This project is going to take everyone's input to get going.