

To Our Norridge Community,

I would like to introduce myself as your new Village President. Many of you already know me from my service as a Village Trustee since 1998, and from my 18+ years of involvement in Norridge Government and the Norridge community in which I had the privilege of being raised.

I am honored to follow our dearly departed President Earl Field, who accomplished so much for us over many years of selfless commitment to our needs.

On behalf of the Village Board, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Norridge who took the time to vote in the April 7th Municipal Election. It has been an honor to serve you and while the Village Board is proud of what has been accomplished on your behalf, we recognize that there is still much more work to be done. Your support allows us to continue our efforts towards continuing the long history of effective leadership and good government for our Village. We look forward to building upon these accomplishments in the coming years.

I also want to stress our commitment to providing consistent quality services to you - our residents and business community; services which are cost effective, efficient and responsive to your needs. We will continue our work toward providing an excellent quality of life for all our citizens.

I realize these are trying times for all, with most, if not all of you, dealing with the affects of the downturn in our national economy. The Village Board has made every effort to maintain the high quality and level of services which you are accustomed to, while keeping your costs for these services as low as possible. Keep in mind that the Village of Norridge does not levy a real estate tax, a rarity in today's challenging economic environment, and that many services such as emergency 911 telephone service and garbage pick-up at our residences are free. We also have one of the lowest water rates in Cook County. Services are funded in large part by the sales tax revenue received from the State of Illinois based on retail/sales purchases within our boundaries.

The geographic location of Norridge in relation to the greater Metropolitan Chicago Area, is a major attraction for both residents and businesses. With a population approaching 15,000 (officially), and likely greater in reality, it is imperative that you be counted in the upcoming 2010 Census. Much of the necessary money for services and maintaining our infrastructure comes by way of State funding on a per capita (average per person) basis, which is determined by our population.

In closing, the Village Board members and I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the summer. Should you have a question or concern, please stop in to visit us.

Humbly and appreciatively yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Oppedisano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "O".

Ronald A. Oppedisano - Village President

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