



# Connection

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## Village Board Shares Good News

If you have ever remodeled a room in your home or in a rental, then you are aware that you must make a mess and sometimes live in a mess in order to make improvements. Our village has been working on a water main project for several months and it will remain a “mess” for a while longer, but the “light at the end of the tunnel” will be major improvements of our 100-year-old water system. We are in the middle of Phase One of the project—replacing the water mains along Guertin Street and Route 1. The mains will be connected to the pump house where Phase Two begins by installing an Iron (rust) Filtration System. According to a notice written by David O’Connell in April of 2022, “The total cost of the Water Project will be \$5-6 million dollars. The funding is being done through EPA loans. We could qualify for forgiveness of some of these loans and the cost to village residents has been a \$5.00 per month increase in the bill. The first loan for Phase 1, which was around \$2,400,000 was secured at a \$1,100,000 principal forgiveness. This means only \$1,300,000 will need to be paid back.

The Phase 2, Iron Filtration system has been funded for \$1,400,000. The project was on the Intended Funding List as of June 1, 2023 with principal forgiveness of \$1,400,000. Mayor O’Connell brought good news to the Village Board Meeting on Monday, June 12 as he had just been informed by engineer Neil Piggush that the Village of St. Anne was one of seven state-wide projects chosen and approved for forgiveness. We do not have to pay back the Phase 2 loan which allows us to move forward with additional improvements. O’Connell said, “The faces of the village members lit up with the news. It has lifted a burden from my mind as well.”

Celebration was in the air as our State Champion from St. Anne High School Track team was honored as well at the meeting, accompanied by Coach Neal Buck.



Mayor David O’Connell recognized Reece Curtis at Village board meeting. Reece ran the 400m and the 200m at the State of Illinois Track Competition. He broke records for SACHS and the IHSA in the 400m, bringing home the 1st place title. Reece also earned a medal, placing 6th for the 200m run.

Reece will be a senior so he has an opportunity to compete again next year. One of the interesting facts is that our track is completely torn up due to new construction; therefore, Reese had no track on which to practice before the state championship. He is an all-around worthy of praise student as he is Captain of the Soccer Team and an Honor Student. For the summer, he is working at the high school in maintenance.

Reece’s parents are Zach and Brittany Curtis. Our community is so very proud of Reece Curtis and we wish him well. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Events:

**June 20—6:00 pm Village Special Meeting; Street Scrape Project.** Public invited to discuss the downtown area.

**June 27—Women’s Bible study** on the book of James every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church. If interested, call or text Becky DeVries at 815 953 0953.

**June 29—Kid’s Craft Day** to create two awesome patriotic craft items. 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Anne Park Pavillion. All supplies are provided. Also, a bike washing station. Popsicles provided by local Police Department.

**July 1—Celebration at the Park. Fireworks at Dusk.**