

Village of Steward Newsletter

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Water Bills Online!**

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Along the left side of the page and in the center

StewardIL.com/#pay

2020 Water Report (CCR) is out
and can be found on our web-
site, www.stewardil.com.

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Needed! Volunteer fire-  
fighters. Apply Monday  
nights at the Fire Station.



***Volunteers Improving and  
Preserving Steward!*** VIPs  
have been taking turns  
mowing and weed whack-  
ing the Village properties.  
At the November Village  
Board meeting, Laura Sala-  
zar was there to hold the  
drawing for \$25 gift certi-  
ficates. She did monthly  
drawings by putting names  
of each VIP who worked  
that month in the hat and  
here are the results!



.Do you  
have a  
home im-  
provement  
project going on? Be sure to post  
your permit in your front win-  
dow. (See Hugh McKiski for  
permits if you're planning a pro-  
ject.)

**VIPs**

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May—Richard Watkins

June—Rylee Bates

July—Laura Salazar

August—Sal Salazar

September—Sal Salazar

October—Sal Salazar

Laura announced that there
will be a spring clean up, so
get ready!

Hydrants were flushed Octo-
ber 30th. Thank yous go out
to Logan Frye and Les and
Karen Bonnell.

The Village appreciates ALL
the volunteerism and ap-
plauds your efforts.

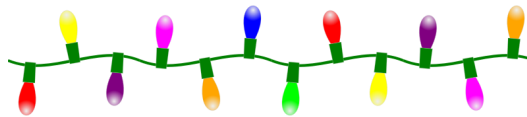


Steward History

For those that don't know me, my name is **Rob Pinnick**. I've lived in Steward for fifty-two years...minus three months we "moved" to Colorado. I call it the vacation with furniture. Anyway, Les Bonnell asked if I could relay some Steward history. I'll start with the house I now share with my wife Peggy. My house was built in 1932 by Charles Diller. The story of how he decided on this style house, Spanish style stucco, is short, but romantic. It seems that there was a local young lady named Leona that Charles was smitten with (people were smitten back then). One day while giving her a ride in his car, they were talking about places they've visited and Leona said that she really loved southern California and the Spanish stucco houses and their tile roofs. Charles made a mental note. On a later car ride, they were going through the very little, and I mean LITTLE, village of Steward. At the north east corner of Steward street and Dewey avenue was a brand new, Spanish style stucco house, with a clay tile roof and arched windows. Charles slowed the car and pointed out the house. "What do you think?" He asked. "It's beautiful!" She said. He smiled at her, "If you marry me, you can live there. I had it built for you." And the

rest, they say is history. They married, and lived in that house on the north east corner of Steward and Dewey for many, many years, until Charles' death. He died in the home he built for his love. My parents bought the house from Leona, and I grew up there. My parents sold it to me, and used the money to buy a camper and traveled. There have been many improvements to the house, but I have tried to stay somewhat true to Charles and Leona's vision. Tile roofs don't fair well in Illinois humid climate, and double pane windows are better than single for the Illinois winters. *Editor's note: Rob is well versed in the history of Steward and will be a guest columnist. Thanks, Rob!*

It's time to be decorating for the holidays again!



We have enjoyed the outdoor holiday displays the last several years and we are looking forward to what Village Steward residents do this year's! This year's contest will have 2 prizes at \$75 each and a few honorable mentions. Please have your displays or décor up by December 13th. Judging will be completed by December 20, 2021. Winners will be posted on the Village Facebook Page.

This friendly contest is something for all ages to enjoy at the holiday season! Let's have some fun!



Thinking of others and doing something about it! That's **Steward Elementary Student Council**, led by faculty advisor Mrs Odle and Student Council President Alayna Smardo, Vice President Samantha Overton, and Secretary Morgan DeLille. They held a food drive and this week distributed the donations to Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and N.I.C.E in Lee. When they delivered they were given tours of each pantry.

Thanks to all who donated and thanks to Student Council.

**Steward Eagles:
Making a difference!**

