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A Message From Joe

Having been born a short distance from Wrigley Field, I grew up within walking distance to the end of the Addison Ave bus line so it was an easy trip to a Cubs game. I remember sitting right behind the dugout with my dad and getting players' autographs (on a ball I would eventually play with, relegating the autographs to oblivion). I attended many games with my mom – back then Tuesday was lady's day so she got in for free and we could bring a small jug with kool-aid and a couple of sandwiches so it was a very cheap outing. My mom listened to WGN constantly and that meant every Cubs game was on the radio in our house every day. While it is no longer a cheap outing, some of my best memories are enjoying the Cubs games with family and friends. I have been blessed to attend many games with family and friends and to share in season tickets with a great group of guys for 20+ years. There are too many memories to list here but I will say being at games with all my kids (or with my 2 sons and mom at the infamous Bartman game – see picture) has only further solidified the family lore and linkage to the Cubs.



Frankly, it has been a challenging year for business with so many budget cuts in Illinois and delays on projects in Illinois and Seattle and the epic game 7 did little to calm me – but I think I'll save that for another newsletter. Today as the Cubs parade through Chicago and party in Hutchinson Field I will simply be enjoying the moment (note: the office is a bit quiet today so I have a suspicion a few folks are at that celebration...). Obviously the Cubs World Series victory did little to address the really important things in our lives. They did not cure the ill or heal relationships and so on but it does allow us to recall those good times with family and friends and to just let out a huge "Thank You God" for this moment of enjoyment. I see the fans celebrating and I realize that it's not just about the Cubs winning, it's about all those times we have been to games or watched games together with family and friends and sharing in the joy of this together. Go Cub Go!!!!

- Joe

2016 Fall/ Winter Newsletter



CRS Workshop Sponsored by ESI

This past August more than 40,000 homes were damaged from the record breaking floods in Louisiana. In fact, according to the Federal Emergency Management System (FEMA), "Every year flooding causes hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of damage to homes and businesses throughout the country."

Meeting the critical need, FEMA administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which offers insurance in communities that comply with minimum standards for floodplain management. The NFIP's

Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes community efforts beyond those minimum standards by reducing flood insurance premiums for the community's property owners. [FEMA's Community Rating System](#)

Realizing many people still have questions ESI sponsored a CRS workshop where field experts explained CRS and described in detail the benefits, cost of implementation, financial aid options and resulting resident cost savings. With nearly 40 participants representing 30 different communities in attendance, the workshop ended with a round table question and answer session with a panel of CRS specialists. [Didn't have time to make it? Here's a 1 page overview>](#)



Special Olympics World Games to be Broadcast Globally

On October 24th [ESPN](#) signed on to be the official broadcaster of the Special Olympics World Games through 2019. More than 2,600 Special Olympics Athletes from 106 countries are set to compete in Austria this March and thanks to ESPN and ABC (who will both broadcast the opening and closing ceremonies) these athletes will get the global recognition they deserve. "Our athletes are often

forgotten in sports, and in many aspects of life, so the attitude-changing coverage ESPN will provide will help us get that much closer to achieving our vision of creating inclusive communities all over the world." Stated Special Olympics CEO Mary Davis.

ESI Consultants has long supported the Special Olympics and this year at our annual Kane County Cougar game it was no different. We had another great turnout at our 11th annual event with attendance of around 225 people. There was food, fireworks and, following tradition, we gave away ESI hats. In addition to having a great time, we raised money to support Area 9 Special Olympics! [See the Photo Here>](#) Thank you to all who attended and if you were unable to make it, we hope to see you next year!



Chicago Aims to be Top Bicycle City in US by 2020

By 2020, the City of Chicago aims to be the top bicycled city in the United States and ESI is doing its part to help. ESI provided construction engineering services for the Chicago Department of Transportation for over 30 miles of new bicycle lanes at 20 different locations throughout the City. [Check out what improvements were made>](#)



Suburbs Improving Bicycle Accommodations

Planning and design engineering services were provided for the DuPage County Division of Transportation for improvements that accommodated on-street bicyclists along a 3 mile stretch on Warrenville Road. Improvements included everything from traffic signal modernization to parkway improvements. The project involved field survey, concept studies, drainage studies, traffic signal design, permitting.... [More>](#)

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