



Streamwood Community News

January / February 2018

Our Vision for Our Future



One of the key goals of the Village Board for 2018 is the completion and implementation of our Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range plan focused on how our community can grow over the next 20 years.

We looked at what makes our community unique. Through online surveys, forums and public meetings we heard that Streamwood offers a true sense of community. We heard that residents have a strong sense of neighborhood. They know their neighbors, participate in events, and are comfortable in their homes. We heard pride in our abundant open spaces, trails and parks.

How can we capitalize on these strengths? We heard we should improve open space connections, access to technology, and gathering spots to maintain this sense of community. As work continues on the Plan, we will examine ways to realize this vision.

Do you have additional ideas? Our plan is not yet complete. We would appreciate any suggestions that can help us finalize our vision for our future. Send your ideas to mayor@streamwood.org.

2018 Village Budget Summary

No new fees. Tax levy at 0% of extension. Nearly \$8 million earmarked for infrastructure and public improvements throughout the community. The Village of Streamwood adopted its 2018 Budget. We once again offer a balanced budget to provide exceptional services while preserving the long-term financial stability of the Village.

The 2018 Budget totals \$60,525,275, which marks a 1.8% percent increase over last year's budget. Our budget is focused around the Village Board's annual goals and objectives. This provides guidance and direction emphasizing thoughtful planning and fiscal constraint. This has enabled us to complete another successful year in 2017 realizing key goals including:

- Stabilized long-term water rates with a new Chicago water rate contract.
- Completed a needs analysis to guide potential capital investments for future growth and ensure our facilities meet the service needs of our residents and businesses.
- Initiated the update to our Comprehensive Plan.
- Celebrated the Village's 60th Anniversary.

In addition, the Village continues to maintain or improve its service to our residents and businesses through ongoing projects including:

- Pavement resurfacing and reconstruction of over 8 miles of streets.
- Implementation of a new computer system making utility billing more efficient with expanded online services for our residents and businesses.
- Emphasizing our focus on customer-oriented public service.

The Village continues to minimize debt; fund and maintain capital equipment and assets; utilize "pay as you go" financing where appropriate; encourage intergovernmental cooperation; and ensure efficient, cost effective services.

The success of our diverse revenue sources allowed us to increase allocations to many of our Capital Project Funds. Despite uncertainty at the state level, our budget proposal keeps the property tax level with last year and maintains financial policy levels in every operating and capital fund.

We ended 2017 with revenues exceeding expenditures in the General Fund. The Village Board earmarked these reserve funds to support and promote the 2018 Goals and Objectives including:

- Capital improvement projects including bike path planning recommended in our Comprehensive Plan, reviewing and updating Village facilities where prudent, and enhancing Wi-Fi connections in Village buildings.
- Increase funding to the Street Improvement Fund to enhance our infrastructure maintenance efforts.
- Provide resources for continued building improvements and vehicle purchases.

A balanced budget. A flat extension of our property tax level. No new fees. Funds allocated to maintain and enhance our capital assets. The 2018 Budget ensures our continued success in providing exceptional service to our residents. To view the entire budget, please visit our website at www.streamwood.org.



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Village Board News

Goals and Objectives Adopted

The Village Board adopted its 2018 Goals and Objectives. These serve as the Board's blueprint for moving our community forward and prioritizing our budget. The Goals and Objectives are separated into two categories: ongoing and new focus goals. Ongoing goals include maintaining a balanced budget, funding road repairs, and continuing to upgrade our computer system. New focus goals for 2018 are centered on realizing our Comprehensive Plan and space needs assessment by connecting infrastructure and improving our facilities.

Budget and Levy Approved

The Village Board adopted the 2017 Tax Levy, which is once again a 0% flat extension of last year's levy. The Village Board also approved its 2018 Budget. At \$60,525,275, the 2018 Budget is balanced between revenue and expenditures, and includes no new taxes or fees. The budget includes nearly \$8 million in capital improvements to increase spending on street improvements, expand our trail system, and upgrade our facilities. To view the entire 2018 Budget, we encourage you to visit our website at www.streamwood.org.



Fire Coloring Contest Winners

The Village Board presented awards to the winners of the 2017 Fire Prevention Coloring Contest. Children in grades 1-6 from schools across the Village participated. Grade level winners from each school were invited to a pizza party at the Fire Station. Grand prize winners were recognized and announced at the Village Board meeting.



Swearing-Ins and Promotions

The Village Board was proud to swear-in new public safety personnel and promote others. The Fire Department welcomed Michael Zarth, Tom Neyfeldt, and Nicholas Oates, and promoted Gary Jacobs to Fire Lieutenant. The Police Department welcomed Dan Jagielko, and promoted Patrick Silver to Sergeant, and Shawn Taylor to Commander. Congratulations!



Woman's Club Donation

Members of the Streamwood Woman's Club attended a recent Board meeting to present a check in support of the Village's DARE Program. Officer Matt Stastny expressed appreciation for the \$1,300 donation to be used on this important community program.

CiCi's Pizza Grand Re-Opening

CiCi's Manager Jonathan Nowak, along with Village and Chamber officials, were on hand for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand re-opening of CiCi's Pizza.



Village Receives Financial Reporting Award

The Village of Streamwood has once again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the 29th consecutive year that Streamwood has received this prestigious award, which recognizes our fiscal responsibility and commitment to excellence.

Holiday Helping

Our Police and Fire Departments hosted their Holiday Helping Program for 32 disadvantaged local families. Children had an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts at the Streamwood Super Target, accompanied by police officers and firefighters. After shopping, the kids enjoyed a visit with Santa, cookies and cocoa at the Fire Station, while volunteers helped to wrap presents.

This program is made possible by the generous support of our local businesses, individuals, and community volunteers. We greatly appreciated a generous donation made by the Schumacher family in honor of the late Trustee Guy Patterson. Thank you!

Village News

Luminaria 2017

There was a chill in the air, but the holiday spirit provided warmth as hundreds enjoyed Luminaria 2017. Santa and Mrs. Claus heard special wishes. The Streamwood Children's Choir sang holiday favorites. Spotlight Performance Company previewed the "Nutty Cracker." The event ended with two lucky winners helping President Roth light the trees in the Veterans Memorial.



Village President's Message



President Roth prepares to call the winners to light the holiday tree.

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were healthy and bright! Bright was the key word for our Luminaria celebration. Residents of all ages came out to enjoy our annual event on December 1, where our holiday tree was draped in over 18,000 lights. On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who helped to continue this Streamwood tradition including **Cheryl Dahl-Kearney and family, Dee's Catering, Streamwood Children's Choir, Spotlight Performance Company**, and the many

schools, businesses, civic and scouting groups, individuals and families who decorated our parkways and helped at Village Hall.

A note of thanks also goes to the many people who helped make the holiday season bright for those less fortunate in our community. The Village hosted its annual Holiday Helping Program. This program gives children from local disadvantaged families an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts at the **Streamwood Super Target** store, accompanied by Streamwood police officers and firefighters, which were wrapped just in time for the holidays. We offer our grateful appreciation to the dozens of businesses, individuals and volunteers, who helped to make this a truly happy holiday for these families. Many people also dropped off donations at the Village Hall, and other locations throughout town, for the Kiwanis Club's coat drive, Hanover Township's toy drive, and Township food pantry. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help.

The Village Board recently adopted our 2018 Budget. We adopted a balanced budget that is focused on maintaining all levels of services with no increases in taxes or fees. The budget anticipates a reserve balance that has allowed us to commit nearly \$8 million in capital projects including increases to our street program, as well as new initiatives from our Comprehensive Plan. We maintained our tax levy, and retained a healthy balance in keeping with the Village Board's policy. We continue to monitor our spending. We are driven to provide our residents and businesses with the highest quality services, delivered in the most cost effective way.

We are getting ready to finalize our Comprehensive Plan. This is our long-range plan for our future. The recommendations will guide the Board on how we grow as a community. We appreciate the input we've received so far. We hope you continue to help us shape our future vision.

Although the holidays are behind us, please consider giving one additional gift — the gift of life! The Streamwood Blood Commission will be hosting its first blood drive of the year on January 24, between 1:00-7:00 pm, at Village Hall.

The entire Board of Trustees would like to wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Billie D. Roth, Village President

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Disposing Hazardous Household Waste



Residents often call and ask where they can safely dispose of items such as cleaners, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, and other hazardous household waste. While there are no facilities in Streamwood, there is a facility in Naperville that is open to residents of Illinois. The facility is located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville. They are open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. For details on what is accepted, please call (630) 420-6095, between 7:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, or visit www.naperville.il.us.

Restore Parkway Trees

Our 50/50 Parkway Tree Program lets you purchase trees for the parkway at a significant savings. Pay 50% of the cost of the tree, and the Village pays the rest and takes care of the installation. Tree planting on private property is also available, when purchased through this program. Starting prices for trees in the parkway are \$142.50, and \$285.00 for trees on private property. For a complete list of trees, prices, and order form, visit the Village's website at www.streamwood.org, or drop by Village Hall. Deadline for tree orders is March 8. For more information, call Public Works at (630) 736-3850.

File of Life

Call the Fire Department at (630) 736-3650 and sign up for our free "File of Life." This program keeps pertinent medical information in a magnetic sleeve, posted within an available location at your home for use in an emergency. Rapid response times and available information will help us, help you, in an emergency.

Neighborhood Watch Food Drive



The Village's Neighborhood Watch groups held a food drive during the holidays. They were able to send a van-load of groceries to stock the shelves of the Township Food Pantry just in time for the holidays. Our thanks to our Neighborhood Watch participants and organizers!

Kittie's Korner

Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

Gubernatorial Primary Election Day March 20 – Are You Registered?

Visit the Cook County Clerk Election website to verify your registration at www.cookcountyclerk.com. Need to register? Change your name or address? If you have an Illinois Driver's License or ID card, you can complete your registration online at the same site.



Parking Prohibited on Village streets between the hours of 1:00-5:00 am except where noted in specific subdivisions. Parking is also prohibited after a 2" or greater snowfall until streets are fully plowed. Questions? Call (630) 736-3700.

Winter Parking Rules End February 28! Winter parking rules allow residents to block the sidewalk from December through February. Please be reminded that these rules end February 28. Police officers will enforce blocking the sidewalks starting March 1.

Village Hall Will Be Closed Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's Day holiday, January 15 for an In-Service Training Day and February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Wipers On? Turn On Headlights Too! Just a reminder to all motorists that when using your windshield wipers in wet weather, you **MUST** also turn on your vehicle's headlights.

Blood Drive will be held at Village Hall on January 24 from 1:00-7:00 pm hosted by the Streamwood Blood Commission and VFW Post 5151. Blood is always needed during the winter months. To pre-register, visit the LifeSource website at www.lifesource.org. Walk-ins always welcome!

Do You Have Old Eyeglasses or Hearing Aids? The Lions Club has a collection box at Village Hall. Drop your old eyeglasses or hearing aids in the box and the Lions Club will "recycle" them.

Phoenix Lake Clean-Up



On Saturday, October 21, the Natural Resource Conservancy Commission sponsored an invasive species removal and trash cleanup event at Phoenix Lake. Resident volunteers and Village staff removed 16 bags of garbage and 7 bags of invasive plants. This work not only helps the natural area around Phoenix Lake thrive, but also keeps trash from heading downstream to Poplar Creek. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their efforts!

CPR for Healthcare Providers

Our CPR for Healthcare Providers course is designed for professionals such as nurses, doctors, paramedics, and nursing students. If you need a CPR card for employment, this is the class for you. Our next class date is February 10. The cost of this class is \$50.00 for residents and \$65.00 for non-residents. Please note there is no class scheduled for January.

Safely Dispose of Medicine

Wondering what to do with old medications or expired prescriptions? Fire Station #33 is a registered medical disposal site. Drop off unwanted or expired prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs at the Station located at 1095 E Schaumburg Road. The Fire Station will also take used sharps for safe and proper disposal.



Q. Can I pay my water bill online?

A. The Village's new online payment system makes managing your account easy. Simply go to the Village's website at www.streamwood.org and click on **Streamwood Self Service**. Once you set up an account, you can view bills, select to receive bills electronically, and pay online. You just need your account and customer ID to get started. Need help? Call (630) 736-3810.

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Veterans Day 2017

Despite the chill in the air, hundreds of people came out to honor our veterans on November 11. Veterans Commission members and President Roth spoke of the sacrifice and dedication of our veterans, and thanked them for their service.



Cultures of Our Community

The annual Cultures of Our Community program, held on November 4 at Poplar Creek Library, was another resounding success! Hundreds of people attended the event. Participants enjoyed music, dance, displays and food from the various cultural heritages that make up our community.





Hanover Township



Tax Aide at Hanover Township

Hanover Township Senior Services will be taking appointments for AARP's free tax program on **January 16** at the Township Senior Center. Trained volunteers will be available, by appointment, to complete basic tax returns. Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to their appointment to complete any necessary paperwork. Paperwork is also available at the Senior Center prior to appointments.

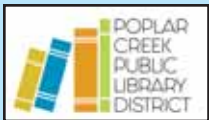
All returns are filed electronically. Printouts will be given to each participant for their records. Benefit Access application assistance will also be available at this time. To make an appointment, call (630) 483-5660.

Volunteer for Emergency Services!

The Hanover Township Emergency Services Unit is trained to respond to a wide range of emergencies and non-emergency events. They assist primary emergency responders and operate independently in times of natural and man-made disasters. This dedicated group of volunteers is properly equipped, trained and ready to assist Hanover Township residents and area public safety agencies.



To volunteer, please call (630) 837-0301 or email hfes@hanover-township.org.



Poplar Creek Public Library

Blizzard of Books

Winter Reading Challenge

The winter is the perfect time to cozy up with a good book. Why not earn prizes while you're at it! Poplar Creek will be holding its Winter Reading Challenge from **January 8-February 23**. Read books, magazines, and more to earn prizes and raffle tickets! Register online at www.pclib.org or stop by the library any time.



Kick-Off Event

Stop by the Main Library on **January 13**, from 1:00-3:00 pm, for our Reading Challenge Kick-Off. We'll offer ice sculpting demonstrations, hot chocolate and cookie bars, winter crafts, and more! All ages welcome, no registration required!

Family Concert Series Presents:

Tropical Sound Steel Drum Duo

Join us on **Sunday, February 18** at 2:00 pm as Dave Seagren and Jake Curless bring the spirit of the Caribbean Islands to life in the middle of February with a variety of tropical music styles including reggae, calypso, socca, Latin and pop. All ages welcome!



For more information please visit www.pclib.org or call (630) 837-6800.



Streamwood Park District



Your Opinion Matters!

The Streamwood Park District has a long-standing commitment to provide high quality recreation facilities, programs, parks, and services to the community.

Our initial step in engaging the community in a creative and comprehensive public participation process is the launch of a Community Interest and Opinion Survey. We hope to learn how users feel about our services, facilities, parks, and programs provided. We want to understand your needs and what you'd like the District to provide in the near future.

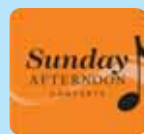
The Park District needs your help to shape the priorities by participating in a 10-15 minute survey to *voice your opinion*. Household selection is random, so please watch your mail. For questions, please email us at marketing@spdcare.com or call (630) 372-7275.

Upcoming January Events

- January 6 – Men's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- January 12-13 – Disney's Peter Pan Jr. Performance (Tefft Middle School)
- January 21 – Pint-Sized Sports (ages 2 to 3 years' old)
- January 21 – Little Hoopster (ages 4 to 6 years' old)
- January 24 – Streamwood's Got Talent at Hoosier Grove Barn – new
- January 27 – Indoor Youth Soccer League



Sunday Afternoon Concert Series



Join soprano Sarah Kropski and pianist Anca Apetean as they explore the lessons and triumphs of love through song – from opera to pop favorites on **January 14** at 2:00 pm at the Main Library. Free tickets available at main and all branch libraries.

Preschool & Childcare Information Fair

Parents and caregivers can find information about local preschools, daycare centers and licensed homes at this free fair from 10:00 am-12:00 noon on **January 20** at the Main Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

13th Annual Black History Family Festival Celebrate Freedom and Justice for All

This free family event will take place from 1:00-4:00 pm on **February 3** at the Main Library. Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly M. Foxx is slated to deliver the keynote address. The festivities will feature an unforgettable live performance by Chicago West Community Music Center, food, crafts, stories and more family fun.



BabyFest

Stop by to explore the latest baby information featuring health and wellness resources, community services and early childhood literacy from 10:00 am -1:00 pm on **February 17** at the Main Library. Vendors will be sharing their unique items for little ones and families. For more information, go to www.gailborden.info/babyfest.



School District U-46

Thank you to all the community leaders who served as a Principal for a Day in December.



Members of the Streamwood Police and Fire Departments joined community leaders from across the District for Principal for a Day. Participants spent the day

reading to students, leading the pledge, monitoring recess, and learning about our schools. School District U-46 appreciates all the community leaders who participated.

U-46 Launches New Website and Customer Service Tool

School District U-46 launched a new website for the District and its individual schools. It features multimedia elements, easier navigation tools, and a responsive design that will allow pages to display on smartphones and tablets. School and District websites offer global icons to make it easier to access popular items such as lunch menus, Infinite Campus, and staff resources.

The District also launched "Let's Talk!" an online customer service solution that invites parents, students, staff, and community members to submit questions and comments. It provides a dashboard and reporting options to allow the District to measure timeliness and satisfaction of staff responses.

The new website and Let's Talk will help the District proactively serve our customers, gather feedback about critical issues, provide increased accountability, and build stronger relationships with citizens, employees, parents, teachers, students and staff.

ECC has educational opportunities near you!

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Streamwood Village Hall, 301 East Irving Park Road
847-214-6904
elgin.edu/adulteducation

FREE English as a second language (ESL) classes
two nights per week, 6 to 9 p.m.

Register at ECC Main Campus, Building K.
Call 847-214-6904 for details and requirements.

EDUCATION AND WORK CENTER

6704 Barrington Road, Hanover Park
630-634-7400
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Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE education and job assistance:

- English as a second language (ESL) classes.
- Adult basic education (reading, math, and writing).
- High school equivalency courses (English and Spanish).
- Illinois workNet® Center with job counseling, workshops, and job training. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Education and Work Center was created through an innovative partnership between ECC, Harper College, the village of Hanover Park, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, and the state of Illinois.



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Streamwood Police to Offer Citizens Police Academy



2017 Streamwood Citizens Police Academy Graduates

2018. Classes meet at the Streamwood Police Department on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm during the 10-week session.

Interested participants must be 21 or older; registration is required. Applications are available at the Streamwood Police Department, Village Hall or online. **The deadline to apply for the March 5 session is February 16, 2018.** If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Constantino "Dino" Heckermann at (630) 736-3709 or heckermann@streamwood.org.

Do you have more than a curiosity about the workings of your police department, its officers and the 911 system? The Streamwood Citizens Police Academy (SCPA), a 10-week program instructed by Streamwood police officers, can provide you with that information! SCPA offers classroom and hands-on instruction, and offers citizens a closer look at the inner workings of how police officers perform their duties, as well as how the department functions to serve the community in varying capacities. Topics covered include traffic stops, crime scene preservation and evidence collection, NIPAS (SWAT) teams and much more.

Our next SCPA session takes place on **March 5, 2018 through May 7,**



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Community Development - John Peterson, Director | (630) 736-3843 | communitydevelopment@streamwood.org

Finance - Josh Peacock, Director | (630) 736-3800 | finance@streamwood.org

IT - Victor Ambroziak, Director | (630) 736-3855 | it@streamwood.org

Public Works - Matt Mann, Director | (630) 736-3850 | public_works@streamwood.org

Village Hall Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Thursdays 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Village Calendar

JANUARY

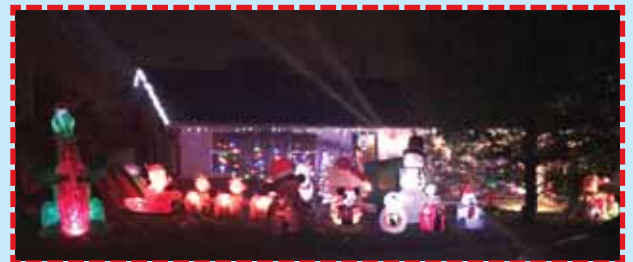
- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
- 4 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8 Community Relations Commission (Police Dept.) 6:00 pm
- 14 Sunday Concert Series (see page 6) 2:00 pm
- 15 IN-SERVICE – VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
- 16 Planning/Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24 Blood Drive Village Hall (see page 4) 1:00-7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 CPR for Healthcare Providers (see page 4)
- 12 Community Relations Commission (Police Dept.) 6:00 pm
- 15 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 Citizens Police Academy Deadline (see page 7)
- 18 Family Concert Series (see page 6) 2:00 pm
- 19 PRESIDENTS DAY – VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
- 20 Planning/Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28 Winter Parking Rules End (see page 4)

Holiday House Decorations Winners

The Village received quite a number of nominations for best holiday house decorations. The Luminaria Committee struggled, but they were able to determine the winners! Congratulations to the winners!



731 Ridge Circle – Best Ornamental Display



521 Bode Road – Best Traditional Display



81A Coolidge Court – Best Multi-Family Display