



Streamwood Community News

January/February 2021



Parkway Tree Program

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, 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 \$125 and \$250 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 5. For more information, call Public Works at 630-736-3850.

No Increase in Water Rate for 2021

Water and sewer rates are established to provide the necessary funding for the purchase of water and long-term maintenance of our infrastructure. The Village Board confirmed there will be no increase to the rate for 2021. This is evidence of our commitment to provide high quality services, in the most cost efficient manner possible.



Village of Streamwood - 2021 Budget Summary

Fiscal Responsibility

Recently, the Village of Streamwood adopted its 2021 Budget. Once again, the Budget is balanced with no new fees or taxes. Water rates will remain frozen through the end of 2021. Due to COVID-19, the Village had to take a hard look at every line item of its budget. The Village has estimated that our community has lost revenues totaling \$1 million. For those items that were not contractually obligated, the Village's 2021 Budget remained flat with the prior year. The majority of the Village's General Fund expenditures (82.1%) are based on our commitment to our core services (Police, Fire, and Public Works).



Investing in Our Community

In 2018, the Village initiated a detailed multi-year plan to improve our public facilities. Village Hall and Streamwood Oaks Golf Club House were renovated in 2019. In 2020 and 2021, construction commenced on Fire Station #31 (Park Avenue) as well as the Public Works Facility (Bartlett Road). All of these projects are included in the Village's Comprehensive Plan which is focused on reinvesting in our community. By managing its resources effectively, Streamwood is able to perform these projects without impacting Village taxpayers. The Village has also allocated resources for Community Event Signs and the continued development of a Village-wide Bike Pathway System. In addition, Streamwood has a strong commitment to reconstructing or resurfacing 6 miles of streets annually. With over 99 miles of streets in the community, a high priority of the Village Board is to maintain this critical infrastructure. The 2021 Budget includes improvements to Romajeau, Pine, Poplar, Spruce, Laurel, Whispering, Brookside, Sunnydale, Audubon and Park Boulevard, between Irving Park and Schaumburg Road.



Where do your property tax dollars go?

The Village of Streamwood received \$12.1 million in 2020 from property taxes or roughly 13 cents of every property tax dollar. The largest portion of an average

property tax bill is directed to School District U-46, which receives over 60% of every property tax dollar. For the Village, property taxes are an essential revenue source and utilized to fund essential services including Police and Fire (Public Safety), Public Works, and Capital Projects which include street improvements. As a result, exceptional services are offered in an efficient and cost effective manner.

To view the 2021 Budget, please visit www.streamwood.org and click on Services>Finance>Finances at a Glance.

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Village Board News

Budget and Tax Levy Approved

On December 3, the Village Board adopted its **2021 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget**.

Despite the pandemic, the Village ended the year with a small surplus. Every attempt was made to hold the line on expenditures in anticipation of slower economic activity due to the continuation of the pandemic into 2021.

At \$77,096,717, the 2021 Budget is balanced, and includes a number of items intended to realize our buildable Comprehensive Plan, such as completion to the Fire Station project, improving bike and walking trails, including the design for a bridge over Route 59, and our annual road program; all with no new taxes or fees.



As part of the budget process, the Village Board adopted the **2020 Tax Levy**. The levy was decreased by 0.1% as a result of favorable returns on our debt service. And, the Village Board held steady the **2021 Sewer and Water Rate**. To view the entire 2021 Budget, we encourage you to visit our website at www.streamwood.org.

Be a Good Neighbor!

Over the past few years, the Village has worked to better define, control, and regulate noises that generate the most resident and business complaints. Dealing with unreasonable loud noise is a quality of life issue that unfortunately needs to be addressed by the police department from time to time. The Noise Control Regulation ordinance gives the police department the tools to regulate the noise issues, which attract the most complaints from our residents and businesses.

The most typical type of complaints in residential areas includes loud music (including from a vehicle), late-night parties, yelling, and shouting. Concerns in business areas include excessive amplified sounds, garbage collection, and loading and unloading. The noise ordinance sets specific hours in which loud noises will be tolerated. In general, no construction, loud music, garbage collection, loading and unloading will be permitted between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, on weekdays, and between 10:00 pm and 10:00 am on the weekends. This includes amplification which can be heard at a distance of one hundred feet (100') from the point of its origin. Music from a vehicle may not be heard from beyond seventy-five feet (75') away.

These regulations do provide some exemptions. School and park events, certain construction efforts, and public works projects may generate noises earlier or later than the prescribed hours. Of course, emergency repairs or emergency vehicles are also exempt from these regulations. This ordinance will

help us to protect the peace and quiet of the residents of the Village by preventing unreasonably loud and raucous noise. It also provides a framework for each of us to become better neighbors to each other.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the police department or visit www.streamwood.org and refer to the Noise Control Regulation, ordinance number 7-10-5 (Noises Prohibited), under the Reference section.



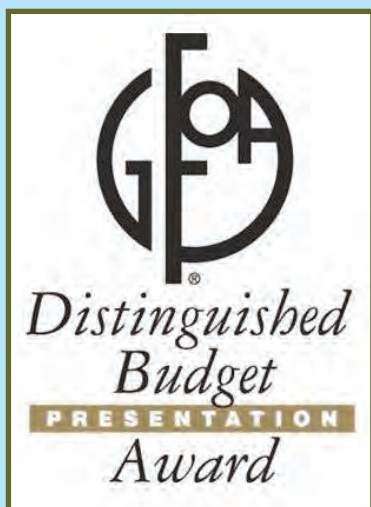


We Want Your Input!

Our 2018 Comprehensive Plan envisioned better connectivity within our community by improving our pedestrian and bicycle trails. It also proposed a bridge over Route 59. The Village has initiated plans to make this vision a reality. A public forum is being planned for February 25 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers (pending COVID restrictions) to share plan concepts and gather feedback. We welcome any ideas and input from the community on improving these efforts! As we get closer to the meeting date, plans, specifications and more details will be available online and at Village Hall. We are also working on an online survey to gain input from residents.

Budget Award

For the 31st consecutive year, the Village of Streamwood has received the Government Finance Officials Association Budget Award. Nationally, only 5% of municipalities receive this prestigious award, which recognizes the Village's commitment to transparency in budgeting. Receipt of the award assures our community that the budget document is of the very highest quality and reflects the top industry standards for a fair and accessible financial plan.



Village President's Message



Happy New Year! I'm sure many of us are glad that 2020 is over. The promise of a vaccine to address the coronavirus gives us hope to look forward to 2021!

The Village Board recently adopted our 2021 Budget. We again adopted a balanced budget that is focused on maintaining all levels of services, working on realizing our Comprehensive Plan, and

doing so with no increases in taxes or new fees. The budget has reserved funding committed to our on-going capital projects including our street program, replacing Fire Station #31, renovating Public Works, and connecting our community with improved bike and pedestrian trails. We were able to present a slightly lower tax levy, while ensuring our fund balances were in line with the Village Board's policy. We are continuing the second year of our 2-year water rate freeze. 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.

One of the projects we are working on includes the opportunity to build a trail bridge over Route 59. We are in the preliminary engineering and design stages. We welcome residents input. A public forum is being planned for February 25. Please keep an eye on our website for further details and information.

We hope that you enjoyed your entire holiday season, even though it was very different. We tried to get it off to a great start with Luminaria. This event was impacted by the pandemic. But, residents, families, businesses and civic groups still came out to enjoy our annual event on December 4. They filled bags and lit the luminaria along Park Blvd. Some drove by the Village Hall, Veterans Memorial and Police Station, which were decorated in thousands of colorful 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 unique tradition in Streamwood, despite the changes required under COVID-19.

A great note of thanks goes to the many people who helped brighten the holiday season for those less fortunate in our community. The Village once again hosted its Holiday Helping Program. While COVID-19 made it a little different, it still had a big impact on the children and their families. Streamwood police officers and fire fighters helped to guide or deliver presents, food, and household supplies. A socially distanced visit with the man in the red suit brought joy to all. 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. A special thanks to the following donors who generously contributed \$500 or more: Fiesta Market, Bath Planet, Tammy Shaeffer, Mark Meucci, Fiesta Del Mar, Rebecca Floyd, and Elgin Toyota. In addition, many people also dropped off donations at the Village Hall, and other locations throughout Streamwood, for the Hanover Township's toy drive and food pantry. Thank you for helping to make the season bright! During difficult times, our community comes together to help on another.

The Streamwood Blood Commission hopes you can keep the holiday giving spirit going this New Year. The Commission encourages everyone to give the gift of life at their next drive tentatively scheduled for January 27, between 1:00 pm-7:00 pm, at the Police Department. Of course, this is subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Billie D. Roth".

Billie D. Roth, Village President



Protect Our Water Supply – Reduce Rock Salt Use

The Village encourages residents to use rock salt with care to protect our water supply. After melting snow and ice, the salty slush drains into sewers and washes into rivers. Once in the water, it chokes aquatic life and changes the composition of our region’s streams and lakes. After shoveling, please limit the use of salt on driveways and sidewalks. Excess salt should be swept up and thrown away to avoid damaging grass, trees, or our waterways.

Holiday Lights Recycling Program

There is still time to recycle broken and unused holiday lights! As you put away your holiday decorations, please don’t throw unwanted lights in the trash. Containers are located at Village Hall, Public Works, Poplar Creek Library, and Park Place Recreation Center. All types of stringed lights and extension cords are accepted. **The program will run through Friday, February 5.**



Holiday Yard Waste

Curbside recycling is available for holiday greens. Advanced Disposal will collect

Christmas trees, natural wreaths, and boughs during the first three (3) pick-ups in January. Please make sure all wire, tinsel, garland, lights, artificial ornaments, and decorations are removed.

Parking is prohibited on Village streets between the hours of 1:00 am -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? Please call 630-736-3700. Vehicles in residential driveways may block the sidewalk or parkway from December 1 through the end of February.



VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, January 1 for the New Year’s Day holiday, Monday, January 18 for In-Service Training, and Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents’ Day.



Consolidated Election Day is April 6 – Are You Registered to Vote?

Streamwood positions on the ballot will be: Village President (1, 4-year term), Village Clerk (1, 4-year term), and Village Trustee (3, 4-year term). This election also includes the

park district, library, school board, etc. Visit the Cook County Clerk Election website to verify your registration: www.cookcountyclerk.com. Need to register? Change your name or address? If you have an IL Driver’s License or ID card, you can complete your registration with the County Clerk’s Office online.

Snow Plow Routes Information

The Public Works Department works hard to keep our streets clear throughout any storm event. Please remember not to park on streets after a 2” or greater snowfall to allow the plows to do their job. To decrease excessive snow at the end of your driveway, try to shovel in the direction of traffic, starting with a small clear space along the curb line and at the end of your driveway. If a plow inadvertently hits your mailbox, or causes other damage, please report it immediately by calling 630-736-3850 or 911.



Please note that the Village does not plow IDOT or Cook County roads. IDOT is responsible for plowing Barrington Road, Irving Park Road, Lake Street, and Route 59. For questions on IDOT roads, please call 800-452-4368. Cook County Highway Department maintains Schaumburg, Bartlett and Bode Roads. For questions on County roads, please call 847-603-1600.

Community News

Congratulations to our 2020 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners!

We appreciate the creative efforts of our residents in sharing the holiday spirit with our community. A special thank you to our volunteer panel of judges who drove the community to score the entries received.

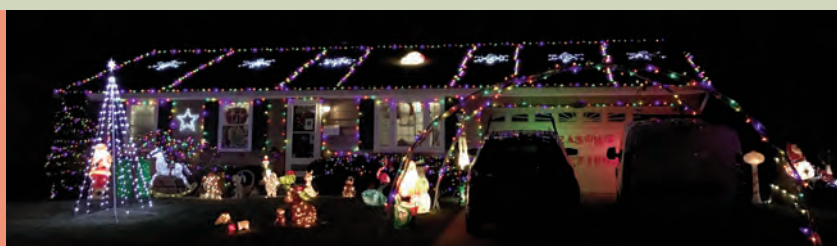


Merry & Bright
Joel Frediani –
336 Somerset Dr.



Most Traditional
Keith Kirk –
511 Robinhood

Most Whimsical
Daryl & Cynthia Palmer –
251 W Kennedy Dr.



36th Annual Luminaria

While the evening did not have all the same elements due to the pandemic, we were happy to be able to light up the candles this year as a sign of hope and peace, as we head into 2021. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Luminaria extra special!



Virtual Gingerbread House Contest Winners

Streamwood has some very talented kids! Our young residents celebrated first responders by creating a gingerbread fire or police station. Thanks to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners!

(LEFT) Ages 5-8 – Olivia Scheffki
(RIGHT) Ages 9-12 – Taylor Wesselman



Government Partner News



Hanover Township

www.hanover-township.org

Donate to the Hanover Township Food Pantry

The Pantry serves residents across the community facing food insecurity. Located at 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park, the pantry on average experiences 715 visits per month. Pantry shelves are stocked with donations from residents, local businesses and community organizations. Most needed items include: white rice, spaghetti noodles and sauce, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, cooking oil, canned tuna and chicken, and canned vegetables and fruit. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or at any Township facility. For pantry hours and other information, please visit www.hanover-township.org, or call 630-540-9085.

Hanover Township Spring Tutoring Applications Available Now

The second semester of school is just getting started! The Hanover Township Tutoring Program will begin February 16 for students in grades 2 – 12. One-hour tutoring sessions will be held once a week at the Town Hall, 250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Socially distanced, small group sessions will be conducted by a certified teacher. The fee is \$45 per student, for the semester. To register, or for more information, please call 630-483-5799 or email mherrera@hanover-township.org. Tutoring sessions fill on a first come first serve basis. Dates and program requirements are subject to change depending on guidance from the state and county health departments.



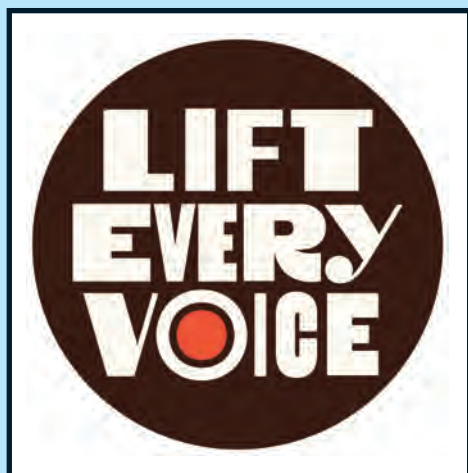
Poplar Creek Public Library

www.pclib.org

Lift Every Voice

The Poplar Creek Public Library proudly presents Lift Every Voice, a month-long event exploring the African American experience through poetry. Poets, scholars, musicians, and exhibits will all be part of the programming, which will be free and open to the public, either in person, and/or virtually. Visit www.pclib.org to view the full schedule of events; registration required. The Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters is a national public humanities initiative of Library of America.

Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters Poetry Reading & Discussion presented by Chasity Gunn, February 7 at 2:00 pm. Stories & Songs of the African People Presented by Shanta Nurullah February 14 at 2:00 pm. The Downtown Charlie Brown Blues Band February 21 at 2:00 pm.



Streamwood Park District

www.SPDCARES.com

Building Block Preschool – January Restart Begins the Week of January 25

Children in the Building Block Preschool program will learn through play, as they are taught skills to aid in the development of their creativity and educational and emotional well-being. Our qualified and caring instructors use a curriculum geared to ensure that students are taught the skills needed prior to entering kindergarten. To learn more, visit www.streamwoodparks.org/building-block-preschool/.

Young Rembrandts On-Demand for 5-12 Year Olds

January Lessons: Winter Bird, Groovy Giraffe, Claudette Colvin, and Stylish Dogs; February Lessons: Scorpion, Funny Food, Rosetta Thorpe, and Wild Monkeys. Register online with code 421363

Adult Cooking Class for 18 Years +

Come unwind and take a break while cooking a delicious meal. You'll learn how to prepare convenient and affordable meals that can be added to your favorite recipes. Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 pm, Nigerian Street Foods; Thursday, February 11, 6:00 pm, Steak and Frites. Register online with code 431210; resident/non-resident: \$42/\$50

Daddy/Daughter Mask-erade – Thursday, February 18 & Friday, February 19

Dads, come dressed to tear up the dance floor for a fun night out with your girl(s) that includes crafts, dancing, and food. Dads and daughters (ages 3 years old +) will receive the royal treatment as they enjoy snacks and desserts. Dinner will not be provided. Facial coverings must be worn, and social distancing will be practiced. 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Hoosier Grove Barn; register by February 10; resident/non-resident: \$15/\$20 per person



Gail Borden Library

www.gailborden.info

Inspiring African American Leaders – Celebrating Black History Month

This virtual, multimedia exhibit honors some of the most influential African Americans and their contributions to humanity. Experience the stories of Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells, Barak Obama and many more notable leaders brought to life with historical video and audio clips and other media. Elgin historian and advocate Ernie Broadnax will be among those featured. Explore the lives of these notable individuals throughout February at www.gailborden.info/Blackhistory.

The New Jim Crow: Community Read on Racism

Michelle Alexander's groundbreaking 2010 book The New Jim Crow describes mass incarceration through the lens of systemic racism. Join fellow community members at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 24, for a lively discussion hosted by Elgin Mayor Dave Kaptain and facilitated by former ECC sociology instructor Joyce Fountain. Special guests will be Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain and Benedictine University professor Dr. Vincent Gaddis. Register at www.gailborden.info/register.

Black Voices, Black Joy – A Virtual Event Series

Families can join us at 6:00 pm every Wednesday in February to celebrate Black history, culture and heritage by sharing stories together in many ways. Please go to Facebook Live at www.bit.ly/gbplFBLV to listen and share your story!

Raising Black Voices: Author Interview with Charles Waters

Join us for a dynamic presentation by children's author Charles Waters. His book Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship won many state awards and is an American Library Association Notable Book. This special online interview for families will take place at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 15, via Zoom. Please register for the program at www.gailborden.info/register.



School District U-46

School District U-49 Covid-19 Update

While COVID-19 metrics have improved slightly, Illinois Department of Public Health continues to see positivity rates in excess of 8%. Additionally, both state and local health departments still anticipate surges in cases following the holidays. As a result, School District U-46 has decided to delay hybrid and additional in-person learning until after the New Year. The plan for learning by grade is as follows:

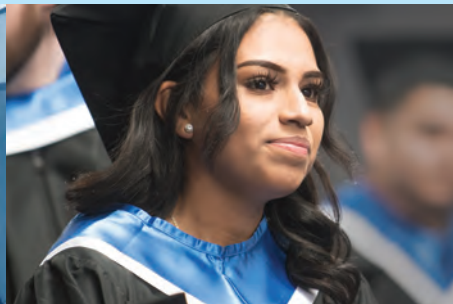
Pre-K to 2nd Grade - Students remain in distance learning with their current teachers. Students will return for in-person hybrid instruction the week of January 11, 2021.

3rd Grade to 6th Grade - Students remain in distance learning with their current teachers. Any necessary re-assignments will occur when schools start in-person instruction under the hybrid model the week of January 11.

Middle and High Schools - Students will remain in distance learning following their current schedules. The schedule for hybrid model for in-person instruction will begin when students return for the second semester beginning January 19, 2021. Schedules were sent to all middle and high school families. The District has developed plans to provide some level of support for struggling students before the first semester ends, with targeted opportunities for small group in-person instruction from January 4-15.

Specialized Student Services - Students in transition and/or self-contained specialized student services programs, will return for in-person instruction beginning January 11.

The development and distribution of a vaccine for COVID-19 is great news. It provides hope that the school year may soon return to a greater sense of normal. The District will continue to review and modify its schedule to ensure the safety and health of all its students, teachers, and support staff.



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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
- 7 Village Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Village Offices Closed for In-Service Training
- 19 Planning and Zoning Board 7:00 pm
- 21 Village Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 27 Community Blood Drive at Police Station 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

- 4 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Last day to recycle unwanted holiday lights (see pg. 4)
- 15 Presidents' Day – Village Offices Closed
- 16 Planning and Zoning Board 7:00 pm
- 18 Village Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 25 We Want Your Input –
Public Forum (see pg. 3) TBD
- 28 Winter Parking Rules End (see pg. 4)



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