



Streamwood Community News

January/February 2023

Fiscal Responsibility

The Village of Streamwood recently adopted its 2023 Balanced Budget. This financial plan, once again, has no new taxes or fees. Furthermore, water and sewer rates will continue to remain flat through the end of 2023. The majority (80%) of the General Fund Budget represents our commitment to core services (Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments). Streamwood has a long tradition of offering exceptional services in a cost-effective manner to our residents that has served the community well. The Business Development Assistance Program (debuted in 2022) was a resounding success. In 2023, businesses will be able to apply for grant funding for eligible improvements to their property. The Village is also investigating potential residential assistance opportunities.



Improving Public Spaces

The 2023 Budget includes a plan to continue progress on a Village-wide interconnected bike pathway system that includes a pedestrian bridge over IL-59 near Irving Park Road. The Village will also be developing a plan to renovate Kollar Pond. These projects are in-line with the Village's Comprehensive Plan which is focused on reinvesting in our community and enhancing our natural resources. Annually, major capital projects (including over 6 miles of streets each year) are funded with current available

resources. The Village utilizes a "pay as you go" philosophy to properly plan for and make these buildable projects a reality. By managing its resources effectively, Streamwood can perform all of these projects without impacting Village taxpayers. To view the 2023 Budget, please visit our website at streamwood.org.



Chief Clark's Retirement

Fire Chief Chris Clark retired after 31 years of dedicated service to our community. Chief Clark started his career as a volunteer firefighter/paramedic in the Village of Bellwood. He joined the Streamwood Fire Department in 1991. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1997, Battalion Chief in 2006, and Fire Chief in 2011. Under his leadership, the department elevated its professional standing including obtaining an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of 2, which directly benefits residents and businesses. The department expanded its outreach to the community through improved public education including instituting a fire information program to our elementary schools. He oversaw improvements to each fire house as well as supporting equipment improvements to better serve our community. A walkout ceremony was held at Fire Station 31 on November 18. We wish Chief Clark the best in his retirement!

Village of Streamwood President, Board of Trustees, and Village Clerk



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Village Board News

New Fire Chief Sworn-In

At the November 17 Village Board meeting, Michael Meyer was sworn-in as the seventh Fire Chief of the Streamwood Fire Department. Mike joined our fire department in April of 2008. We wish Mike the very best in his new role as he continues to serve the community.



Check Out Our New Look!

We've updated our website to make it easier to use and access. Our navigation is easier. New connections and options are available. Whether you connect from your home computer, tablet

or smart phone, answers to Village questions and concerns are just a click away!

We have a variety of new features and programs to make communicating with the Village easier. Our 3-1-1 online system will let you easily register a concern. We offer online access for building permits and licenses that let you see the progress of the work.

Want more information? Sign up for our Village E-News or Business E-News. Our E-Newsletters are published weekly and are a great way to keep up on the latest Village news and events. The new site makes it easier to check on job announcements, press releases, and more. All of our other great features – online bill paying, citizen alert registration, and Board agendas – are still available. Check us out at streamwood.org!

Go Green – After the Holidays Recycling

The Natural Resource Conservancy Commission offers some tips on recycling after the holidays!

- **Recycle Holiday Greens:** Groot will collect Christmas trees, wreaths, and holiday greens during the first 3 pick-ups in January. Please remove all lights, tinsel, and ornaments. Regular yard waste collection will not resume until April 1.
- **Recycle Used Household Batteries:** Many of the today's gadgets and toys are battery-operated. Convenient? Yes. But what can you do with the batteries once they are no longer active? Public Works collects household batteries (single cell, sizes AAA, AA, C, D, or 9-volt). Simply place all batteries in a clear plastic bag and drop off at the outdoor collection bin at Public Works (565 S Bartlett).
- **Holiday Lights Recycling Program:** As you put away your holiday decorations, please remember there is still time to recycle broken and unused holiday lights. Do not throw them in the trash! Containers are located at Village Hall, Public Works, Poplar Creek Library, and Park Place Recreation Center. All types of lights and extension cords are accepted. The program will run through Wednesday, February 8.
- **Electronic Recycling:** Did you get a new TV, cell phone or computer for Christmas? Groot will collect up to six (6) electronic items (excluding television over 50 pounds) at the curb per week for \$35.00. Televisions over 50 pounds require an additional fee. Please contact Groot at least 24 hours in advance of your service day to schedule any e-waste pick up at 847-429-7370.



Beware Of Ruse Burglaries

The Streamwood Police Department has received reports of residential burglaries where the offenders are posing as utility or other construction workers. One offender will come up to a house, trying to convince a resident that they need the resident's help to check an electrical, water, or similar property issue. Once the offender has the resident distracted, his accomplice enters the home and removes items of value from bedrooms and offices.

The offenders are usually wearing clothing and/or hats that would represent them as utility workers. They will frequently use a phone or walkie-talkie during the burglary and speak or act as if speaking to another person with the company they are posing to work for. The victims in our cases have been senior citizens.

The Streamwood Police Department is recommending that residents DO NOT allow unknown and unsolicited visitors into their homes. If at any time residents encounter a similar scenario, they should immediately call 911.

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. 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 847-397-4145.

Village President's Message

Happy New Year! We hope that your entire holiday season was truly happy. We got off to great start — despite the wind — with Luminaria. Residents of all ages came out to enjoy our annual event on December 2. 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 including the Streamwood High School Choir and the many civic and scouting groups, individuals and families who decorated our parkways and helped at Village Hall.



A great note of thanks also goes to the many people who helped brighten the holiday season for those who are less fortunate in our community. Many people dropped off donations at the Village Hall, and other locations throughout Streamwood, for the Hanover Township's toy drive, and Township food pantry. Many local businesses also participated in our Holiday Helping Program, which gave 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. Our grateful appreciation to the many individuals and volunteers, for helping to make the season bright for these families.

The Streamwood Blood Commission hopes you can keep the spirit of giving into the New Year. The Commission encourages everyone to give the gift of life on Wednesday, January 25, between 1:00-7:00 pm, at Fire Station #31.

We ended 2022 by saying goodbye to our Fire Chief Chris Clark. Chris served the community for over 30 years. He helped to improve and professionalize the department. We wish him the best in his retirement. Please join us in welcoming our new Fire Chief Mike Meyer.

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, and 2023 is upon us. The Village Board recently adopted our 2023 Budget. Once again, we adopted a balanced budget that is focused on maintaining all levels of services with no increases in taxes or new fees. We kept our water rates flat once again. We continue to focus on building and realizing the community vision from our Comprehensive Plan. We are investing in our community with upgrades to our facilities. We are building an interconnected pathway system that will link the east and west sides of our community with a bridge over Route 59 near Irving Park Road. We will continue our annual street program. We have entered into an agreement with the Streamwood Park District to revitalize and maintain Kollar Park as part of our municipal campus. We are continuing our business assistance program, while exploring opportunities to develop assistance programs for residents. We will continue to monitor our spending, while ensuring that our residents and businesses receive the highest quality services, delivered in the most cost-effective way.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billie D. Roth".

Billie D. Roth
Village President



CPR Classes Start In February

The Fire Department released its annual calendar of CPR and First Aid Training for 2023. The first class for CPR (for healthcare professionals) will be held on Saturday, February 11. The cost of this class is \$50 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. For more information or to register, please call 630-736-3650, between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (M-F). The entire calendar of classes can be found on our website.

Bubbling Water Means Water Main Breaks

If you happen to see water bubbling up along a parkway or street, it is generally a telltale sign of a water main break. Water main breaks are more frequent with the cold and changing weather. If you spot a water main break, please call the Public Works Department at 630-736-3850.



Winter Parking Rules End

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

When Selling My Home, Do I Need To Purchase A Transfer Stamp?

If you are selling your home, please call the Finance Department at 630-736-3810, to make arrangements for your final Water and Sewer bill. They will also verify that you have no other obligations to the Village. For standard sales transactions, we require a copy of the State of Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration and completion of the Village's Real Estate Transfer Declaration (available on-line). For more information, visit our website at streamwood.org.

Do You Own Rental Property In The Village?

Please be reminded that all rental property in Streamwood is required to be properly licensed and inspected. The Community Development Department licenses rental property. Forms are available on the Village's website, or at Village Hall, to initiate the process.



Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law - Effective Sunday, January 1

Any newly installed smoke alarm within a single or multi-family home is required to feature a 10-year sealed battery. Existing smoke alarms may remain in place until they malfunction or they expire (10 years from date of manufacture). Exceptions: homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms and/or homes with wireless integrated alarms (Wi-Fi or Bluetooth).

Benefits of 10-year sealed batteries: no more climbing ladders to change batteries or annoying 'low battery' alarm chirps, and no more costly AA or 9V battery replacements (estimated \$40 over the life of the alarm, per unit).

At least one smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector must be installed on every level of the home and within 15 feet of any lawful sleeping room. To view the Illinois law, visit ifsa.org/smoke-alarm-law. If you have any further questions or to schedule a free home fire inspection, call the Fire Department at 630-736-3650.

Community News



Veterans Day 2022

It was a bright, but chilly day, as hundreds of people came out to honor our veterans on November 11. Our keynote speaker, Major Dorian Oleksak (Army), talked about the sacrifices our veterans make in the defense of our freedoms.

Luminaria

Windy weather limited some lighting but couldn't dim the holiday spirit! Luminaria 2022 saw hundreds of families and friends get the holiday season off to a great start. Santa and Mrs. Claus heard holiday wishes, while the Streamwood High School Choir sang holiday favorites. Two lucky winners helped President Roth light the Christmas tree in the Veterans Memorial, which had over 17,000 lights!



Community Blood Drive

Give the gift of life! The Streamwood Blood Commission will host a blood drive on Wednesday, January 25, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Fire Station #31. To register to donate, please contact Vitalant at 877-543-3768 or visit vitalant.org to register. Be sure to use sponsor code SW98. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome!

Government Partner News



Hanover Township

hanover-township.org



Volunteer With Hanover Township Emergency Services

The Hanover Township Emergency Services Unit is trained to respond to a wide range of emergencies and non-emergency events to either assist primary emergency responders or operate independently in times of natural and man-made disasters. This dedicated group of professional volunteers exist

to provide a properly equipped, trained and ready unit to assist Hanover Township residents and the public safety agencies that serve them. Volunteers train weekly on traffic incident management, scene lighting, search & rescue, drone operations, vehicle driving, first aid and many other topics. HTES officers are frequently seen around the community providing traffic control around vehicle accidents, downed power lines and at special events as well as working along police for search and rescue and fire personnel with gross decontamination services. To learn more or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit hanover-township.org or call the Township at 630-837-0301.

Restock The Hanover Township Food Pantry

The food pantry is always in need of donations, even more so following the holidays. Compared to last year, the Township is experiencing a 67% increase in the number of visits from residents in need of the pantry's resources. Most needed items include canned goods, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, paper products, personal hygiene items, cereal, pancake mix, instant potatoes, and cooking oil.



Donations can be dropped off at the Astor Avenue Community Center & Food Pantry (7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park) or at any Township office. The pantry's Amazon shopping list can be found at hanover-township.org with items sent directly to the community center.



Gail Borden Library

gailborden.info

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Warm up your winter at these performances at 2:00 pm in the Main Library. On Sunday, January 29, Piano Duo Aebersold & Neiweem will perform "Impressions for Two Pianos" including works by Liszt, Debussy, Milhaud and Ravel. Then on February 19, Flutist Anastasiya Squires, accompanied on the piano by her husband Stephen, will perform a varied recital including music of her native Ukraine. Please register at gailborden.info/register.

February is Black History Month

Experience the music of influential Black musicians from Chicago who changed the world at the Black Excellence in Chicago Music Exhibit throughout February at the Main Library. Musical artists from soul, jazz, blues, gospel, rap and more genres will be in the spotlight.

Programs about Black history at the Main Library will include 100 Years of Black History With Storyteller Linda Gorham on February 5, Celebrate Black Joy Through Poetry With Elgin Poet Laureate Emeritus Chasity Gunn on February 5, and Desserts & Dogs With Chef Dee Kid Liefde on February 8.

Other special programs will include We Are Human: CHAR In Concert on February 16 when Singer-songwriter CHAR performs songs celebrating Black History Month. Internationally known author Clifton Taulbert will illustrate the power of community to transform lives at The Life-Changing Power of Community on February 23. For more information about Black History programs and registration, visit gailborden.info/blackhistory.



Streamwood Park District

streamwoodparks.org

New Year's Resolution Sale January 2-13

Enjoy 10% off annual memberships, punch passes, and locker rentals. Save an additional 10% on any all-inclusive annual membership. Does not apply to monthly EFT memberships.

Free Week of Group Fitness January 2-8

Bring a friend and try out one of the Park District's many group fitness classes (exceptions: Jazzercise and Yoga). Classes during this time will be free to the anyone 16 years and older.

New Fitness Equipment Coming to Park Place

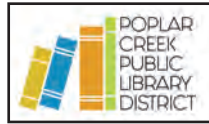
The Fitness Center at Park Place Family Recreation Center in partnership with RUSH Physical Therapy, 550 S Park Blvd., is gearing up for the delivery of new fitness equipment in January 2023, including new treadmills, bikes, stair climbers, ellipticals, various strength/free weight equipment, and more.

Daddy Daughter Dance Friday, February 17

Young ladies ages 3-12 can dress in their best, neon attire and bring their favorite adult for Streamwood Park District's Let's Glow Party. This magical night will be filled with music, dancing, black lights, glowsticks and fun. Register at streamwoodparks.org by Friday, February 10.

Winter 2023 Program Guide

Be sure to browse the Streamwood Park District's Winter Program Guide at <https://adobe.ly/3CL5aIn> and visit streamwoodparks.org/registration to register for programs and events.



Poplar Creek Public Library

pclib.org



S'Mitten With Reading

Sign up for our all-ages Winter Reading Challenge January 9 through February 17 and earn a great prize for reading only 720 minutes! For details, please visit our website at pclib.org/wrc or call 630-837-6800.

Family Concert Series

Put on your best tropical attire and come enjoy the relaxing sounds of the Caribbean on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm with percussionist Steve Butters and his steel drum group, Pan Chicago. Register online at pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515.



Compudopt Computer Giveaway

Do you have a child in grades K-12, and don't own a working computer at home? Register for a chance to receive a free reconditioned computer! To find out if you qualify or to register, visit compudopt.org/computer-giveaway or stop by the Library to pick up a flyer. Disclaimer: This is NOT a library program, and all questions should be directed to Compudopt at 630-376-6558 or email info@compudopt.org.



School District U-46

50 Years Of Bilingual Education

School District U-46 celebrated the 50th anniversary of its award-winning bilingual program with a panel discussion, musical performances, and a video. The event was held this fall at Tefft Middle School and was hosted by the U-46 Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, formerly known as the English Language Learners Department.



The panelists at the October 29 event included Dr. Annette Acevedo, U-46 Executive Director of Middle Schools; Jack Fields, former U-46 Bilingual Director; Dr. Rodney Fitzgerald, former U-46 teacher; and Jaime Garcia, former Executive Director of Centro de Información and a former U-46 principal. They spoke about the evolution of bilingual education in U-46, areas of success and challenges, and why bilingual programs are critical for students' success. The event also featured a performance by Mariachi Joya Dorada de U-46, the district's student mariachi band.

Photos from the celebration, a video that premiered at the event, and links to media coverage of the anniversary can be found at info.u-46.org/Bilingual50th.



Student Advisor To State Agency

Rossi Gutierrez, a senior at Streamwood High School, has been selected to serve on the Illinois State Board of Education's Student Advisory Council for the 2022-23 school year. Only 25 students are chosen for the council from across the state, and they have all demonstrated the ability to advocate for educational equity on behalf of all Illinois public school students. Rossi has served for the past two years on the Student Advisory Council for U-46 Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders. She is also part of Streamwood Principal Dr. Jennifer Van Deusen's student advisory board. Rossi said she applied for the role because "I wanted to be the voice of the kids who never speak up. Getting this position gives me a voice not only for me but also for the thousands of kids in the district."

Unite U-46

Work continues around Unite U-46, a community engagement initiative that seeks to develop recommendations on the best way to implement the long-range vision of the U-46 Board of Education; this vision includes shifting middle school to include grades 6th, 7th, and 8th (the current model has 6th grade as part of elementary school); using the space in elementary schools to expand early childhood opportunities across U-46; and to replace and/or renovate some of the district's older buildings to provide equitable access to learning environments that support academic success for all. Community chairs for Unite U-46 delivered their recommendations to the U-46 Board of Education at its December regular meeting. That meeting can be viewed on the district's YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/SchoolDistrictU46, and additional details can be found at UniteU46.org.

ASPEN TOP 25 IN THE NATION

The Aspen Institute named ECC one of the top community colleges in the U.S. Thank you to our community for your strong support.

Learn more at elgin.edu/top25.

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Elgin Community College



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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

5	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Village Offices Closed for In-Service Training	
17	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
19	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
24	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
25	Community Blood Drive (see page 5)	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

February

2	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8	Holiday Lights Recycling Program Ends (see page 2)	
11	CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals (see page 4)	
13	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
14	Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20	Presidents' Day – Village Offices Closed	
21	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
28	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
28	Winter Parking Rules End (see page 4)	

2022 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners

The Village received several nominations for best holiday house decorations. The Committee had a difficult task, but they were able to determine the winners! The winners are:



Merry & Bright – Daryl and Cynthia Palmer on Kennedy Drive



Most Traditional– Keith Kirk on Robinhood Drive



Most Whimsical– Jake Pedersen on Wildflower Way