

# Streamwood Community News

November/December 2023





#### **Veterans Day Ceremony**

On Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am, please join the Village Board and Veterans Memorial Commission in observance of Veterans Day at Streamwood's Veterans Memorial. It's important to take time to thank and celebrate our veterans for their selflessness in serving on behalf of our country.

#### **Cultures Of Our Community**

The Community Relations Commission invites you to learn about the different cultures that make up our community. This event will feature entertainment that celebrates the heritages making Streamwood diverse and strong. Entrance to this celebration on Saturday, November 4 is free, and will be held from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at the Poplar Creek Library (1405 S Park Ave).





#### **Holiday Helping Program**

The Village of Streamwood is proud to host its annual Holiday Helping Program for the 12th year. This opportunity helps make the upcoming holidays a little brighter for our community children and their families who have experienced unforeseen circumstances and events. On December 16, Streamwood firefighters, police officers, officials, and staff, will utilize contributions made to the Holiday Helping Program to provide local children gifts for the holidays. Last year, with the generous donations

received, and support of Target, we were able to sponsor 36 local families with a total of 86 children. Knowing many more are struggling this year; we are prepared to serve more. As you begin thinking about your own



plans with friends and family, please consider making a monetary donation to this very worthy mission. Donations may be made at Village Hall or online: streamwood.org, under Make a Payment (Donations).

#### Luminaria

Our 39th Annual Luminaria is scheduled for Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm. We need your help to accomplish this beautiful display! We are looking for volunteers to help bring the holiday spirit to Streamwood by lining the median of Park Boulevard with 3,000 luminarias, from Lake Street to Schaumburg Road. Once set up and lit—this is a spectacular sight! The candles continue to glow for hours into the night.

If you would like to participate by either assembling luminaria bags, starting Wednesday, November 1, and/or to place and light the candles at an assigned location on December 1, please contact the Village President's office at mayor@streamwood.org or 630-736-3801.

Luminaria bag assembly will take place in the garage behind Village Hall, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Our goal is to have the bags complete by November 28. Island assignments, for placing/lighting luminaria, will be announced shortly thereafter.

On December 1, the entire Municipal Campus will be filled with light, as luminaria line Village Hall, the Police Station, and Veterans Memorial. We will hold a tree lighting ceremony with thousands of colorful, twinkling lights covering the trees. Kids can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Village Hall to find out if they are on the naughty or nice list! We look forward to seeing everyone at this favorite holiday event.



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



**Billie D. Roth** Village President



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**Kittie L. Kopitke** Village Clerk

#### **Village Board News**

#### 2024 Goals and Objectives Approved

The Village Board recently adopted its 2024 Goals and Objectives. The annual Goals and Objectives provide a blueprint to create our budget and determine key priorities for service and improvements in the community. Our ongoing priorities remain keeping our budget balanced and continuing quality programs and services to the community. The Board reaffirmed their commitment toward the implementation of our Comprehensive Plan in its 2024 focus goals. Specific projects include



improved communications with development of a social media presence; investments in our community and facilities; by completing building updates and revising our water and sewer rate structure; and, creating a legacy of connected trails and open spaces, with the installation of a bridge across Route 59 and developing options for Kollar Pond as a gateway to our municipal campus.



#### **Trustee William W. Harper Retires**

At the October 5 Village Board meeting, Trustee Harper was recognized for his 34 years of outstanding public service as a Village Trustee. Bill and his family moved to Streamwood in 1986. At that time, the population was just over 25,000. He was first elected Village Trustee in 1989. As a Board member for over three decades, Trustee Harper helped make policy decisions necessary to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of our community. Bill was a critical thinker on the Board. He analyzed our budgets, audits, and advanced a water rate plan that benefited the community

while ensuring our infrastructure was well-maintained. He took his role as a guardian of the taxpayers' trust to heart. He has been a steadfast proponent for our pay-as-you-go philosophy, recognizing it as a foundation to keep Streamwood running efficiently. As part of this philosophy, Bill was also instrumental in developing funding strategies for managing our infrastructure, equipment, and facilities to minimize its impact on taxpayers. Members of the current and past Village Board and staff, along with neighboring dignitaries, were on hand to recognize his contributions. On behalf of the residents of Streamwood, the Village Board and staff would like to thank Bill for his dedicated service to our community.



#### **Welcome To The Streamwood Fire Department**

At the September 21 Village Board meeting, Hayden Feyl was sworn-in as Streamwood's newest firefighter/paramedic after successfully completing all the candidate probationary employment requirements over the past 12 months. We wish him the very best in his career as he serves our community.

# Welcome To The Streamwood Police Department

Police Chief Taylor and other members of the department welcomed Nathaniel Webb, Jorge Hernandez, and James Washington as they were sworn-in on August 31 to begin the police academy.



#### **Village Board News**



#### **Trustee Vacancy**

The Village of Streamwood President and Board of Trustees are currently accepting applications to fill an open, appointed position of Village Trustee. This appointment is being sought to complete the remaining term of the current, unexpired Village Trustee vacancy. The term of office for this appointed Trustee position will expire in April, 2025.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be a current resident of Streamwood, at least 18 years of age, and an Illinois registered voter. Applications are available for pickup at the cashier counter in the Streamwood Village Hall (301 E Irving Park Rd) or on our website at streamwood.org, under News. The deadline for submitting completed applications is Friday, November 17, 2023. Applications received after this date will not be considered. For additional information, please contact the Village President's office at mayor@streamwood.org or 630-736-3801.

#### **Kiwanis Donation**

At the October 5 Village Board meeting, representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood presented a \$250 check to Fire Chief Meyer and Police Chief Taylor for our Car Seat Safety Program.



#### Village President's Message



On September 18, we had the pleasure of meeting with the principals and social workers that serve our schools in Streamwood. The Village, along with Hanover Township, sponsored the annual breakfast to discuss the various programs and services offered to families served by schools from the Township, and Streamwood Fire and Police Departments. It was a very informative morning.

After 34 years of service to the Village of Streamwood, Trustee Bill Harper retired. He is known for being an independent thinker, always starting his comments with

"have you thought about...?" He is known for providing feedback and ideas for every development or plan, and spending countless hours reworking the budget, policies, etc., always trying to do the right thing for the Village overall. Trustee Harper's retirement is a significant loss for the Village of Streamwood. He is a wise and experienced leader who always put the needs of the community first. A dedicated public servant, Bill worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Streamwood residents. He has been a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility and transparency in government. We will miss his insights and guidance, but his legacy will live on in the many improvements he helped bring to the Village. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we focus on coming together and helping one another just a little more. We are all looking for opportunities to get together, give thanks, and help our families, friends, and neighbors. The Village has many events and programs planned to get you out in the community and ready for the upcoming celebrations.

An annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on November 11 at the Veterans Memorial. This event, hosted by our Veterans Memorial Commission, allows us to honor and thank those who served to keep our country strong.

We plan to kick off the holiday season with the 39th annual Luminaria Celebration, which will be held this year on December 1. Please consider volunteering to assemble and/or light luminaria. See page 1 for more details. There's nothing like starting off the holidays with family, friends, and neighbors!

In December, the Streamwood Police and Fire Departments will host our Holiday Helping event for the 12th year. This important program helps families who have fallen on hard times to enjoy a merrier Christmas. Children are given gift cards, and firefighters and police officers volunteer to help the children shop for gifts for their family. To continue this beneficial program, we could use your financial support. Donations can be made at Village Hall or on our website. Your generosity will make the holidays more joyful for some of the children in our community.

Another way to help those less fortunate is to donate to the Hanover Township Food Pantry or sponsor a senior with a gift for the holidays. Monetary donations to the food pantry can also be made on our website. Or there is a collection tote for non-perishable food at the east entrance of Village Hall.

Finally, as you are thinking about purchases you need to make this holiday season, please remember shopping locally keeps our community strong. While it is very easy and convenient to shop online, Streamwood businesses provide jobs for your neighbors. Sales taxes generated help to pay for Village services, while reducing our reliance on property taxes. During this holiday season, shop here at home!

On behalf of the Village Board, we would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Bulli N. Park

Billie D. Roth Village President

### Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke



#### **Yard Waste Pickup Ends**

The week of December 11-15, yard waste pick up with trash collection ends. Please note raking leaves into the street is prohibited. Do not rake, sweep, or blow leaves into the street as it can clog storm sewer inlets and create flooding. All yard waste must be placed into approved containers for collection by Groot.

#### **Holiday Trash Collection**

Here is how the upcoming holidays will affect your trash pickup: Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday collection will be one day later); Christmas and New Year's Day (ALL collection will be one day later). Questions? Please call Groot Industries at 847-419-7370 or download the Groot app and get automatic notifications.

#### **Keep The Snow On The Parkway**

Please be reminded that it is unlawful to shove or blow snow into the street. This is especially important after the plows come through. The plows clear the snow and lay salt. If you shovel snow onto the roadway, it can create ice slicks leading to dangerous road conditions. Please shovel or blow the snow to either side of your driveway.

#### **Parking**

Parking is prohibited on Village streets between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am, except where noted in specific subdivisions. Parking is also prohibited after a 2" or greater snowfall until streets are fully plowed. Please remember, through November 30, vehicles parked in residential driveways CANNOT block the sidewalk or parkway between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. However, vehicles, in residential driveways, may block the sidewalk or parkway from December 1 through February 28. Questions? Please call 630-736-3700.

#### **Village News**

#### **Electric Portable Space Heater Safety**

When the weather turns cold, it can get chilly in our homes. Portable space heaters are a common way to supplement central heating or to warm up one room or area. Heating equipment, such as space heaters, is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes. Nearly half (46%) of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, the Streamwood Fire Department would like you to follow these recommendations: never use extension cords with space heaters — plug them directly into the wall; keep the heater at least 3 feet away from



anything that can burn; place the heater on a solid, flat surface; space heaters should be turned off when you're not in the room or are asleep; keep children and pets away from space heaters; choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection, as well as an auto shut-off tip over safeguard.



#### **Holiday Lights Recycling Program**

This holiday season, the Village of Streamwood will again partner with Elgin Recycling for a Holiday Lights Recycling Program. The program will run from Monday, November 13 until Friday, February 9. If you have old holiday lights to recycle, you can drop them off at any of four (4) convenient locations: Village Hall, Public Works, Poplar Creek Public Library, and Park Place Family Recreation Center. Lights accepted include mini-lights, Italian lights, C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, as well as extension cords. Simply place old, broken, and unused lights, cords, and strands in the designated containers.

#### **Community Development Hours**

With daylight saving time ending, please note that as of November 9, the Community Development Department will no longer be open until 7:00 pm on Thursdays. The Department will close at 4:30 pm.

#### **Community News**

#### **2023 Garden Contest Winners**

Once again, we were very impressed with the quality of gardeners in Streamwood! The "Golden Trowels" went to: Porch, Balcony or Container Garden - Linda Eckel; Vegetable/Herb Garden -Selmir Subasic; Senior Garden - Marianne and Art Bailey; Outdoor Oasis - Marcela Martinez; Perennial Garden - Genevieve Pitts; and Shade Garden - Mark Okoniewski. It is wonderful to see homeowners take such pride in their yards. Neighborhoods are greatly enhanced by greening efforts such as these!

#### **Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening**

President Roth and staff were at the ribbon cutting for Spark'd Dispensary on September 18, during their grand opening. This is the first adult-use cannabis dispensary in Streamwood (a maximum of two is allowed per current Village regulations) and is located at 1594 Buttitta Drive. Welcome to Streamwood!



#### O'Hare Plane Pull

On September 30, as part of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois, the Streamwood Police Department's team "Armored Air" competed against other public safety teams to pull a full-sized, United Airlines 737 passenger plane — weighing nearly 48 tons — 12 feet as fast as possible. This team, of 15 volunteer Streamwood Police Officers, came in with a time of 6.4 seconds and raised over \$1,700 for the Special Olympic Athletes! Everyone in attendance had a great time working together for such a great cause!



#### **Holiday Home Decorating Contest**

Who has the most festive house in the community? Is it you? Or do you look forward to a neighbor's special display each year? Consider entering yourself or a friend in the 2023 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. This contest is free and open to all residents of Streamwood. Simply complete the entry form and return to Village Hall no later than Wednesday, November 22. Judging will take place the weekend of December 1-3. Participants are asked to leave their holiday displays lit up from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for judging. A committee of judges will select one (1) winner from each of the three (3) categories: Merry & Bright, Most Traditional, and Most Whimsical. Winners will receive an ornament, certificate, and gift card as they are recognized at the December 21 Village Board meeting. Photos of the winners' displays will be in our January Village newsletter and on our website. Good luck!

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Name	
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Email	
Please select ONE (1) of the categories:	
<ul> <li>☐ Most Traditional</li> <li>☐ Merry &amp; Bright</li> <li>☐ Most Whimsical</li> </ul>	
Please submit this form to Village Hall no later than Wednesday, November 22	
Drop off/mail: 301 E Irving Park Road, Streamwood.org	d

#### **Government Partner News**



#### Alebrijes - Creatures of a Dream World

Explore 24 imaginary, colorful animal sculptures on display at the Main Library through Sunday, January 7. Alebrijes stem from Mexican folklore and embody characteristics from many animals to create fantastical creatures such as Goliath, a 16-foot deer, giraffe, and eagle, and Lacuarium, a seahorse-meets-dragon. gailborden.info/alebrijes

# Public Star Party with Fox Valley Astronomical Society

Take a deep look into the universe and learn about the Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful

telescope to be placed in orbit, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29 at the Main Library. Register at gailborden.register.

#### **Sunday Afternoon Concerts**

Sunday concerts take place at 2:00 pm at the Main Library. Please register at gailborden. register. Experience timeless classics at the Jimin Yun & Yoahn Kwon Four Hand Piano Duet on November 19, when the pianists perform Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Gershwin. On Sunday, December 17, the award-winning musicians of the Sheridan Solisti Trio — Cyrus Forough, violin, Nazar Dzhuryn, cello, and Susan Merdinger, piano — present the masterworks of traditional and contemporary trio repertoire.



#### **Hanover Township**

hanover-township.org

#### **Applications For Holiday Programs**

Hanover Township families facing financial hardship can now apply online for the annual December holiday sponsor-a-family and toy drive programs. Residents can visit hanover-township.org to complete an application. A Spanish registration form is also available. Applications will be accepted through December 15. A valid ID, a current utility bill or piece of mail, birth certificate for children 0-15 years old or medical card showing child's name and birth date, and proof of income covering the last 30 days is required. Additional items may be requested to determine eligibility.

Those wishing to sponsor a family this holiday season can call the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center at 630-540-9085 or email holidays@hanover-township.org. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can also be dropped off at any Township office.

#### **Appointments For Winter Heating Assistance**

Hanover Township is now scheduling in-person and over-the-phone appointments for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program. LIHEAP helps income eligible households pay for home energy services. The LIHEAP program runs through August 15, 2024, or until funds are exhausted. Starting October 2, households that are income eligible and 60 years or older, have a disability, or have a child in the house under the age of 6 can apply. Starting November 1, households that are income eligible and have at least 1 utility disconnected or have received a disconnection notice can apply. Starting December 1, all other households who are income eligible can apply for energy services. Applicants must live within the Township and provide all required documentation at the appointment, including: proof of Social Security cards; proof of gross income for all household members from the last 30-days; a copy of the most current gas and electric bills. Adults 55 and older seeking to schedule an appointment should call the Hanover Township Senior Center at 630-483-5660. Residents under the age of 55 should call the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center at 630-540-9085.



**Gail Borden Library** 

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aailborden.info

#### **Streamwood Park District**

streamwoodparks.org

#### **Get Grinched Gift Deliveries**

On Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1, celebrate "Grinchmas" with Mr. Grinch. In addition to delivering grinchy goodies to residents in our decorated Park District bus, the Grinch will allow 5 minutes per family to take photos with him. Register by November 25.

#### **Candy Cane Hunt**

Join us for a family scavenger hunt for candy canes and search for clues, activities, and crafts throughout Streamwood from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, December 8. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 finishers. Cost is \$25 per family.

#### **Breakfast With Santa**

Bring your family out to enjoy some breakfast basics and time with Santa from 10:00 - 11:30 am on Sunday, December 10 at Hoosier Grove Barn. There will be coloring, crafts, goodies, and a photo opportunity. Cost is \$20 per person (ages 11+), \$15 (ages 3-10) and kids ages 2 and under are free. Register by December 2.

#### **Pictures With Santa**

Get your family's picture taken with Santa Claus at Hoosier Grove Barn from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13. Photos will not be provided so please bring your own cameras or smartphones. Staff will be on hand to take photos for you. Cost is \$15 per family.

#### Santa's Storytime Express

On Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 am and 11:30 am, enjoy a train ride on a festively decorated Metra train while our elves share story time with kids of tales from The Polar Express. Cost is \$20 for residents. Register by November 10. For more information on all of our upcoming holiday events and to register online, visit streamwoodparks.org/events/special-events.



**Holiday Market** 

# Poplar Creek Public Library

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Get a head start on your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 11 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm where local vendors will be at the library for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. Visit pclib.org/holiday-market for details.

#### **Family Concert Series**

Join us on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 pm for Jack Wilson, 2016 International Fingerstyle Guitar Champion. On Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm, the Random Ringers Handbell Choir return for their holiday performance. Register for both concerts online at pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515.

#### **Jolly Jingle Fest**

Bring the whole family to Poplar Creek Library on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm for a winter festival featuring games, live carolers, My Cocina food truck (cash/credit accepted), a visit from Santa, and more! Visit pclib.org/events for details.

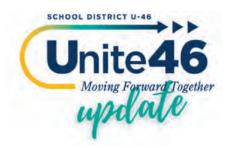




# School District U-46

#### Unite U-46 Update

U-46 continues to move forward in working to meet the recommendations of the Unite U-46 community engagement initiative, which include shifting to a true middle school model and enhancing the educational experience for all students. Earlier this fall, the U-46 Board of Education voted to approve: retiring Abbott Middle School and Ellis Middle School at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year; make additions at Kenyon Woods and Kimble Middle Schools; and construct a new middle school building that will be ready for the 2026-27 year. A few weeks later, attendees at the next Unite U-46 community engagement session provided their input on related issues, such as establishing priorities and standards for building updates, evaluating criteria for new



attendance boundaries districtwide, and reviewing options for how students, staff, and families will transition to new schools. More Unite U-46 sessions will be held this winter and spring, and all members of the community are urged to participate. More information, and a schedule of upcoming sessions, can be found at u-46.org/uniteu46.

#### **Explore**

U-46's 8th graders left Explore 2023 with a better understanding of the opportunities available to them in high school and the direct connection between academic curriculum and future careers. Explore, held this year on October 5 at the NOW Arena, is an annual event put on by the school district and Alignment Collaborative for Education. Students from the District's eight middle schools attended Explore during the school day in three different shifts. Ahead of time, each student worked in a digital college and career planning system to learn which career clusters align with their current interests and aptitudes. Using this information, they worked with counselors to select a career pathway to learn more about at Explore.

About 50 local businesses, industries, governmental organizations, and nonprofits had exhibits at Explore, staffed by representatives who engaged in discussions and hands-on activities with students. In addition, each of the District's five Magnet Academies had teachers and high schoolers present, and U-46's culinary, health sciences, education, automotive, welding, and precision manufacturing programs were represented as well.

Itsani Albarran-Isidoro, an 8th grader at Tefft Middle School in Streamwood, said she was glad to attend Explore before choosing her courses for freshman year. "Time flies by quickly," she said. "Electives in high school really help you out. This is a great time to get to know what you might be interested in focusing on."





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#### **Village Departments**

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Community Development - Jeff Harris, Director | (630) 736-3829 | communitydevelopment@streamwood.org

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

IT - Joe Ritter, Director | (630) 736-3851 | 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

#### **November**

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2	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting	6:00 pm	
2	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
4	Cultures of Our Community Event	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
10	Veterans Day (Observed) — Village Offices Closed		
11	Veterans Day Ceremony	11:00 am	
13	Holiday Lights Recycling Program Begins		
13	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm	
16	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
17	Trustee Appointment Applications Due		
21	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
22	Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entries Due		
23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday — Village Offices Closed		

#### **December**

1	Luminaria	6:30 pm
1-3	Holiday Home Decorating Contest Judging	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
7	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting	6:00 pm
7	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9	Stop The Bleed Trauma Course	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
19	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
21	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
25-26	Christmas Holiday — Village Offices Closed	



#### **Change Your Clocks**

Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

