



Streamwood Community News

November/December 2024

40th Annual Luminaria

Luminaria is scheduled for Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm — this year marking the 40th anniversary! 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 really 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 Thursday, November 7, and/or to place and light the candles at an assigned location on December 6, 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 27. Island assignments, for placing/lighting luminaria, will be announced shortly thereafter.

On December 6, the entire Municipal Campus will be filled with light, as luminaria line Village Hall, the Police Station, and Veterans Memorial. We hope you join us!

LUMINARIA
40th Annual

Come Join Us For a Night Of:
TREATS FUN MUSIC HOLIDAY CHEER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Streamwood Village Hall & Veterans Memorial

- Tree Lighting
- Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Hot Cocoa with K9 Hope
- Choral Music



Holiday Helping Program

For the 13th year, the Village of Streamwood is proud to host our Holiday Helping Program. 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 14, 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 43 local families with a total of 100 children. Knowing many more are struggling this year; we hope 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).

Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us on Monday, November 11, at 11:00 am, as the Village Board and Veterans Memorial Commission honor those who have served and defended our country through our armed forces. This meaningful ceremony will be held in the Veterans Memorial at Village Hall. Our local Scouting Troop, Pack 15, and the Celebration Brass musical ensemble will also participate in this annual event. To learn more or to donate to our Veterans Memorial, please scan the QR code.



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Village Board News

Village Board Election

Are you interested in serving on the Village Board? Positions on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated General Election will be Village President (x1) 4-year term; Village Clerk (x1) 4-year term; and Village Trustee (x3) 4-year term. Signed petitions must be filed with the Village Clerk between November 12-18, 2024. For more information contact the Village Clerk at clerk@streamwood.org or 630-736-3806.



Do You Own Residential Rental Property?

Please know that all residential rental properties must be licensed by the Village. Renewal letters for currently licensed property were sent out in October and are due by Tuesday, December 31. For more information on the Village's residential rental licensing program please visit our website at streamwood.org or call the Community Development Department at 630-736-3843.

Home Repair Help

The Village is piloting two grant programs to help homeowners with code correcting home renovations and repairs. The **Single-Family Home Repair Program** aids income-eligible homeowners with larger scale projects. The **Handyman Repair Program** is available to anyone who needs help with small, simple repair projects. Both programs are administered by North West Housing Partnership (NWHP). Funds are limited and some restrictions apply. For more information, please contact our Community Development Department at 630-736-3843 or communitydevelopment@streamwood.org.



E-Billing For Water Bills

Did you know that Streamwood offers e-billing for your water bills? This convenient service is free! Once enrolled, you will receive your bill, via email, up to 5 days earlier than traditional mail, reducing paper waste and helping the environment. To take advantage of this service, simply email us at finance@streamwood.org with your name, address, phone number, and account/customer ID. Please note, signing up for e-billing does not automatically enroll you in the automatic payment option. If you have questions, please call our Water Hotline at 630-736-3810.

Change Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 3 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.



2025 Goals And Objectives Approved

Throughout the summer and early fall, the Village Board held their annual goals and objectives workshops to identify challenges and opportunities for the upcoming year. These workshops allow the Board to prioritize their actions to serve as a blueprint for action.

The Board separated its key goals to Ongoing and Focus Goals. Ongoing Goals include our continued efforts providing high-quality services, such as the street program, fiscal stewardship, and positive intergovernmental relations. They also focus on the steps needed to keep our services aligned with our mission to provide cost-effective services to the community.

Our Focus Goals, reaffirm the commitment toward implementing our Comprehensive Plan. These provide specific actions and key efforts moving forward on realizing the long-range plan, including:

- Finalizing the installation of the paths and bridges over Route 59
- Improving walkability and path connections
- Initiating work on a Campus Gateway project along Irving Park Road in Kollar Pond
- Evaluating options for electronic vehicle charging stations
- Evaluating the possible expansion of our social media presence
- Expanding our public outreach, including options to improve our Comfort Dog program
- Assessing local scholarship opportunities

The resulting goals were adopted by the Board on October 3 and used for budget development. This process helps to ensure quality services, in a fiscally responsible manner, while taking the steps needed to achieve our long-term vision for the community.

Route 59 Bike Bridge Project Update



Construction of the pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Route 59 is in progress. The boardwalk and bridge will be built from Madison Drive to the existing path system near Hummingbird Lane on the west side of Route 59. The bridge and boardwalk support system including the concrete foundations, concrete piers, and steel piles are

currently in progress. Due to the time required to obtain the truss bridge steel material, installation of the steel portions of the bridge is expected to begin in April 2025 and be completed in July 2025.

Creating this new multi-use path is a key part of our long-term goal to improve Streamwood's connectivity and provide safer transportation options by establishing additional paths in the Village. The project is a joint effort between the Village of Streamwood, the Federal government, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and Cook County. The Village has received grants to cover over 80% of the project's cost. For more information on the project, please visit <https://www.streamwood.org/about-us/bridge-and-path-overview>.

Village President's Message



Each year, I have the pleasure of meeting with principals and social workers that serve our schools in Streamwood. At this annual breakfast in September, Hanover Township and our fire and police departments highlight the programs and services available to our school community. It's a great morning full of information. Later in September, I was invited to visit with third grade students at Oakhill Elementary School. They asked me some very thoughtful questions to better help them understand local government.

It's hard to believe the holidays are quickly approaching. Helping one another is the hallmark of the season. We have several events and programs planned to get you involved and ready for the holidays. On November 2 our Community Relations Commission is hosting a Unity In Art event that will celebrate cultural diversity. Get together with your neighbors and learn about the many ethnicities and traditions that make our community strong.

Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on November 11, at 11:00 am at the Veterans Memorial. Veterans Day allows us to honor and thank those who selflessly served to keep our country strong.

Did you know shopping locally is an easy and convenient way to help our community? Local businesses provide jobs for your neighbors. Sales taxes help to pay for Village services, while reducing our reliance on property taxes. Make your tax dollars work for you. During this holiday season, shop local — shop in Streamwood!

We are hosting our 13th Annual Holiday Helping Program. This 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. Last year we helped nearly 100 children. To do as many or more this year, we could use your help. For information or to donate monetarily to this very worthy mission, contact my office: mayor@streamwood.org or 630-736-3801.

Another way to help those less fortunate is to donate coats, mittens or scarves, or to contribute to the local food pantry. For more information, please contact Hanover Township at 630-837-0301 or the Senior Center at 630-483-5600.

Finally, what would the holidays be without Luminaria? This year we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of this community tradition. Luminaria will be held on December 6. Consider volunteering to light luminaria. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy cookies and hot cocoa with K9 Hope. Stay for the tree lighting in Veterans Memorial. It's a sure way to share the holiday spirit with friends and neighbors.

The Village Board looks forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and around the community. We would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth
Village President



Yard Waste Pickup Ends

The week of December 9-13, yard waste pickup 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.

Parking

Between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am, parking is prohibited on Village streets, 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 am to 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.

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 collections 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 shovel 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 on the parkway.



Village News

Fire Safety While Cooking

Cooking fires cause nearly half of the house fires in the United States. This is even more apparent during the holidays. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of fire injuries in residences. The fires are preventable by simply being more attentive while cooking. The Streamwood Fire Department offers the following safety tips (a complete list can be found on our website under News):

- **In the kitchen**
 - Never leave cooking food unattended (the leading factor in cooking fires!)
 - Be alert — don't cook if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or taken medication that makes you drowsy
 - Keep potholders and other flammable items at least 12 inches away from your stovetop
 - Wear short, tight-fitting or rolled sleeves to avoid clothing catching fire when reaching
 - Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire
 - Keep children away from the stove and knives
 - Turn pot and pan handles toward the back of the stove
 - Have a working kitchen fire extinguisher and know how to use it
- **Using turkey fryers**
 - Use turkey fryers outdoors, on a level surface, at least 10 feet from buildings and any other combustible materials — never in a garage or on a wooden deck
 - Never leave the turkey fryer unattended as oil can continue to heat until it catches fire
 - Use well-insulated oven mitts when touching hot handles
 - Make sure the turkey is completely thawed as oil and water do not mix; water can cause oil to spill over causing a fire or even an explosion hazard
 - Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby; never try to use water to extinguish a grease fire



Body-Worn Camera Program Update

Nationwide, the use of body-worn cameras has become a best practice for police departments and have become increasingly common. In 2021, under House Bill 3653 (SAFE-T Act), the Illinois General Assembly required the wearing of body-worn cameras for municipalities under 50,000 residents by January 1, 2025. In September 2024, all Streamwood Police Officers were equipped with the Axon Body3 body-worn camera. The cameras have already provided crucial evidence in countless cases throughout the country and we are excited to be able to implement them in our village.



Community News

2024 Garden Contest Winners

We are always very impressed with the quality of gardeners in Streamwood! The “Golden Trowels” went to: Porch, Balcony or Container Garden - Tracy Roberts; Vegetable/Herb Garden - Jakub Stawinski; Perennial Garden - Kathleen Eddy; and Shade Garden - Claudia Walch. It is wonderful to see homeowners take such pride in their yards. Neighborhoods are greatly enhanced by greening efforts such as these!



Unity In Art – A Celebration Of Cultural Diversity

The Community Relations Commission invites you to an event that will showcase the cultural diversity in and around Streamwood, through art and performance. Entrance to this celebration on Saturday, November 2 is free, and will be held from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, at Park Place Family Recreation Center (550 S Park Blvd).

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Do you believe your house is the most festive in the community? Or is there a neighbor’s special display you look forward to seeing each year? Consider entering yourself or a friend in the 2024 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. This contest is free and open to all residents. Simply complete the entry form (found on our website) and return to Village Hall no later than November 20. Judging will take place the weekend of December 6-8. Participants are asked to leave their holiday displays lit up from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for judging each day. One winner from each of the three categories will be selected: Merry & Bright, Most Traditional, and Most Whimsical. Winners will receive an ornament, certificate, and gift card when they are recognized at the December 19 Village Board meeting. Photos of the winners’ displays will be in our Village newsletter and on our website. Good luck!



Community Engagement

Members of our fire and police departments, including our Comfort Dog, Hope, make time to attend community events whenever they can! Here are some recent photos around town.



Government Partner News



Poplar Creek Public Library

pclib.org

Family Concert Series

Join us on Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 pm for Northside Brass Quintet, featuring music from Beethoven to Motown and everything in-between in an upbeat showcase. On Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 pm the library will welcome Random Ringers, for a handbell choir concert full of holiday favorites and wintertime classics for the whole family!

Holiday Market

Local vendors will be on-site at November 9 at 12:00 pm at Poplar Creek Public Library selling crafts, jewelry, food and more. For a list of vendors, visit pclib.org/holiday-market.



Jolly Jingle Fest

Bring the whole family to the library on December 8 at 1:00 pm for our winter festival featuring a holiday concert, games for kids, photo ops, a visit from Santa and more! Visit pclib.org/events for details.

Read Under the Northern Lights

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge from December 9 through January 24. Earn prizes just by reading! For details, please visit our website at pclib.org/wrc or call 630-837-6800.



Streamwood Park District

streamwoodparks.org



Pizza With Santa

Enjoy some pizza and quality time with Santa at our Pizza with Santa event, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 7, at Park Place Family Recreation Center, 550 S. Park Blvd. There will be coloring, crafts, goodies and a photo opportunity with Santa. Be sure to bring a camera! Price per person: Ages 12+: \$20R/\$30NR; 11 and under: \$15R/\$20NR; 2 and under: FREE. Register by November 30.

Holiday Mixology

Join us Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Hoosier Grove Barn, 700 W. Irving Park Rd., for a festive evening of cocktail crafting as we learn to make wintery cocktails perfect for the holidays! Cost is \$49R/\$59NR per person.



Hanover Township

hanover-township.org



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 online through December 6 and in-person at the Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park, through December 13. Once a form is completed, Township staff will contact the resident for more information. Required documents for the application process include a valid ID, a utility bill or piece of mail dated within the last 30 days, 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 prior to the date of the application. 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.

Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park, through December 13. Once a form is completed, Township staff will contact the resident for more information. Required documents for the application process include a valid ID, a utility bill or piece of mail dated within the last 30 days, 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 prior to the date of the application. 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.

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 eligible households pay for home energy services. The program will run through August 15, 2025, or until funds are exhausted. Households that are income eligible with an applicant 60 years or older, have a disability, or have a child in the house under the age of 5 can apply now. Starting November 1, households that are income eligible can apply. Applicants must live within the Township and provide all required documentation at the time of the appointment, including proof of Social Security cards for any new applicants, proof of gross income for all household members from the last 30-day period, and 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.



Santa's Storytime Express

On Sunday, December 15 at 11:30 am and 3:30 pm, enjoy a train ride to the North Pole (inside the Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin) on a festively decorated Metra train while our elves share story time with kids of tales from The Polar Express. Cost is \$35R/\$45NR. Every family member must be registered by December 1.

Photos With Grinch And Santa

Have your family's photo taken with the Grinch from 5-7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18 or with Santa himself from 5-7:00 pm on Thursday, December 19 at the Community Center, 777 S. Bartlett Road. Please bring your own devices. Staff will be on hand to take photos for you if needed. \$15R/\$20NR per family. For more information on all of our upcoming holiday events, including our Letters to Santa promotion, and to register for events online, visit streamwoodparks.org/events/special-events.



School District U-46



Every Minute Matters

One of the focuses of School District U-46 during the 2024-25 school year is Every Minute Matters/Cada Minuto Importa, an attendance campaign designed to help build the foundation for academic success for each student. Research shows that missing just nine days of school can significantly impact a student's learning, potentially leading to falling behind in their work or declining grades. As part of the campaign, families, and students are receiving information and resources about the importance of consistent attendance, including an attendance tracker. Administrators, teachers, and other school staff are being offered strategies to help families overcome challenges that may affect their children's ability to attend school regularly. More information can be found at u-46.org/attendance.

Explore 2024

U-46's 8th graders, from eight middle schools, left Explore 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 September 26, at the NOW Arena, is an annual event put on by the school district and Alignment Collaborative for Education. About 60 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.



Volleyball Coach Of The Year

The U-46 Board of Education on September 23 honored Michele Mueller, the boys volleyball coach at Streamwood High School. She was named the 2024 Boys Volleyball Coach of the Year by the Illinois Volleyball Coaches Association. Mueller, who also teaches science at SHS, has been the boys head volleyball coach for the Sabres since 2019. The team went 10-21 the year before she joined. "In true Mueller form, she pushed forward with the goal of changing the culture and getting players to believe in themselves, as well as the process," the IVCA said in giving her the award. The Sabres finished the 2024 season with an overall record of 25-7 and placed 2nd in their conference: the best record and conference finish in program history.

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

Village Hall Hours:

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

Village Calendar

November

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| 1-2 | Early Voting | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| 2 | Unity in Art Event | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| 3 | Early Voting | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| 4 | Early Voting | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| 4 | Holiday Lights Recycling Program Begins | |
| 5 | Election Day | 6:00 am - 7:00 pm |
| 7 | Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| 7 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 11 | Veterans Day – Village Offices Closed | |
| 11 | Veterans Day Ceremony | 11:00 am |
| 18 | Village Board Election Petitions Due | |
| 19 | Planning & Zoning Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 20 | Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entries Due | |
| 21 | Public Hearing – 2024 Tax Levies | 6:30 pm |
| 21 | Public Hearing – 2025 Budget | 6:40 pm |
| 21 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 28-29 | Thanksgiving Holiday – Village Offices Closed | |

December

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| 5 | Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| 5 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 6 | Luminaria | 6:30 pm |
| 6-8 | Holiday Home Decorating Contest Judging | |
| 14 | Holiday Helping Program | |
| 17 | Planning & Zoning Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 19 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 24-25 | Christmas Holiday – Village Offices Closed | |



Holiday Lights Recycling Program

The Village of Streamwood will partner again with Elgin Recycling to recycle old/unused holiday lights. The program will run from Monday, November 4 - Friday, February 7. If you have holiday lights to recycle, you can drop them off at any of four 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. Please do not throw them in the trash!

