



Streamwood Community News

January/February 2022

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The Village Board approved a resolution to participate in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) that was established in Cook County in conjunction with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). This new program will assist eligible households impacted by COVID-19 with their water bills. The Village will be partnering with Hanover Township on this program. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the program, please contact Hanover Township at 630-837-0301.

Water Rates Remain Flat For 2022 and 2023



The Village Board has agreed to keep water rates flat for the next two (2) years, through December 31, 2023. Water rates have remained the same since January 1, 2019. A primary reason is due to proper financial management and the utilization of federal dollars to further upgrade critical water and sewer infrastructure to ensure we can deliver clean drinking water to the community. Water and sewer rates are established to provide funding for the purchase of water, its delivery, and maintenance of the infrastructure required to meet our residents' and businesses' needs in a cost-effective manner.

Snow Plow Routes

Please note that the Village does not plow IDOT or Cook County roads. IDOT is responsible for plowing Barrington and Irving Park Roads, 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.

2022 Budget Summary

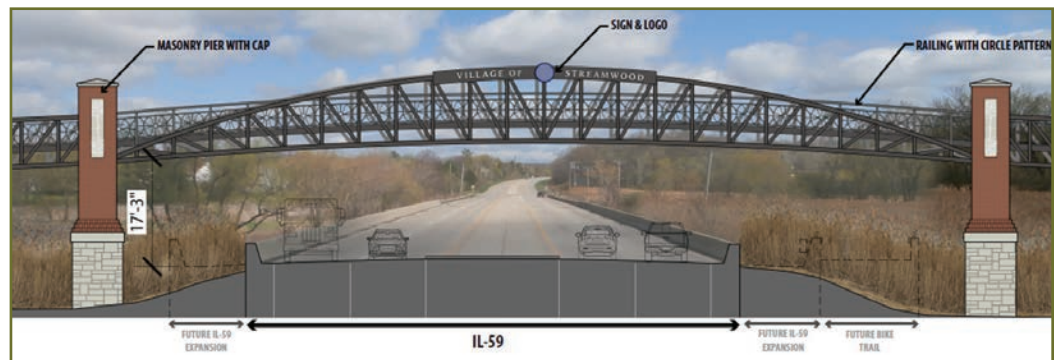
Responsible Government

The Village of Streamwood recently adopted its 2022 Budget. Once again, the budget is balanced with no new fees or taxes. The Tax Levy is flat or a 0% change from the prior year's extension. Furthermore, after carefully evaluating our existing water and sewer rate structure, a two-year freeze on the rate plan was again passed by the Village Board for 2022 and 2023. Water and sewer rates are established to provide the necessary funding for the purchase of water and long-term maintenance of our infrastructure. The majority (81.6%) of the General Fund Budget represents our commitment to the services from our police, fire, and public works departments. Our community has a long tradition of offering exceptional services in a cost-effective manner.



Planning For The Future

The 2022 Budget incorporates a detailed plan to improve our public facilities, maintain our robust road program (over 6 miles of streets annually), and continue the development of a village-wide bike pathway system that includes a bridge over IL-59, near Irving Park Road. These projects are included in the Village's Comprehensive Plan which is focused on reinvesting in our community and supporting our natural resources. The budget also includes the Village Board's goal of improving communication with funding for another community events sign, updates to the Village website, and an integration with social media. By managing its resources effectively, Streamwood can perform these projects without impacting Village taxpayers. To view the 2022 Budget, please visit our website at streamwood.org.



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



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Village President



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Village Board News

Annual Budget and Levy

On December 2, the Village Board adopted its 2022 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget along with the 2021 Property Tax Levy. The 2022 Budget is balanced and includes several items intended to realize our buildable Comprehensive Plan, such as improving bike and walking trails including the design for a bridge over IL-59, and our annual road program. The Budget also contains a freeze on our water rates. The Tax Levy represents a 0% change (flat) from the prior year 2020 tax levy extension. A public hearing was held on November 18 for the public to ask questions.



Improving Our Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails

The Bartlett & Streamwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has entered its next phase of the project: Visioning! The Villages are interested in learning more about what Bartlett and Streamwood community members think make a comfortable place to walk and bike and where they would prioritize additional investment.

Visit the project website at <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood> to share your input in new engagement opportunities, including surveys and interactive maps:

New Pedestrian Engagement Activities

- Prioritizing Sidewalk Investments, visit https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood/survey_tools/sidewalk-survey
- Pedestrian Focus Areas Interactive Map: visit <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood/maps/pedestrian-focus-areas>

New Bicycle Engagement Activities

- Preliminary Bike Network Interactive Map, visit <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood/maps/bike-map>
- How Comfortable Are You Biking on These Streets? Survey found here: https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood/survey_tools/bike-comfort

New Development Assistance Program

The Village conducted a business outreach survey in 2021. One of the key takeaways from the survey's results was the business community's desire to have an assistance program that could aid them with various start-up, buildout, remodeling, or other site enhancement costs. Starting in 2022 the Village will be implementing the pilot Streamwood Development Assistance Program. The Program is intended to assist property owners or individual business owners with various site improvements such as building façade and signage upgrades, landscape enhancements, ADA compliance, energy efficient lighting improvements, and other similar investments in their property or business. The application process will be competitive and criteria for consideration of funding will be based on potential job creation, amount of personal investment by the business or property owner, and the extent the proposed improvements will enhance the aesthetics of the community. The Program's funding is limited, and only pre-approved projects are eligible with preference given to sales tax generating businesses. The program will reimburse up to \$25,000 in pre-approved project costs. For questions or additional information on the program, please contact Community Development Department staff at 630-736-3829 or communitydevelopment@streamwood.org.

Village Board News

Budget Award

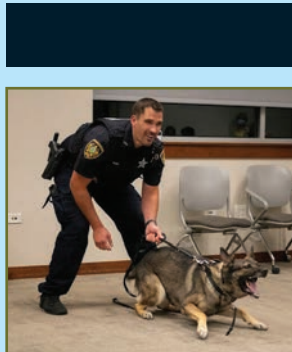
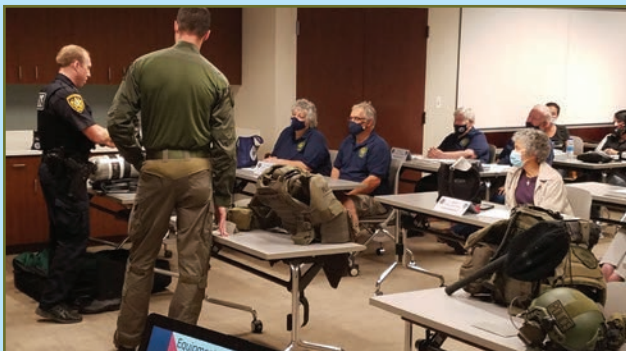
The Village of Streamwood has once again been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for 2021. This is the 32nd consecutive year (since 1990) that Streamwood has received this prominent award.

This achievement is the highest recognition in governmental budgeting by the GFOA. Attaining this achievement represents a significant commitment to excellence by the Village Board and staff.



Citizens Police Academy Participants Recognized

At the November 4 Village Board meeting, residents who graduated from the 2021 Citizens Police Academy were recognized. This was the 25th year this program has been offered to community members by the Streamwood Police Department. Congratulations to everyone who dedicated their personal time to complete the 10-week program!



Village President's Message

Happy New Year! The Village Board recently adopted our 2022 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 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 third year of our 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.



We hope that you enjoyed your entire holiday season. We were excited to host Luminaria on December 3. Residents, families, businesses, and civic groups came out to enjoy our annual event. They filled bags and lit the luminaria along Park Blvd. Some stopped by the Village Hall, Veterans Memorial and the Police Station, which were decorated in thousands of colorful lights. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by! 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 holiday tradition in Streamwood.

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 annual Holiday Helping Program. While COVID-19 has continued to make things different, it still had a big impact on the children and their families. Streamwood police officers and fire fighters were able to get gifts for the families. 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. In addition, many people 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 one 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 scheduled for January 26, between 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at the Police Department.

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

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth
Village President

Village Board News

CPR Classes Start In February

The Fire Department has released its annual calendar of CPR and First Aid Training for 2022. The first class for CPR for Healthcare Professionals will be held on Saturday, February 12. Fee is \$50 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. For more information or to register, please call 630-736-3650, weekdays, between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. To check the entire calendar for classes and times, please visit our website at streamwood.org.



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 4.



Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

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 Monday, January 17 for an In-Service Training Day, and Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Community Blood Drive

The Streamwood Blood Commission will host a blood drive on Wednesday, January 26 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Streamwood Police Department. The need for blood is always particularly critical during the winter months. Please consider donating. For more information, please contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or visit vitalant.org and use group code SW98.

Donate Old Eyeglasses

Do you have old eyeglasses or hearing aids no longer used? The Lions Club has a collection box at Village Hall. Just drop your unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids at the Cashiers Counter and the Lions Club members will "recycle" them.



K9 Hope Sworn-In

At the December 2 Village Board meeting, K9 Comfort Officer Hope was sworn-in as she and her partner/handler, Corporal Detective Mary Kosartes, completed their extensive training. She will provide therapeutic support and emotional comfort to community members in hospitals, schools, senior living and group care facilities, and stress management for first responders. Hope will assist in critical incident stress management of grief, loss, or trauma, and provide comfort to victims and witnesses of police investigations. Congratulations and thank you for your service to our community.



Holiday Yard Waste

Curbside recycling is available for holiday greens. Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees, natural wreaths, and evergreen garlands during the first three (3) pick-ups in January. Please make sure all wire, tinsel, garland, lights, artificial ornaments, and decorations are removed. Trees may not be taller than 10' in length and should not be placed in a bag.

Community News

Congratulations to our 2021 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 from the Community Relations and Natural Resource Conservancy Commissions who drove the community to score the entries received.



Most Traditional:
Keith Kirk – 511 Robinhood Drive



Merry & Bright:
Stephen Van Slyke – 43 Wildflower Way



Most Whimsical:
Jake Pedersen – 518 Wildflower Way

Luminaria 2021

Residents of all ages gathered to help usher in the holidays during our 37th Annual Luminaria celebration. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped either fill bags or light the luminaria to make this year's event special. The choir from Streamwood High School entertained with holiday favorites, while Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to the special wishes made by our youngest neighbors. Two lucky children helped President Roth flip the switch to light the official holiday tree in the Veterans Memorial!



Government Partner News



Hanover Township
hanover-township.org

LIHEAP Winter Heating Assistance Now Open

Hanover Township is scheduling appointments with residents seeking financial heating assistance for the winter season. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services.

Residents must bring all required documentation when applying for assistance including:

- Proof of gross income for all household members for the past 30 days from the date of the application
- A copy of their current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for their energy directly)
- A copy of their rental agreement (if they are renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and property owner contact information
- Proof of Social Security numbers for all household members
- Proof that their household received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD); or other benefits, such as Medical Eligibility or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), if receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services

Older adults over the age of 55 seeking to schedule an appointment should call the Hanover Township Senior Center at 630-483-5660. Low-income residents under the age of 55 should call the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center at 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 Tuesday, February 1 for students in grades 2 – 12. One-hour tutoring sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at the Town Hall (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett) from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. 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 630-483-5799 or email info@hanover-township.org. Tutoring sessions fill on a first come first serve basis.



Gail Borden Library
gailborden.info

Pirate Island Exhibit, From the Miami Children's Museum

Ahoy matesys! Adventure lands at the library when Pirate Island arrives with a pirate ship and more. Families will learn all about pirate legends and lore. From February – April at the Main Library.

Memoir Writing for Seniors

Make new friends and share your memories as you use your words to entertain and enlighten others. We will start with oral history and move to writing short memoir pieces. Register at gailborden.info; virtual via Zoom; Tuesdays, January 11 and February 8 at 10:00 am.

Organizing 101: Organizing Anything Anywhere

Learn ways to be an effective organizer and maintain the organization based on your own unique personality. Presented by Jennifer Barnes, a professional organizer for more than 20 years. Register at gailborden.info; virtual via Zoom; Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Afternoon Concert - The Chris Greene Quartet

Jazz music will be performed by the Chris Greene Quartet, winner of the "Best Jazz Entertainer" award at the 2018 Chicago Music Awards. Register at gailborden.info; Main Library, Meadows Community Room, Sunday, January 23, at 2:00 pm.



Streamwood Park District
streamwoodparks.org

Space Rentals

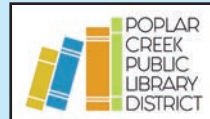
Whether your child's birthday party is approaching, you're planning a family reunion/picnic, hosting a business meeting, or your organization is looking for field/gym space, Streamwood Park District has a little something for everyone. Our diverse facilities are available year-round, offering you unique opportunities to host your upcoming event at a reasonable cost. If you'd like more information on facility rental opportunities, please visit streamwoodparks.org/rentals.

Projects

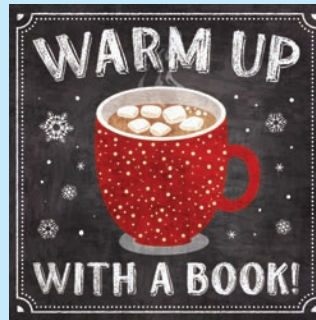
Exciting new changes are coming in 2022, from parks and playground renovations to facility updates. Visit streamwoodparks.org/projects to see what will be happening and follow the progress.

Parks Hotline

Call or email our confidential Parks Hotline if you see something wrong at one of our parks. We will come to the rescue! Parks Hotline is 630-483-3134 or parks@spdcare.com.



Poplar Creek Public Library
pclib.org



Winter Reading Challenge

Sign up begins Monday, January 10 and runs through Friday, February 18 for our all-ages Winter Reading Challenge, "Warm Up with a Book!" Read 720 minutes and earn a great prize! For details, visit our website at pclib.org or call 630-837-6800.



Family Concert Series

Join us on Sunday, February 20 at 2:00 pm and take a high-energy trip through rock's evolution with singer, guitarist, impressionist, and comedian, Skip Griparis. All ages welcome to our FREE virtual concert; no registration necessary — just join us on our Facebook page the day of the performance and watch live! Limited in-library seating available; registration required — visit pclib.org or call 630-483-4910. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S Park Avenue.

Library Fundraiser at Tap House Grill

Support your Library! Dine at the Tap House Grill (all day) on Friday, January 21 and 10% of your bill will be donated back to Poplar Creek Library. Please present the coupon (which can be found in our printed newsletter, on our website, and on flyers in the library) to your server — NO digital copies accepted. Location: Tap House Grill, 7600 S Barrington Road, Hanover Park.



School District U-46

Streamwood Schools See Increased Pay Rates For Substitute Teachers

In School District U-46, substitute teachers are applying their skills teaching general education, dual language, and special education classes, while earning some of the highest substitute wages in Illinois. This includes at U-46's nine schools in Streamwood. Substitute teachers are especially important in maintaining in-person learning for students during the pandemic, and while full-time teachers attend training during professional development days. Additional bonus pay, per day, is offered on specific days listed below.

For daily and long-term substitutes pay rate, application information, upcoming job fairs, and to see where U-46 can take you in a career, please visit u-46.org/subteachers. Upcoming this spring: Bonus pay for an extra \$20 per day are January 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 2022; and February 1, 2, 2022; and March 8, 9, 10, 2022. Nine Streamwood schools are looking for substitute teachers: Canton Middle School, Glenbrook Elementary School, Hanover Countryside Elementary School, Heritage Elementary School, Oakhill Elementary School, Ridge Circle Elementary School, Streamwood High School, Sunnysdale Elementary School, and Tefft Middle School.



Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Launches Pilot Program For Oakhill Elementary School

To offer classical music education to younger children who may not otherwise have the means, the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra is working alongside School District U-46 to bring violin lessons to 4th graders at Oakhill Elementary School. Starter Strings is an initiative that eliminates some of the traditional barriers of classical music education such as cost, transportation, and instrument access. In addition to the lessons being tuition-free and offered in the school building, all students received rental instruments they can take home and use for the year, free of charge thanks to William Harris Lee & Company. The program is funded by individual donations and fundraising. Kristine Cooper, the music teacher at Oakhill who also helps during the sessions, said that 36 students

are registered, and she is excited for them to perform at Oakhill's Spring Sing Concert in 2022.

For more information on Starter Strings, contact EYSO Artistic Director Matthew Sheppard at msheppard@eyso.org

My Future Starts Now

Spring classes begin Tuesday, January 18.

Let us help you pay for college.

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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

6	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Village Offices Closed for In-Service Training	
18	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
25	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
26	Community Blood Drive (see page 4)	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

February

3	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
4	Holiday Light Recycling Program Ends (see page 4)	
8	Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
12	CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals (see page 4)	
14	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
15	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
17	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
21	Presidents' Day — Village Office Closed	
22	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
28	Winter Parking Rules End (see page 4)	



Sign Up for E-Communications

Do you want more information on the Village? Interested in getting Emergency Alerts? Consider signing up for our E-Communications! Simply go to the Village's website and under e-Communication, click on the "Go" button for your area of interest. Our E-News is published at least once a month and provides updates on events and programs. Register for Emergency Alerts and you'll receive important safety and community alerts at home, on your cell, or wherever you specify. Keep informed and keep connected!