

Streamwood Community News

March/April 2022

Daylight Saving Time

On Sunday, March 13, move your clocks ahead one hour. The Streamwood Fire Department would also like to remind you to test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced with new units that include a 10-year battery. Illinois State Law requires placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), and within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. (Public Act 100-0200) CO alarms are also required near sleeping areas. (Public Act 094-0741)

Time For Golf!

The Streamwood Oaks Golf Club will be open

starting March 19, weather permitting. Need a job? We are currently hiring morning and



afternoon shifts for the pro shop (must be at least 21 years old), as well as afternoon and weekend shifts for Rangers. Please call 630-483-1881 or send an email to streamwoodoaks@hotmail.com for more information

Holiday Lights Recycling Update

The Natural Resource Conservancy Commission reports that nearly 1,500 lbs. of holiday lights were collected during the annual recycling program. Thanks to everyone who dropped off

their unwanted lights, which are not bio-degradable, and helped keep them out of the landfill.



Streamwood Environmental Education Day (SEED)

Our Natural Resource Conservancy Commission presents SEED on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Join us for a day filled with environmental-friendly information and activities for all ages.

As part of the SEED event, Streamwood residents can drop off televisions and electronics for recycling, as well as paper for shredding, in the parking lot behind Village Hall.

Inside the police station, representatives from various groups will be on hand with information on gardening, water quality and conservation, native plantings, recycling and energy conservation, with free giveaways. You

can also drop off unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs for safe disposal. Environmental representatives may be cancelled or moved outside, depending on COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the event. Please watch our website for additional details.













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Village Board News



Distracted Driving Campaign

With warmer weather, more vehicles and pedestrians are out and about. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The Streamwood Police Department will be participating with the Illinois State Police and over 200 local law enforcement agencies in the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) distracted driving campaign beginning Friday, April 1 through Saturday, April 30.

Texting while behind the wheel tops the list of distractions, but other actions are just as unsafe such as setting up your navigation system, changing radio stations, scrolling through social media, drinking and eating, applying makeup or shaving, dealing with kids or pets, and so much more! If you are distracted while you are driving, you deprive yourself of important seconds that may be needed to avoid a close call or serious accident.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,142 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver during 2019. Streamwood Police Department urges drivers to focus on the road.

Thinking About Home Projects?

So many home projects and repairs get started as the weather warms up. Be sure to check if your home improvement project requires a permit. Having projects reviewed and inspected is the best way to avoid conditions that could adversely affect the health and safety of you, your family and/or neighbors. Inspections also help protect your investment. Common projects, like installing sheds or fences, repairing or replacing a roof, windows, or siding, are simple to apply for and permits are typically obtained quickly. The Community Development Department is ready to help you with



the application process for whatever type of work you are planning. Stop in to discuss your plan at Village Hall, or you can call 630-736-3843 to get your permit questions answered. Our Building Permit Application can be found here when you scan this QR code.

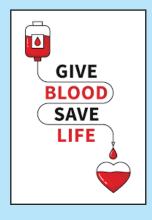
MFT Appropriation

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) is a tax on the benefit of operating motor vehicles upon public highways and operating recreational watercraft upon the waters of Illinois. The tax is based on the consumption (purchase) of motor fuel. Municipalities throughout Illinois utilize MFT revenues to fund critical transportation infrastructure projects in their cities, villages, and towns. MFT funds can be used to construct and maintain roads, traffic controls, street lighting, storm sewers, sidewalks and other pedestrian paths, off-street parking facilities, and much more. The Village Board adopted its annual resolution authorizing the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for roadwork. The Village has earmarked \$2.98 million in MFT and REBUILD funds for various 2022 road maintenance and resurfacing items.

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It Takes All Blood Types To Save Lives

The Streamwood Blood Commission thanks our community's caring and generous donors for participating in the January blood drive. Donors gave 55 units of life-saving blood, the highest amount in two years! This blood will save over 150 lives. The Commission will hold the next blood drive on Wednesday, April 27,



from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Streamwood Police Department. Please visit donors.vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825 to make an appointment to donate blood and save more lives. Please be sure to use group code: ORDOSW98. Appointments recommended but walk-ins are welcome.

Tree City USA Designation

Streamwood has been honored for its 30th consecutive year as a Tree City USA Community. This is a national program that recognizes communities of all sizes who actively manage and steward their public tree resources. The program has been administered by the Arbor Day Foundation since 1976. In 2020, only 3,676 cites were recognized. Four requirements must be met to receive this award:

- Tree Board or Department: establishing responsibility for the care of all trees on city- or town-owned property
- 2. Tree Care Ordinance: establishing local provisions to tree care and protection through an ordinance or policy
- Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 per Capita: demonstrating a commitment to grow and tend to trees as valuable public assets
- 4. Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation: annually celebrates the benefits of community trees and the work accomplished in partnership with local tree champions



Village President's Message

Spring is coming! Soon everyone will be looking for ways to be out of the house more. There are several opportunities within Streamwood to visit with your neighbors.

Join members of our fire department as they "Brave the Shave" on Sunday, March 13 at their annual St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser. Working together, we can make a difference in research to find cures for



childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. (see page 5)

If weather permits, the Streamwood Oaks Golf Club will be opening Saturday, March 19. Golf surged in popularity during the pandemic due to the physical health benefits, as well as overall mental well-being. Call to schedule your tee time!

Our Community Relations Commission is hosting a very special annual event on Saturday, April 9. Stop by to see the Art Appreciation Around the World exhibit held at Polar Creek Library, which showcases various cultural heritages of our community through art. (see page 5)

Did you know that one pint of blood can save up to three lives? Help your neighbors by donating blood. The Streamwood Blood Commission will host its second event of the year on Wednesday, April 27, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the police station.

Time for spring cleaning! As you clear out the clutter, keep in mind our Natural Resource Conservancy Commission (NRCC) is planning the Streamwood Environmental Education Day (SEED) event. This year it will be held on Saturday, April 30. As part of our SEED event, Streamwood residents can drop off unused and old electronics for recycling. It's also a great time to safely discard unused prescription drugs and drop off paper goods for shredding. (see page 1)

As the temperatures warm and snow is hopefully coming to an end, I would like to thank our Public Works department for making safe, effective, and efficient snow removal a top priority and keeping our roadways as clear as possible allowing for travel throughout the Village.

With the days getting longer, I hope you and your family enjoy the weather as you get outside together.

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth Village President

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Village Board News

LIHEAP Helps With Your Utility Bills

Federal-funded LIHEAP helps eligible customers pay their energy bills. Whether you rent or own your home, LIHEAP offers financial help to limited-income households to pay heat and electric bills. Applications being taken now through May 31, 2022. Funds are awarded on a first-come first-served basis while available. Visit LIHEAPillinois.com for more details.

Beards For Charity

Streamwood Police Department members had the opportunity to participate in the annual Beards For Charity fundraiser. During this time, department members were allowed to grow beards and goatees from November through February. Anyone who wished to take part was asked to donate \$25 for each month of participation. The benefactor chosen this year was Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). This 501(c)(3) non-profit was organized in 1984 with the mission of Rebuilding Shattered Lives of Survivors and Co-Workers Affected by Line-of-Duty Deaths. For more information regarding this charity please visit their website at: concernsofpolicesurvivors.org. This year 29 police department members participated and raised \$2,900.





Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

Police Enforcement Of Blocking The Sidewalk

From March 1 through November 30, please do not park over any sidewalk between 7:00 am - 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, per Village Ordinance 5-3-1 (L). Violation of this ordinance may be subject to a citation with a minimum fine of \$25.

Community Development Department Expanded Hours

Beginning March 17, the Community Development Department will remain open until 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings.



Please Remove All Outside Holiday Lights

Damaged lights pose a serious fire risk. Temporary lights should be taken down within 90 days of putting them up. Code Enforcement officers will warn residents who have not removed their holiday lights.

2022 Citizens Fire Academy

Would you like to learn more about how our firefighters and paramedics work? The Streamwood Fire Department will host its Citizens Fire Academy starting Monday, April 18. This 10-week course gives residents insight to the operations of the department. Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Fire Station #31, 1204 S. Park Avenue. Residents 18 years and older may apply. The application deadline is April 11 and can be found online or at any of the fire stations. For more information, visit our website at streamwood.org/Services/Fire/Public-Education.aspx or call 630-736-3650.





April Police Beat Meeting Schedule

The Police Department hosts Beat meetings to help residents learn about services and gives them the opportunity to let police know about issues and concerns. The Village is divided into four beat areas (see map). All Beat meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the police department training room and via Zoom. Beats 2 and 3 on Wednesday, April 13; Beats 1 and 4 on Thursday, April 21. Please visit



streamwood.org/Services/Police/NeighborhoodBased-Policing/Neighborhood-Beat-Meetings.aspx for the Beat map and additional details.

Community News

St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser

The Streamwood Fire Department's St. Baldrick's event is back! After a year off, everyone is excited to get back to making a difference by raising money for a great cause. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will go to the non-profit St. Baldrick's Foundation to fund childhood cancer research. On Sunday, March 13 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, please come out to the Chicago Loop Sports Bar & Grill at 7 W. Streamwood Boulevard. Bring the family to have something to eat and drink as you enter to win great raffle prizes or bid on silent auction items. You can also sign up to raise money and get your haircut! To donate or learn more, please visit stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/13522/2022 or scan the QR Code.











Art Appreciation Around The World

Come experience the cultural heritages of our Village through art! The Streamwood Community Relations Commission is hosting its annual exhibit, on Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at Poplar Creek Library. This free family event will feature two- and three-dimensional works created by local artisans, including paintings, jewelry, woodwork, sculptures, and more. Artists will be present to discuss their creations.











Government Partner News



Hanover Township

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Sprint 2 Spring 5K

Hanover Township's seventh annual "Sprint 2 Spring" 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center in Elain. The race aims to promote health and wellness within the community but will also raise funds for the Hanover Township Foundation in assisting low



income residents in obtaining dental and medical services.

Online registration is now open through Wednesday, May 4, and also available in-person the day of the 5K, before the race begins. Early bird registration is \$25 per participant until March 31, and then increases to \$30 through May 4, and \$35 the day of the race.

Participants can check-in from 6:30 am to 7:45 am the day of the event. The 5K will step off at 8:00 am. The 3.1-mile course will take participants through local neighborhood streets of Elgin east of Liberty Street and south of Villa Street. The 5K route will return participants to the Izaak Walton Center. For a complete route map and to register, please visit sprint2spring.com.

Veterans Services Available

Township Veteran Services is open to all veterans and their families to assist in understanding and applying for qualifying benefits. The Township can also assist veterans with securing copies of their discharge papers and provide information on disability compensation, burial benefits and allowances, hospitalization, medical care, and more. In cases where the Township cannot help, a referral can be made to a source that may help the veteran. Veteran Services is provided at the Astor Avenue Community Center, located at 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. To make an appointment, please call 630-540-9085 or email vets@hanover-township.org.



Poplar Creek Public Library

Free LEGO® Train Show

Using over a million LEGO® bricks to build approximately 200 feet of tracks and cityscapes, the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Exhibit comes to Poplar Creek Library for the weekend. No registration necessary — just drop in! Saturday, March 5,



from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 6, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



Mobile Drivers Express Unit

The Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at Poplar Creek Library on Thursday, March 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm offering driver's license renewals, Illinois photo identification cards, license plate renewal stickers, motor voter

and organ donor registrations. Visit cyberdriveillinois.com for fees and required documentation. Please note: cash will NOT be accepted; Real ID applications and driver's tests will NOT be administered.

Family Concert Series

Join us on Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 pm for the Harp Twins as they perform stunningly complex arrangements of classic rock and soundtrack hits. On Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm the library welcomes Richard Sladek & Friends featuring the marriage of classical and jazz music by the French composer Claude Bolling. Registration is required; space is limited. For concert details or to register, please visit pclib.org or call 331-808-3515.

Photography Contest 2022

The Poplar Creek Library is looking for photos taken here in our community that capture the vitality of our area. The contest runs March 1-31, 2022. It is open to all photographers, ages 5 & up. For contest rules and entry form visit: https://pclib.org/photo-contest.



12th Annual Park Pride Day 2022

Save the date: Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Park Pride Day is an annual community event in which volunteers work to prepare Streamwood parks for the upcoming summer season by pulling weeds, planting flowers, mulching, painting, and picking up trash. Go to streamwoodparks.org/park-pride-day to learn more.

2022 Employee Of The Year

Parks Manager, Amy Vito, was awarded the 2022 Employee of the Year Award and the 2022 Ralph Voris Community Service and Profession Service Award by the Midwest Institute of Park Professionals. Congratulations to Amy on receiving both awards!



Lifequards And Swim Instructors Wanted

All shifts available and training provided. Apply online at streamwoodparks.org.



Gail Borden Library

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Celebrate Women's History Month

Gail Borden Library will honor the accomplishments of fascinating women from Elgin's past with an exhibit, Elgin: A Women's City Without Many Pictures, based on a book by E.C. Alft and on display throughout March at the Main Library. Programs focused on women's accomplishments will include From Surviving to Thriving: Key Learnings for Latinas and Women of Color to Lead from the Front with Author Denise Collazo on March 3 and We Are Eagles: Author talk with Anna Marie Kukec Tomczyk on March 8. For more information about women's programs, visit gailborden.info/womenhistory.

American History and Today

Enjoy recounting the past century of pop culture milestones in photos, film clips, and music with history producer John LeGear at this program that will be offered virtually on two evenings. On March 3, events from 1914 to 1964 will be discussed, followed by the March 10 program that will cover 1965 to the present day.

Those Were the Days Radio Players West

Experience a live radio show that features the laughter, mystery, intrigue and dramatic endings from the great writings of the Golden Age of Radio on March 5 at the Main Library.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

The Magical Strings of Youth concert on March 13 will showcase violinists from the Betty Haag Academy of Music performing classical music of Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi and others. The Elgin Master Chorale will present "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," a cantata from The Song of Hiawatha by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor on April 3.

A Note About Library Programs in March and April

Visit gailborden.info/register to register for any of these programs. Because of the possibility of the formats of programs being changed, please check the status of any library program at gailborden.info/events.

School News



School Distrtict U-46

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open for families who live within School District U-46 boundaries and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022. The first steps in the registration process will be handled online at u-46.org/registration.

Families will then make an appointment with their school building to provide required documentation and forms and to receive any assistance. Older children in the same household can be registered at the same time as incoming kindergarteners. General registration for all students in U-46 will open April 1 and instructions are available at u-46.org/registration.

There will be no instructional fees collected; the District is covering the cost of instructional fees for the 2022-23 school year as a measure of relief for families who have struggled financially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dual Language Program Information Sessions

In addition to registration, parents and guardians of incoming kindergarten students (as well as 1st grade students) are encouraged to attend an informational session about U-46's award-winning Dual Language program. These sessions will outline how learning takes place in a Dual Language classroom, benefits for students who learn in a bilingual setting, and next steps for families who are interested. By attending a meeting, parents are not obligated to sign up their child for the Dual Language program, but they will be able to make an informed decision.

Upcoming information sessions are scheduled for 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 22, Wednesday, April 6, Tuesday, April 19, Tuesday, April 26, and Tuesday, May 3. For details on locations, visit u-46.org/duallanguage and click on "DL Informational Meetings."



Village of Streamwood

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Village Departments

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Village Hall Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Thursdays 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Community Development Department is open Thursday evenings until 7:00 pm starting March 17

Village Calendar

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3 Village Board Meeting 7:00) pm
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13 Fire Department's St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser (see page 5)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

14	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
	at a law a section of	

15 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 pm

17 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm

22 **Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting** 7:00 pm

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7	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
12	Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
19	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
21	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
26	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
27	Community Blood Drive (see page 3)	1:00 pm - 7:00pm
30	Streamwood Environmental Education Day (see page	1)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Branch Pickup

Public Works will collect branches, free of charge, from your curbside during designated collection days. Simply place branches at the curb by 6:00 am on the day your area is scheduled for pickup. It is important to have your branches out by the scheduled morning listed below in



order to avoid being missed by the branch pickup crews. Crews collect branches as soon as possible but cannot be expected to return if branches are not out in time.

Branches must be placed with the cut ends facing the street. Branches cannot be longer than ten feet (10') in length and have a diameter of no larger than six inches

The Village is divided into four areas for pickup service (see map). Each area receives branch pickup service one time per month.

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
July 5	July 11	July 18	July 25
August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22
September 6	September 12	September 19	September 26
October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24

Crews try to collect branches as soon as possible. It usually takes more than one day to collect all branches. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 630-736-3850.