

# Streamwood Community News

July/August 2021

# 2021 Memorial Day

The Village of Streamwood Veterans Memorial Commission was honored to hold a Memorial Day Observance at the Streamwood Veterans Memorial. The observance began with a Candlelight Vigil on Saturday, May 29, to remember our POW/MIA, followed by a Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 30.

Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr. (retired) delivered a Keynote Address, speaking of his military service in Vietnam, as well as the impact war has on fellow soldiers after experiencing traumatic events during combat. VFW Post 5151 Color Guard and Ceremonial Rifle Team provided the Grand March Procession and 21-Gun Salute. Captain Kathryn Serbin (retired) performed the National Anthem. Moving musical selections were played by the Spring Valley Concert Band and the Medinah Highlanders Pipes and Drums. The table ceremony provided an emotional reminder that those who do not return from battle leave an empty space that should never be forgotten.

We were proud to be able to honor to those who have given their lives in the defense of our country.



On Friday, June 4, after 30 years of dedicated service, Deputy Chief Marv Kramer retired. The department, along with personnel from neighboring communities, honored his career with a last alarm and walkout ceremony at Fire Station 31. We thank Marv for his outstanding leadership and service to our community.





















## **Village Board News**



# **Police Department To Offer Online Parking Permits**

The Police Department is now offering the opportunity to obtain overnight parking permits online or by phone. Residents who want to get temporary parking permits for overnight guests can go to our website at streamwood.org/services/police/support services/records, or call 630-736-3700, to register. Information on the car (make, model, and plate) and registered owner will be required. Residents who have received annual permits will be automatically updated in the new system for 2021. Future renewals will also be available online.

## **Automatic Bill Payments For Groot Industries**

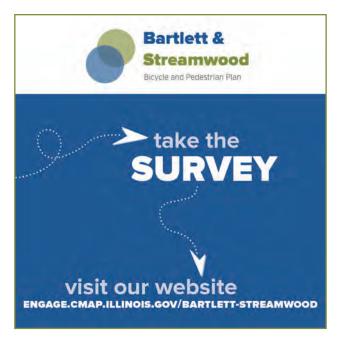
Groot Industries will serve as the Village's new waste hauler starting July 1, 2021. Once you receive your first invoice, you will have the information needed to set up auto pay and paperless billing. Please log onto Groot.com to enroll. Be sure to inactivate any auto pay that you may have set up with Waste Management.

# **Bike And Walking Plans Update**

Our Village Comprehensive Plan calls for better connectivity and improved walking and biking opportunities. The Village is actively working on implementing these plans. A community forum and survey provided critical information for our trail and bridge project along Route 59. The plans have moved into Phase 2, engineering, as we work on details for the bridge design and location. Another community forum will be held in the fall once this work is complete.

The Village has also been working with the Village of Bartlett and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to develop a plan to make walking and bicycling more safe, comfortable, and convenient. The Villages received a grant to evaluate existing and future facilities to create connected networks for pedestrians and bicyclists. A virtual kick-off event was held on Thursday, June 24 to initiate the project and inform people about how they can help make our communities more walkable and bikeable.

We encourage community members to get involved by going to engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood. Take part in a survey and leave us your thoughts on our interactive map through July, 2021. Share how you currently travel through the area and how you



would prefer to move around. Use the interactive map to identify where there are challenges and opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Feedback will be used to identify places and strategies to improve walking and bicycling in our area. These exciting projects will help our community improve its transportation network, make critical investments in infrastructure, and promote connectivity within our community and to the region as a whole.

# Police Department Swearing-in And Promotion

Due to the gathering restrictions, we have been unable to properly recognize public safety personnel that have completed probation or been promoted. Now that we are in Phase 5, the Village Board was able to formally welcome Officer Michael O'Keefe to the Streamwood Police Department. He earned a bachelor's degree from Winona College, and graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in December, 2019.

The Board was also able to recognize the promotion of Sergeant Tom Seida to Commander. He earned his bachelor's degree at Western Illinois University, and his master's degree in political science and public administration. Tom joined the Department in 2011 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, and Detective Sergeant. He was promoted to Commander on August 5, 2020. Congratulations!



# **Village Board News**

# Keeping Our Water Systems Safe!

Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available online at streamwood.org. We are



pleased to once again report that your tap water met or exceeded all US and Illinois drinking water health standards. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-736-3850 to have one mailed to you.

# New Bus Shelter

With an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Streamwood,



PACE Transportation System, and the Poplar Creek Library District, residents have a new bus shelter in front of Poplar Creek Library. The Village installed the concrete pad, PACE installed the shelter, and the Library will assume regular maintenance. The shelter serves Route 554 which runs between the Elgin Transportation Center and the Woodfield Mall/Northwest Transportation Center with stops at the Hanover Park Metra stop and St. Alexius Hospital, among others. Additional shelters will be constructed along the route including on Lake Street by Fresh Express and at Bartlett and Irving Park Roads.

# **Resurfacing Project**

South Park Boulevard, between Irving Park Road and Schaumburg Road, is included on the Village's Road Program for 2021. This work will include repairing damaged sidewalk and curb, upgrading sidewalk corners to meet ADA requirements, and resurfacing the street. It is anticipated that the project will be substantially completed by the end of August 2021. If you have any questions about ongoing construction, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-736-3850. We appreciate your patience as we continue to maintain and improve the Village's infrastructure!



# Village President's Message

On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Veterans Memorial Commission, including Bill Lunsford, James Nicklen, Kathryn Serbin, Richard Winterfeld, Steve Wilson, Charles Stricker, Lisa Poturalski, and Bill Schmidt, for providing a meaningful Memorial Day Observance for our community. We also



appreciate the assistance of numerous volunteers for their efforts in helping with this event. The weather held clear and fair; it was nice to see so many people who came to pay tribute to those who did not make it home while fighting for our freedom.

As we move through Covid-19 mitigation and into Phase 5/Re-Open of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan, we are excited to interact with our neighbors and begin to host events again. Please be sure to check out details about the 2021 Citizen's Police Academy beginning mid-August. This is a great opportunity to learn how our officers perform their duties and serve the community. (Details on page 4.)

The Blood Commission will hold its next blood drive on Wednesday, August 25. Donating blood is the ultimate pay-it-forward moment, as you move life forward when you give. (See page 4 for more information.)

As you enjoy summer and spend time outside, did you know gardening has many health benefits? Gardening is good for your heart, reduces stress, helps protect your memory as you get older, improves your hand strength, gives you a boost of vitamin D, helps you eat healthier when you grow your own food, fosters a feeling of connection, and so much more. To stay connected and enjoy all the gardens within Streamwood, we will once again sponsor a Garden Contest for residents. If you love to spend time in your yard, please be sure to submit an entry in one (1) of six (6) categories by the registration deadline of August 14. Everyone enjoyed seeing the photos of gardens entered last year. I know there are more gardeners, and I hope you will participate! (Contest details are on page 5.)

The Village Board and staff will begin working on the 2022 Goals & Objectives. Our workshop meetings guide us through the upcoming annual budgetary process. This progression ensures that the priorities we set are meeting the community needs. The decisions we make depend on communication from you. I encourage you to visit our website and review the Village finances, under services/finance/finances at a glance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. The Village is dedicated to maintaining the services our residents and businesses expect and deserve.

While we are hopefully starting to see the end of the pandemic, we unfortunately are unable to hold the July 4 fireworks or Summer Celebration, due to contracts and the amount of preparation needed. These were hard and disappointing decisions, but we will work to make the events of 2022 the best ever.

Finally, I would like to welcome Trustee Rezwanul Haque to the Village Board. I appreciate his willingness to volunteer his time and serve with us!

Sincerely,



Billie D. Roth, Village President

# **Village Board News**



## 2021 Citizens Police Academy

Be a part of the Streamwood Police Department Citizens Police Academy. Members gain new insights into how police officers perform their duties and serve the community. It is also a great way to foster better communication between community members and police through education. The Academy consists of ten (10) classes focused on topics such as Forensics and Evidence Collection, Criminal Investigations, Patrol Functions, Traffic Stops, Special Operations, Domestic Violence Investigations, and more. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, August 16 to October 25. Application deadline is July 23, 2021. To learn more or apply, go to streamwood.org or contact Commander Mike Schwartz at mschwartz@ streamwood.org.



# **Summer Events Update**

Unfortunately July 4th Fireworks and Summer Celebration have been canceled for this year, due to the pandemic. We look forward to their return in 2022. Please keep an eye on the Village website for updates.

# Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

# **Garage Sales**

Please obtain a garage sale permit before the sale is conducted. There is a \$1.00 charge for the permit. Please note that only TWO garage sales per year are permitted for each address. Garage sales are permitted for two consecutive days, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

# Do You Have Old Eyeglasses Or Hearing Aids You No Longer Need?

The Streamwood Lions Club has a collection box at Village Hall. Simply drop off your unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids in the box (at the Cashier Counter) and the Lions Club will recycle them.

**Parking Is Prohibited** on Village streets between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am except where noted in specific subdivisions. Questions? Please call 630-736-3700.

# **Blocking The Sidewalk**

From March 1 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.

# **Cutting Down Trees this Summer?**

If you plan on removing trees from your property, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-736-3850, before you begin. The Forestry Division will come out and inspect the tree, and its location, to ensure it can be removed safely and without causing damage. This is a free service.





# **E-Waste Event Recap**

On Saturday, May 1, residents had the opportunity to recycle e-waste, prescription drugs and shredded paper.

The Natural Resource Conservancy Commission reports that nearly 20,000 lbs. of e-waste, 3,000 lbs. of paper, over 100 lbs. of drugs, and a 30-gallon container of needles were collected and diverted from our waste stream. Thank you to everyone who took the time to be good stewards of our community!

# **Community Blood Drive**

On Wednesday, August 25, the Streamwood Blood Commission will host a donation drive from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the police station. A pint of blood can save up to three lives! Please contact Vitalant at 877- 543-3768 or visit vitalant.org to register and use sponsor code SW98. Walk-ins are also welcome!



# **Community News**

# Garden Contest – A Celebration of Gardening

Do you have a green thumb? Enter your garden photos and show us what you have growing this summer! This contest is open for the amateur gardeners of Streamwood. There will be one (1)







winner for each of the six (6) categories: porch, balcony, or container garden; shade garden; vegetable/herb garden; perennial garden; outdoor oasis, and senior (age 65 and older) garden. Each entry will be judged on the following criteria: general neatness and appeal; natural or formal layout; use of color; variety of plants; creative use of garden hardware and art, and sustainable features and methods used.

You may only enter under one (1) category and submit three (3) current photos of your garden. Six (6) winners will receive a "Golden Trowel" award, a garden sign to display, a Village of Streamwood swag bag and of course, bragging rights!

Complete details and entry form can be found on our website at streamwood.org (under News & Announcements) or contact the Village President's office at 630-736-3803 or mayor@streamwood.org. Registration deadline: Friday, August 20



# **Eagle Scout Project For Retiring Flags**

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8(k) states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." As part of his Eagle Scout service project, Nate George, of Troop 99, built a fire pit on Village Hall grounds for local VFW Post 5151 members to properly retire U.S. flags. As a reminder, there is a drop box, inside the main entrance of Village Hall, for residents to turn in tatterd flags no longer fit to display. Congratulations and thank you, Nate!

#### **Veterans Memorial Ribbons**

The Northwest Suburban Woman's Club provided the patriotic ribbons on the light bollards for our annual Memorial Day Observance, as one their 2021 projects: "ribboning" the community to celebrate special days. A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Northwest Suburban is a 501c3 organization that believes it is possible to do good while having a good time.







# Conquering Kids' Cancer

Members of Streamwood Police and Fire Departments were proud to partcipate in a St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser at Tefft Middle School to raise money for lifesaving, childhood cancer research. The commitment to shave for the cause raises more than funds and awareness — it shows kids who lost their hair during treatment that they are supported, and it brings hope. The event raised over \$4,100 to fund this important research! Visit stbaldricks.org for more information.

# Participation in Park Pride Day

On Saturday, May 15, the Village's Community Relations Commission participated at the Streamwood Park District's 11th Annual Park Pride Day. This is a one-day event where volunteers from the community take part in beautifying our local parks. Commission members partnered with the Streamwood Fire Department Explorers to tackle Glenbrook Park. These volunteers pulled weeds, planted flowers, picked up trash, and spread mulch



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throughout the park. A rewarding and enjoyable time was had by everyone!

#### **Government Partner News**



# **Hanover Township**

hanover-township.org

#### **School Supplies Needed!**

Donations of school supplies are now being accepted for the annual Backpack Distribution event! Most needed items include backpacks, spiral notebooks, filler paper, pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, rulers, flash drives, two-pocket folders, erasers, calculators, highlighters, pens, and glue sticks. Donations can be dropped off at



all Township offices. Questions? Please call 630-540-9085.

#### Summer Grab-And-Go Lunch Program

Hanover Township's Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park, is partnering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide free, grab-and-go lunches through Friday, August 13. Lunches will be available Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. No registration required.

"For children that are used to eating lunch at school every day, a consistent lunch may be hard to come by during the summer months," said Brian McGuire, Hanover Township Supervisor. "Through this partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank we can combat this problem in our own backyard."

Lunches will not be offered on Monday, July 5, as Township offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day. For more information, please contact the Astor Avenue Community Center at 630-540-9085.



Gail Borden Library

#### Crafts & More With Elda

Elda's programs have grown in popularity because her crafts are easy and fun! Join her at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live at gbpl.info/FBLV for these DIY demos: Bicycle Tire Wreath on July 6, Pineapple Strawberry Salsa on July 20, Up-Cycle Dragonflies for Your Garden on August 3, Delish Fresh Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Tart on August 17, and Pizza Pan Wreath on August 31.

#### **Family Picnic**

RJ the Magician is bringing us a virtual magic show all the way from New York City at 7:00 pm on July 14. Enjoy the magic show with a picnic right in your own living room. Register at gailborden.info/register.



Join us for some family STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) fun on Facebook as we celebrate the wonder of the world with a fun and messy science experiment. The program will take place at 4:00 pm on July 27 at Facebook Live: appl.info/FBLV.

#### **A Conversation With An Author**

Bestselling novelist Paulette Jiles will talk about her research and history she delved into, from the Civil War to 1800's Texas culture, while writing *News of the World*. This virtual program will take place at 7:00 pm on July 27. She will share the stories behind the creation of her fascinating characters in *News of the World*, a National Book Award Finalist and the book chosen for our first One Book, One Community program. For more information, go to gailborden.info/onebook.





#### Movies In The Park — In Partnership With Poplar Creek Library

All ages: bring your own chairs and blankets and get comfortable for movies on the big screen in the park. Registration is required. Please park in the main lot of Park Place Family Recreation Center. The viewing area will be in the lower lot. *The Good Dinosaur*, Wednesday, July 7, 8:30 pm — 10:30 pm; or *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm, \$20 for up to 5 people

#### **Christmas In July**

21 years+: Christmas is here again! This 21 years+ BBQ will surely revive the Christmas spirit. Dust off your ugliest Christmas tank or tee and enter the ugly t-shirt contest. Sunday, July 18, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm; R/NR: \$20/\$30, Hoosier Grove Park

#### **Summer Play In The Park**

All ages: join our staff for some fun and themed summer activities throughout various community parks. Registration is required. Dinosaur Stomp; Thursday, July 15; 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Friendship Park; Sunshine & Rainbows; Thursday, August 12, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Sunny Hill Park

#### **Summer Concert Series**

All ages: Live Music; free event; registration is required; Final Say - Wednesday, July 28, 7:00 pm, Hoosier Grove Park and Hillbilly Rockstars - Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 pm, Hoosier Grove Park

#### See-A-Truck

Children of all ages will have truckloads of fun during this annual, free event. Families can explore and discover various construction, park district, and public works trucks; including big rigs, fire engines, bulldozers, and more. Registration is required based on COVID-19 guidelines. If guidelines change, registration will open for additional participants. Saturday, August 7, 10:00 am -11:00 am, Lower lot, Park Place Family Recreation Center

To register online or to see more July & August programs, classes, and events, please visit us at StreamwoodParks.org. You can call Guest Services for assistance at 630-483-3010. Registration has now moved upstairs to the Front Counter at Park Place Family Recreation Center.



# Poplar Creek Public Library

### Reading Colors Your World — Now Through Friday, July 30

All ages are invited to sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge. Earn a great prize for reading just 800 minutes! In addition, we have lots of fun, free (and colorful!) programming planned all summer long. Visit pclib.org for details.



#### **Family Concert Series**

All ages welcome to our FREE virtual concerts; no registration necessary — just join us on our Facebook page at 2:00 pm the day of the performance to watch live! Limited in-library seating also available; registration required; masks recommended. To register for in-library seating or for concert details, visit pclib.org or call 630-483-4910. July 18 at 2:00 pm: WWII Radio Hour and August 15 at 2:00 pm: Kaleidoscope Eyes





## **School News**



# **School Distrtict U-46**

# **Are You Reading This Summer?**

Every year, we challenge our U-46 elementary students to read more books over the summer break than they read previous summers as part of our #U46SummerReadingChallenge. We partnered with our four local libraries who have various reading themes to keep kids engaged!

Summer reading can help students maintain or improve academic performance and avoid the dreaded "summer slide," which refers to students losing up to two months of learning during the summer months. To learn more, please visit our Summer Reading Challenge website at u-46.org/src to sign up for the program today! Depending on the library, the challenge runs through the end of July or middle of August.

# **Back To School Road Safety**

Students' first day of the 2021-22 school year will be Monday, August 16. A few reminders to keep our kids safe: be sure to obey school zone speed limits; use of cell phones (including texting) in a school zone is against the law; watch for children crossing streets — be sure to stop and yield the right-of-way, allowing them to cross safely; drivers must stop (from either direction) for any school bus stopped to allow children on or off — when red lights are flashing and the stop arm is actuated.







#### Village of Streamwood

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Community Development - John Peterson, Director | (630) 736-3843 | 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 Community Development Department is open Thursday evenings until 7:00 pm

# Village Calendar

#### **JULY**

1	Police Beat Meeting, Beats 1 & 4	7:00 pm
5	Independence Day Observed, Village Offices Closed	
12	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
15	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
23	Citizens Police Academy Applications Due (see page 4)	

## **AUGUST**

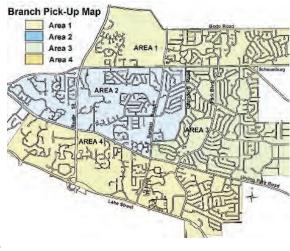
5	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Med	eting 7:00 pm
16	School District U-46 First Day of School	
17	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
19	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
19	Police Beat Meeting, Beats 2 & 3	7:00 pm
20	Garden Contest Entries Due (see page 5)	
24	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
25	Community Blood Drive (see page 4)	:00 pm - 7:00 pm
26	Police Beat Meeting, Beats 1 & 4	7:00 pm
30	Garden Contest Winners Announced	

# **Branch Pickup**

Through October, 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 (6) 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
July 6	July 12	July 19	July 26
August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23
September 7	September 13	September 20	September 27
October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25

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.