



# Streamwood Community News

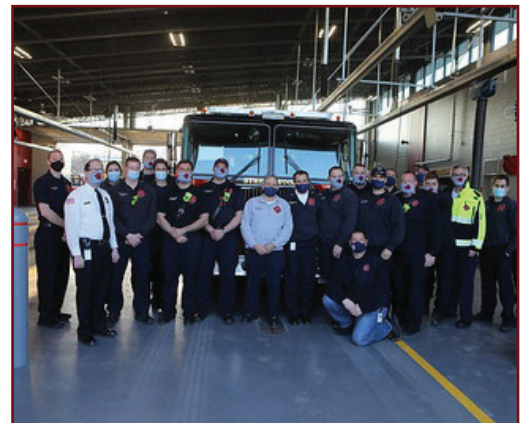
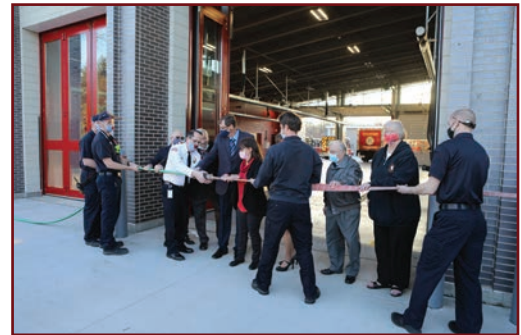
May/June 2021

## Fire Station 31 Is Open For Service!

The Village is very excited to open the new and improved Fire Station 31 at Park and Cambridge Avenues. The original station on the site was approved for construction in 1972 and opened for use in 1973. This station served as fire department headquarters as the organization grew from a handful of volunteers to the full-service department the Village offers today. Fifty years later, we are proud to open the renovated Fire Station 31, which was activated to service on April 1, 2021.

The new fire station has four apparatus bays and will house active and reserve apparatus, along with associated support equipment. The new building was designed to promote workforce safety and diversity, and the site includes space for firefighters to train while on duty. A three-level section on the south end of the station is reminiscent of the original training tower of the former station. Components from the original building have been incorporated into the new one including the brass fire pole which remains operational. Firefighters will utilize a new classroom for daily training, and the room will also allow opportunities for public gatherings. Once again, Station 31 will serve as the headquarters for the department, which had relocated to Station 33 on Schaumburg Road in 1992.

While COVID protocols prohibited a formal, opening celebration, the Village is hopeful that this fall will permit an Open House where the new station can be toured and enjoyed by the community.



## Village Board News

### And the Survey Says!

On February 25, the Village held a community forum to gather input on the proposed Bridge and Trail Project for the Route 59 Corridor. Over 30 people attended the forum and provided input on design options and path location. The Village also had an online survey to gather input from those who might not have been able to make the meeting.

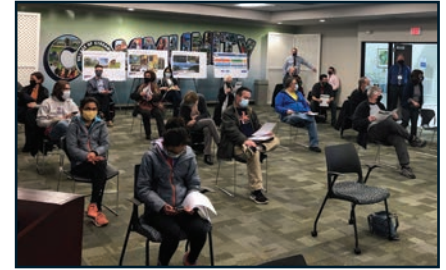
Over 250 people provided comments. Most respondents (224) were Village residents. Most said they would use the path and bridge for recreation (81%). Only 6% saying they would not use the system at all. It was clear there were representatives from throughout the community as respondents had equal distribution on how they would access the path with 28% from the east (including from Madison), 17% from the west, 22% from the north, and 25% from the south along Sutton Road.

Two overall design concepts were offered, along with various project design elements. Most respondents favored "Bridge Concept #1" preferring traditional piers and higher, sheltered railings. Most respondents talked about clean lines and making sure the bridge blends into the surrounding areas. Enclosed railing treatment for the boardwalks and seating areas that are integrated, but outside of trail traffic patterns, were also preferred.

There was significant support for opportunities for accessing and making transitions to the path, but also being conscientious to the surrounding residential areas. Most people wanted the Village to focus on sustainable materials that are longer-lasting, to help keep long-term maintenance costs down. A consistent theme was safety and sustainability should be primary to any final design selections.

Ninety-five (95) respondents offered additional comments. The vast majority of which were positive (92%). Eight comments did express concerns about costs and use of this facility. It has been noted that the Village is actively seeking grant funding for this project and has been saving for improvements in our capital fund. Most believe this to be an exciting project that will make it safer for bicyclists, pedestrians, children, and families to cross Route 59, as well as providing connectivity to surrounding destinations.

Thank you to everyone who took the time and offered input. The information provided was both practical and creative. The Village will use this information as we continue to make progress on this engineering design phase. We plan to host another forum in the fall. For additional information, and to read the final summary report, visit [streamwood.org/Community/Bridge-and-Path-Overview.aspx](https://streamwood.org/Community/Bridge-and-Path-Overview.aspx).



### Mel Runzel Award

Trustee Mary Thon was the recent recipient of the Mary Ellen "Mel" Runzel Volunteer Service Award. The award was created in 2013 to honor Mel for her immeasurable efforts in creating new programs, and recruiting volunteers throughout as a former Township Trustee and Township Welfare Services Director. This is the top service honor the Township bestows.

President Roth was on-hand when Township Supervisor Brian McGuire awarded this special recognition to Mary, recognizing her volunteer efforts with the Food Pantry, annual Toy Drive, and recent Easter Basket program. Congratulations!

### Water Quality Report – Coming Soon!

Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report will be available online before July 1 at [streamwood.org](https://streamwood.org). We are in the process of finalizing its publication. We are pleased to 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.



## Village Board News

### Tree City USA

The Arbor Day Foundation named Streamwood a 2020 Tree City USA® in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management for the 29th consecutive year.

Streamwood achieved this recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. More information about the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).



### Welcome And Thank You For Volunteering!

Over the last few months, the Village Board was pleased to welcome several new volunteer members to our advisory boards and commissions. Thank you for donating your time and talent to make sure we have a better place to live, work, and play.



## Village President's Message

On April 1, the Village Board and staff held a fire hose uncoupling (instead of a traditional ribbon cutting) to open Fire Station 31. The Trustees were given a tour, there was the flag raising and engine push-in ceremony. After 12+ months of construction, it was exciting to activate service from this station once again for our community.



New volunteers mean new ideas. We recently had some openings on our volunteer committees and boards. Residents giving their time and talent assist us in providing programming and services to our community, which the Village relies on to guarantee the efficient operation of government. We received many applications and appointed seven new people to serve. We are thankful for so many people willing to make a difference in our community. We welcome and encourage you to get involved! Commission applications are available online at [streamwood.org](http://streamwood.org), under the Government tab > Boards and Commissions. You may also pick up a form at Village Hall, or request one by emailing me at [mayor@streamwood.org](mailto:mayor@streamwood.org).

The coronavirus continues to result in the loss of many time-honored traditions for graduating students. The Village wants all members of the Class of 2021 to know we are proud of their resilience and achievements. They adapted to new ways of learning to finish their high school career. They have overcome so many challenges this past year. While graduation is a little different than they hoped for, we know they will make great strides with whatever path they choose after high school. Congratulations graduates!

Finally, the Streamwood Summer Celebration Committee is organized by community volunteers working in cooperation with the Streamwood Chamber of Commerce, Park District, and Village. They work hard every year to bring a high-quality community festival to Streamwood. Planning for the event begins in January because of the size and commitments needed to operate a safe, affordable, and family-oriented fest. Hundreds of volunteers and civic groups run this three-day event which typically draws thousands of people. With the current health requirements and gathering limitations, as well as keeping the safety of volunteers and festival attendees of utmost concern, the Committee made the difficult decision to postpone Summer Celebration until 2022. This was not an easy decision, and everyone is disappointed to have to take this action. We will all work to make the next Summer Celebration the best festival we have ever had!

Enjoy the weather; stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

## Village Board News

### Contactless

#### E-Waste Event

On Saturday, May 1, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, the Village will offer large e-waste recycling drop-off and document shredding. The event is for Streamwood residents and will take place behind Village Hall, 301 E Irving Park Road. Residents must always remain in their vehicle. Old or expired prescription drugs may be dropped off outside the Police Station.



Now that you have disposed of unwanted paper and e-waste, why not finish off your spring cleaning? Advanced Disposal will offer expanded collections May 3-7 as part of Clean Up Week. On your regular pickup day, they will collect unlimited amounts of trash. No electronics, tires, or hazardous waste are allowed; and no more than two cubic yards of construction or remodeling debris. Appliances can be collected with a prepaid fee. Call Advanced Disposal at 630-587-8282 for details.

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#### Plant Sale

The Tri-Village Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, at the Bartlett Log Cabin at 211 N. Eastern Ave. This is the day before Mother's Day and there will be a large selection of annuals and perennials that attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. A perfect gift for Moms!

#### Community Blood Drive

On June 23, the Streamwood Blood Commission will host a donation drive from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Police Station. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, or receive more information, including additional COVID-19 safety protocols, please contact Vitalant at 877-543-3768 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use sponsor code SW98.



#### Garage Sales

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



#### Parking

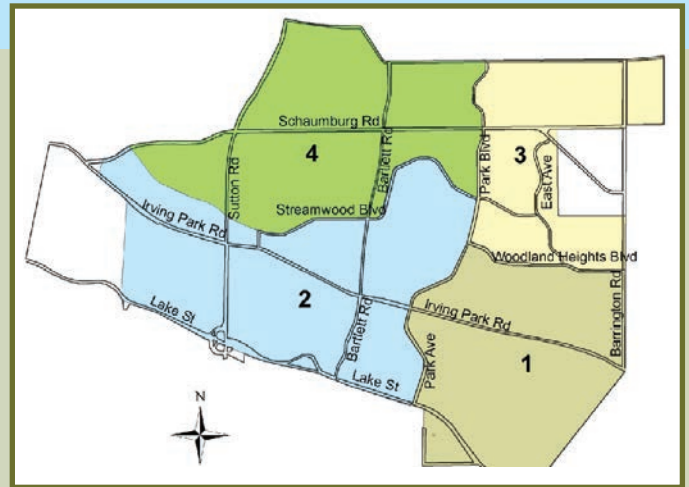
Between the hours of 1:00 am - 5:00 am, parking is prohibited on Village streets, except where noted in specific subdivisions. Blocking the sidewalk with a vehicle is prohibited from March 1 through November 30. Vehicles parked in residential driveways CANNOT block the sidewalk or parkway between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday; and 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Questions? Please call 630-736-3700.

#### Planning A Block Party This Summer?

Block party applications are available at the Cashier's Counter at Village Hall and on the website. The forms provide party planners with the necessary details (Fire and/or Police Department visits and Public Works barricades) needed BEFORE the date of the party. All block party applications must be filed with the Village Clerk at least 14 days before the requested party date. For steps to take to make small gatherings safer, go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/small-gatherings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/small-gatherings.html).

#### Summer Beat Meeting Schedule

The Police Department hosts regular Beat meetings to help residents learn about services and let the 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-person and via Zoom: Beats 2 and 3 on June 10; Beats 1 and 4 on July 1. Please visit [streamwood.org/Services/Police/Neighborhood-Based-Policing/Neighborhood-Beat-Meetings.aspx](http://streamwood.org/Services/Police/Neighborhood-Based-Policing/Neighborhood-Beat-Meetings.aspx) for additional details.



#### Scoop The poop!

Cleaning up dog poop is not fun for anyone. However, picking up after your pet protects our health and the environment. Did you know that dog poop left on paths, in your yard, or in our parks eventually makes its way to the nearest body of freshwater during the next rainstorm? Poop and other waste not properly disposed of moves through the storm sewer system and into nearby creeks, streams, and rivers. Scientists have discovered that dog poop contains potentially harmful bacteria and is one of the leading causes of water pollution and a hazard to human health. Help keep our waterways, your shoes, and community clean!



# Community News

## Memorial Day 2021

The Village of Streamwood Veterans Memorial Commission is planning a modified, in-person Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 am. Due to continued COVID-19 concerns and state restrictions, the ceremony will be slightly different this year. Masks will be required for all attendees and participants. Social distancing will be maintained. While scaled back in response to the pandemic, the Village Board and Veterans Memorial Commission are still proud to host a limited event to honor those who have given their greatest gift in service to our country.



## 2021 Walking Inspections Program

The Village will begin conducting its annual Walking Inspections Program at the end of May. Inspectors will be checking maintenance of exterior items such as grass/weeds, home condition (roof, siding, windows), excess exterior storage, and refuse containers. The following streets are scheduled for inspection: Ash, Aspen, Bayberry, Bittersweet, Blackberry, Bloomfield, Dato, Debbie, Dunbar, East, Emerald, Exmoor, Filbert, Glacier, Goldcrest, Grey Fox, High Point, Huntington, Jonquil, Larkspur, Madison, Magnolia, Meadow, Nippert, Plymouth, Rambler, Red Cedar, Redwood, Sarasota, Sherwood, Shirley, Somerset, Summerfield, Valewood, Waterton, Wellington, and Woodland Heights. For more information, please call the Community Development Department at 630-736-3839.

## A Reminder That Fireworks Are Illegal in Illinois!

It is presumed that the many American traditions of parades and community fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday will be canceled again this year due to COVID-19. However, fireworks at home can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory when children and adults are injured or killed, or houses and businesses catch fire. Fireworks are dangerous and illegal.

On average, 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries during the month around the July 4th holiday. The Pyrotechnic Use Act ("PUA") in Illinois bans the sale, possession, and use of all "consumer fireworks."

The items you can legally purchase in other states, like firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles are a violation of the Village of Streamwood Local Ordinance, subject to fines of up to \$750 and Illinois State Law, subject to misdemeanor arrest. Offenders can be challenging to catch. Please call 911 to report illegal activity and fireworks violations as they are happening; an officer will be dispatched to the area. In addition, fireworks set off randomly anywhere, at any time of the day or night can be the worst triggers for those suffering with PTSD; the earth-shaking booms disrupt neighborhoods and terrify pets and small children. Be a considerate neighbor – do not use illegal fireworks!



# Government Partner News



## Hanover Township

[hanover-township.org](http://hanover-township.org)

### Emergency Services Cadet Program:

#### Ages 14-18

The Cadet Program was established to give youth the opportunity to learn about emergency services. The goals of the program are to provide positive role models, career guidance, and to expose the youth to concepts of leadership, volunteerism, and community involvement while fostering their interest, knowledge, and skills in local government and emergency management.



The program allows for cadets to put in as much time as they can learning and growing in the Emergency Services profession. Under the guidance of officers and advisors, cadets will have the opportunity to assist at Township events and work with department members to learn station, vehicle and equipment operations, and maintenance. Cadets will also assist in traffic control support with department members and aid in community outreach. During incidents and other events, cadets will provide support to command staff and communication teams. To learn more, including program eligibility and how to apply, please visit [hanover-township.org/departments/emergency-services/cadet-program](http://hanover-township.org/departments/emergency-services/cadet-program).



## Gail Borden Library

[gailborden.info](http://gailborden.info)

### One Book, One Community

Gail Borden Library invites adults and teens to read *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles for the Library's first One Book, One Community program taking place May through July. For information about programs, please visit [gailborden.info/onebook](http://gailborden.info/onebook).

### Birding Northern Illinois: Backyards and Beyond

Identify bird species and discover the best places to look for them at this virtual program at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5. Get tips for attracting birds with feeders and garden plants. Register at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register).

### Taste of Asian Pacific Heritage

Get a taste of Asian Pacific heritage with clips of music, dance, fashion, and cooking demos at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 19. Register for this virtual program at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register).

### Frozen in Time: Lake Michigan Shipwreck

The most intact 19th century schooner in the world was found in Lake Michigan in 2018. Award-winning maritime artist and underwater photographer Cal Kothrade will present actual video and photos of the shipwreck at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 1. Those interested can register at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register).



### Sunday Afternoon Concert: The Leslie Sister Duo Presents Tunes for a June Afternoon

This dynamic, captivating, and versatile duo features Regina on violin and Kirsten on piano. They will perform at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 13. Hear Fritz Kreisler,

Tango, Broadway, Irish melodies, Chopin, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Massenet. Music lovers can register at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register).



## Streamwood Park District

[SPDCARES.com](http://SPDCARES.com)

### Kids Out Club: Kindergarten - 5th grade

On no school days for U-46 students, join us for a variety of crafts and indoor/outdoor activities, weather permitting. Please provide snacks, lunch, and water daily. Extended care is available. Upcoming dates: May 14 and May 31 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; R/NR: \$30/\$40; Park Place Family Recreation Center

### Mother's Day Cooking Class For Adults: 18 years +, Children: 4 years +

Join us as we make tasty treats, read books, and celebrate Mother's Day. Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and aunts... all are welcome. Our special menu will include a heart-shaped pizza and assorted toppings. In-person and virtual options available. Monday, May 3 from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm; R/NR: In-person: \$30/\$36 per person, Virtual: \$10/\$12 per person; Park Place Family Recreation Center

### Summer Day Camps: Pre-K - 9th grade

Have your children join us for our all-day summer day camps filled with fun games, activities, field trips, swimming, and more. Extended AM and PM care are available as well. Save money by register during early-bird registration through May 13. Monday-Friday, June 7 - August 13 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

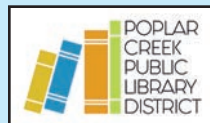
### Flag Football League: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

We are now offering a new Flag Football program! Come join in on the fun and start learning the game of football in a safe way. At the instructional level, players are introduced to stance, receiving, rushing, blocking, and defense. Each week ends with a scrimmage encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship. Drills focus on fundamentals and field concepts as well as positions and mechanics. Players will receive a jersey and a flag set. Players must provide their own shorts, mouthguard, and cleats. Saturdays, May 22 - June 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; R/NR: \$60-\$135 depending on age; Hoosier Grove Park

### Outdoor Futsal League: 1st - 8th Grade

The Outdoor Futsal League program teaches youth soccer skills while promoting good sportsmanship and having fun. This is the perfect way to learn the game of soccer or to freshen up your skills for the outdoor season in fall. Soccer players are expected to purchase their own shin guards and soccer shoes before the season starts. Divisions may be restructured depending on enrollment. Saturdays, July 24 - August 14 Register by June 12; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (specific timeslots for age groups); R/NR: \$65/\$90; Commissioners' Park or Glenbrook Park

To register online, please go to [StreamwoodParks.org](http://StreamwoodParks.org). Our friendly Guest Services staff is happy to assist you. Registration at Park Place Family Recreation Center has now moved upstairs to the Front Counter. You can call Guest Services for assistance at 630-483-3010.



## Poplar Creek Public Library

[pclib.org](http://pclib.org)

### Reading Colors Your World: June 7 - 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; visit [pclib.org](http://pclib.org) for details.



### Sign up for eNewsletters

Stay up to date on current news and events at the library. Visit our website at [pclib.org](http://pclib.org) and click on the blue 'subscribe' button towards the bottom of the page and sign up for our eNewsletters.



### Family Concert Series - Burnt Biscuits: Sunday, May 16

Steeped in the traditions of pre-war jazz and bluegrass music, Burnt Biscuits brings you back to a time when banjos and steel strings were king! All ages welcome to this FREE virtual concert; 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 available - to register, visit [pclib.org](http://pclib.org) or call 630-483-4910.



## School District U-46

### Drumroll Please... Sound The Trumpets... We Are Tooting Our Own Horn!

For the third consecutive year, School District U-46 has been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation, recognizing commitment and support to music education and the benefits it offers students!

### Senior Celebrations

The year has been anything but normal for Streamwood High School seniors, but they will have prom (May 14 and 15), senior recognition (May 20) and graduation (May 29) in new, creative ways. All events are subject to change, dependent on mitigation tiers.



### SHS Portrait Of Graduate Award Winners

Streamwood High School has initiated a program to recognize its students that are selected by their teachers as great communicators, respectful individuals, team players/collaborators, and critical thinkers. Teachers nominated students in their department in each grade level. Each department then met and selected the students who represent the Portrait of a Graduate. SHS will select students each quarter. The Village is proud to honor these students and recognize their hard work and achievements. The 3rd Quarter Portrait of Graduate winners are: **Freshman Success** Keira Huynh, Jack Newman, Cassandra Soriano, and Angel Robelo; **STEM** Ava Trocki, Claudia Ruiz, Alessandra Alvizo, and Hannah Carpenter; **Innovation** Ryan Lindsay, Saul Villarreal, Marcela Nunez Leyva, Sarah K Holland, and Vincent Celindro, **Humanities** Sara Castellanos, Elizabeth Vega, Anabel Deloera, and Joshua Lindahl; and **Student Services** Hania Hernandez, Yahir Vargas, Brenda Martinez, and Jaydon Varnado. Congratulations!

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Wherever summer takes you, ECC is along for the ride.  
Online and hybrid classes start June 7, June 14, and July 12.  
Learn more at [elgin.edu/brightchoice](http://elgin.edu/brightchoice).

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**Village Clerk** | clerk@streamwood.org  
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- Police** - Daryl Syre, Chief | (630) 736-3700 | police@streamwood.org
- 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**

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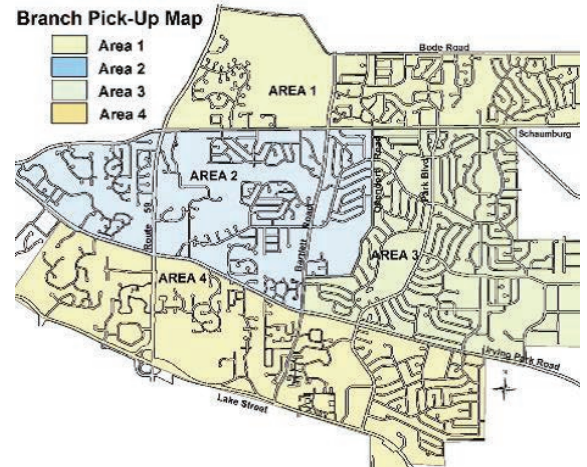
- 1 Contactless E-Waste Event 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 3-7 Clean Up Week (see pg. 4)
- 6 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Planning and Zoning Board 7:00 pm
- 20 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 30 Memorial Day Observance 11:00 am
- 31 Memorial Day, Village Offices Closed

**JUNE**

- 3 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 Police Beat Meetings, Beats 2 & 3 (see pg. 5) 7:00 pm
- 15 Planning and Zoning Board 7:00 pm
- 17 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 23 Community Blood Drive (see pg. 4) 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**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
May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
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.