

Streamwood Community News

November/December 2021

Cultures Of Our Community

The Community Relations Commission invites you learn about the different cultures that make up our community! This event will feature entertainment from a wide variety of ethnicities, cultures, and heritages. Entrance to this celebration on Saturday, November 6 is free, and will be held from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at the Poplar Creek Library (1405 S Park Ave).







Veterans Day Ceremony

Please join the Village Board and Veterans
Memorial Commission in observance of Veterans
Day on Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 am, at
Streamwood's Veterans Memorial. Take time to thank
and celebrate our veterans for their selflessness in
serving on behalf of our country.

37th Annual Luminaria

Luminaria is scheduled for Friday, December 3, at 6:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help bring holiday spirit to Streamwood by lining the median of Park Boulevard with 3,000 luminaria, from Lake Street to Schaumburg Road. Once set up and lit—this is a spectacular sight. The candles continue to glow for hours into the night. In addition, the entire Municipal Campus will also be filled with light, as luminaria line Village Hall, the Police Station, and Veterans Memorial, along with thousands of colorful, twinkling lights covering the trees. We plan to hold a tree lighting ceremony and Santa may arrive for a visit. Be sure to check our website for final details as the date gets closer.

We need your help to accomplish this beautiful display. If you would like to participate by either assembling luminaria bags in the garage behind Village Hall (starting November 3), and/or to place and light the candles at an assigned location on December 3, please contact the Village at 630-736-3801 or mayor@streamwood.org.

Bag assembly will take place on weekdays during normal Village Hall business hours. Our goal is to have bag assembly complete by November 19. Island assignments, for placing/lighting luminaria, will be announced shortly thereafter.

We will continue to follow State and County health recommendations requiring face coverings while indoors. All attendees are encouraged to follow practices/make decisions that are in their best interests for their own health and safety.



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



Billie D. Roth Village President



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Village Board News

Improving Our Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails

The Village has been working on a couple of projects to improve our bicycle and pedestrian trails. A public forum was held on February 25, 2021, to gather input from the community regarding its proposed bridge and trail alignments along the Route 59 corridor. The Village has incorporated the community input and completed preliminary plans and details for the project.

An open house forum is scheduled for November 9, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers (pending COVID restrictions) to share the details and gather final feedback for treatments and amenities. There will be no formal presentation; people are welcome to arrive at any time during the open house. Team members will be available to answer questions and collect comments. The Village has received grant fund commitments to make this vision a reality. As a reminder, the proposed improvements are part of the Village's Comprehensive Plan and include a new trail connection at Irving Park Road and Madison Drive. This trail will connect to a pedestrian and bicycle





path and bridge that will take travelers across Route 59 to the existing path system on the west side of Route 59. The plans call for a boardwalk system to minimize the impact on existing wetlands, moving toward a steel truss bridge that would safely carry bikers and walkers over Route 59.

Working with Chicago Metropolitan Agency For Planning and Village Of Bartlett, the Bartlett and Streamwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan completed the first phase of the project: Getting to Know the Community! In June the project assessed the existing conditions for people walking and biking in Bartlett and Streamwood, including data analysis and input from community members. Check out the findings here: https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood or scan the QR code.

Car Seat Program Donation

At the September 16 Village Board meeting, representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood presented a check to both the Police and Fire Departments for our Car Seat Safety Program.



Village Board News

Holiday Helping

The Village of Streamwood is proud to host its annual Holiday Helping Program for the 10th year. This opportunity helps make the upcoming holidays a little brighter for our community children and their families who have experienced unforeseen circumstances and events. In December, Streamwood firefighters, police officers, officials, and staff, will utilize contributions made to the Holiday Helping Program to provide local children gifts for the holidays. Last year, with the generous donations received, we were able to sponsor over 100 children from nearly 40 families! Knowing many more are struggling this year; we are prepared to serve more. As you begin thinking about your own plans with friends and family, please consider making a monetary donation to this very worthy mission. Donations may be made at Village Hall or online: streamwood.org, under Residents > Make a Payment or Donation.



Calendar Approved

The Village Board adopted its official calendar for 2022. The calendar lists the official meeting dates for the Village Board and its Commissions, as well as the days the Village Hall and administrative offices are closed. A complete listing of these dates is available on the Village website at streamwood.org.

Goals and Objectives Adopted

The Village Board adopted the 2022 Goals and Objectives at the October 7 Board meeting. The annual Goals and Objectives provide a blueprint for staff to utilize as they create the budget and determine key priorities for the community in 2022. Maintaining balanced budgets and services are ongoing priorities. The Board reaffirmed their commitment toward the implementation of our Comprehensive Plan in its 2022 focus goals. Specific projects include intersection improvements at Bartlett and Irving Park Roads, and at Bartlett and Streamwood Boulevard, along with the continued investments in our community and facilities, development of bike paths throughout the Village, a bridge across Route 59, and improved economic development and beautification efforts.

Village President's Message

In September, I had the pleasure of meeting with the principals and social workers from our schools in Streamwood and we discussed our continued partnership and highlighted the services available to families from Hanover Township, the Village, and Streamwood Police and Fire Departments.



The holidays are about sharing, caring, and spreading joy. When you volunteer or donate to help those less fortunate, you can brighten someone's holiday season and help transform the community into a happier place. We have several opportunities for you to get you involved. In December we're hosting our 10th annual Holiday Helping event. Each year this program helps families who have fallen on hard times to enjoy a merrier Christmas. To serve more families, we could use your help. Additional details about this very worthy mission are listed on the left side of this page. Please contact me directly if you have any questions at mayor@streamwood.org.

Another way to help those who are struggling is to sponsor a senior or donate a toy for the Hanover Township toy drive. For more information, please see page 6 or contact Hanover Township at 630-837-0301 or the Senior Center at 630-483-5600. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at Village Hall or you may make a monetary contribution to the food pantry on our website.

Shopping locally is an easy and convenient way to help our community. Local businesses provide jobs for your neighbors. Sales tax generated helps pay for Village services, while reducing our reliance on property taxes. Make your tax dollars work for you. During this holiday season, Shop Smart, Shop Local, Shop Streamwood!

On Saturday, November 6, our Community Relations Commission will host its annual Cultures of Our Community event at Poplar Creek Library. Get together with your neighbors and learn about the many cultures and traditions that make our community strong.

Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 11, at 11:00 am, at our Veterans Memorial. Veterans Day allows us to honor and thank those who gave of themselves to keep our country strong and safe.

Finally, what would the holidays be without Luminaria? Help us kick off the holiday season! Our Luminaria Celebration will be held this year on Friday, December 3. Consider volunteering to assemble and/or light luminaria. I've heard Santa may stop by the Hall that evening as we light up our holiday trees! This is a wonderful tradition to enjoy the start of the holidays with family, friends, and neighbors. The Village Board looks forward to seeing you around the community.

We would like to wish you a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth, Village President

Village Board News

Holiday Lights Recycling Program

As you begin to decorate for the holidays and discover strands of lights that no longer work — please don't throw them in the trash! The Village of Streamwood will again partner with Elgin Recycling to recycle them. The program will run from Monday, November 8 through Friday, February 4. You can recycle old lights at four (4) convenient locations: Village Hall, Public Works, Poplar Creek Library, and Park Place Recreation Center. Lights accepted include mini-lights, Italian lights, C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, and LED lights. Extension cords are also accepted. Simply place old, broken, and no longer used lights, cords, and strands in the designated containers.



Change Your Clocks!

Daylight saving time will end on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour and replace the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Community Development Hours

With daylight saving time ending, please note that as of November 4, the Community Development Department will no longer be open until 7:00 pm on Thursdays. The Department will close at 4:30 pm.



Holiday Trash Collection

Not sure how the upcoming holidays affect

your trash pickup? Here's what you need to know: Thanksgiving — Thursday and Friday collection will be one day later; Christmas and New Year's Day — no change. Questions? Please call Groot at 847-429-7370 or email: Streamwood@groot.com.

Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

Leaf Raking Into The Street Is Prohibited

Please do not rake, sweep, or blow leaves into the street as it can clog storm sewer inlets and create flooding. All yard waste must be placed into approved containers for collection by Groot. Yard waste pickup ends on December 17.

Keep The Snow On The Parkway

Please be reminded that it is unlawful to shove or blow snow into the street. This is especially important after the plows come through. The plows clear the snow and lay salt. If you shovel snow onto the roadway, it can create ice slicks leading to dangerous road conditions. Please shovel or blow the snow to either side of your driveway onto the parkway.

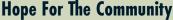
Parking

Parking is prohibited on Village streets between the hours of 1:00 am and 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? Call 630-736-3700.

Through November 30, vehicles parked in residential driveways CANNOT block the sidewalk or parkway between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. However, vehicles, in residential driveways, may block the sidewalk or parkway from December 1 through February 28.

Village Holiday Calendar – Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 **Christmas Holiday:** Thursday and Friday, December 23-24 **New Year's Day (observed):** Friday, December 31



K-9 Hope is the newest member of the Streamwood Police Department. She comes from "Canines 4 Comfort", which is an organization that assists with the pairing of veterans, children, and the community with service dogs and emotional support animals. Corporal Detective Mary Kosartes was selected to be the primary handler for the newly created Comfort Dog position. Corporal Kosartes has been with the department for 13 years and will perform these K-9 duties in addition to those in the Special Operations Unit. Her new partner is a seven-month-old German Shephard/Golden Retriever mix

Hope is being trained to provide comfort to people who need emotional support during a time of crisis, reduce anxiety of children and/or adults during investigations, as well as provide aid and ease individuals in the community that have been impacted by violence, tragedy, or other traumatic events.

We look forward to seeing Hope and Corporal Kosartes in the community once training is complete!





Community News

2021 Garden Contest Winners

We were very impressed with the quality of gardeners in Streamwood! Judging criteria included: general neatness and appeal, natural or formal layout, use of color, variety of plants, creative use of garden hardware or art, and sustainable features. The Golden Trowels went to: Porch, Balcony or Container Garden — Zofia Konopka; Vegetable/Herb Garden — Angelica Gallegos; Senior Garden — Carole Konetzki; Outdoor Oasis — Maria Wajs; and Shade Garden — Violet Hypta. It is wonderful to see homeowners take such pride in their yards. Neighborhoods are greatly enhanced by greening efforts such as these! Additional photos of each winning garden are posted on our website.



Porch, Balcony or Container Garden— Zofia Konopka







Senior Garden— Carole Konetzki

Outdoor Oasis— Maria Wajs





Shade Garden— Violet Hypta



Phoenix Lake Cleanup

On September 18, the Village's Natural Resource Conservancy Commission (NRCC) sponsored the 5th Annual Phoenix Lake Cleanup and Invasive Species Removal event. NRCC members, Village staff, and resident volunteers worked together to remove invasive vegetation, trim and clear branches, and pick up garbage. This work has allowed for the planting of new native plants adjacent to the lake to replace the invasive species. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help keep the Phoenix Lake area beautiful!

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Do you have the most festive house in your neighborhood?
Or, do you look forward to a



neighbor's special display each year? Consider entering yourself or a friend in the 2021 Holiday Home Decorating Contest!

Complete the entry form on page 8 and return to Village Hall no later than Tuesday, November 23. Judging will take place the weekend of December 3-5. Participants are asked to leave their holiday displays lit up from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for judging. This contest is free and open to all residents of Streamwood. A committee of judges will select one (1) winner from each of the three (3) categories: Merry & Bright, Most Traditional, and Most Whimsical. Winners will receive an ornament, certificate, and gift card as they are recognized at a January Village Board meeting. Photos of the winners' displays will be in our January Village newsletter and on our website. Good luck!

Government Partner News



Hanover Township

hanover-township.org

Applications Now Available for Holiday Programs

Hanover Township families facing financial hardship can now apply for the annual December holiday Sponsor-A-Family and toy drive programs. Through December 15, residents can visit hanover-township.org to complete an application. Once completed, Township staff will contact the resident for more information. Required documents include a valid ID, a utility bill dated within the last 30 days, birth certificate for children 0-15 years old or medical card (showing child's name and birth date), and proof of income covering the last 30 days prior to the date of the application. Additional items may be requested to determine eligibility. Those wishing to sponsor a family this holiday season can call the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center at 630-540-9085 or email holidays@hanover-township.org. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can also be dropped off at any Township office.

Sponsors Needed for Senior Holiday Program

The Hanover Township Department of Aging Services needs donations for the annual Adopt-A-Senior program for low-income residents 55 and older. Beginning November 1, those interested in sponsoring an older adult for the holidays can take a card off the tree at the Senior Center, 240 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett. Donors take a card from the tree, purchase and wrap the gift, then return the gift to Social Services. A gift receipt is helpful for clothing items. All gifts are due to the Senior Center by Tuesday, November 30. Monetary donations and gift cards are also appreciated. Checks made payable to Hanover Township can be mailed or dropped off to Senior Services, attention: Diana Gomez. For questions or for more information, please call 630-483-5660.



Gail Borden Library



Children's Music Concert

The award-winning musician Mr. Jon and his puppet George will perform at 10:00 am on November 9 and December 7. Preschoolers and their families will enjoy the live music and activities on Facebook Live at abol.info/FBLV.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

These special concerts take place at 2:00 pm in the Main Library Meadows Community Rooms. Chicago Samba will perform authentic Brazilian music such as bossa nova on November 28. Enjoy an afternoon filled with joy, holiday spirit and dances when the Liang-He Piano Duo performs December 19. Featured pieces will include the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky and the infectious dance of Firebird. To register for a concert, please go to gailborden.info/register.

Crafts & More with Elda

Elda's program has become more and more popular whether she is cooking or making a holiday decoration! Watch her demos on selected Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live at gbpl.info/FBLV. Join her on November 9 for a DIY cooking program and learn how to infuse butter with your favorite sweet or savory ingredients to an extra-special dish. On November 23, learn how to make a festive holiday centerpiece using fresh greenery. Then make a Vintage Costume Jewelry Holiday Tree on December 7.



Mom & Mini Pajama Tea Party

Moms and their minis should wear their best matching pajamas, and be prepared to be pampered with a manicure, crafts, and fun games. Each participant receives nail polish, manicure kit, and other goodies. A light tea party snack is included. Saturday, November 13, 10:00 am - 11:30 am; 3 years + with adult, \$25/couple (+\$5 per extra child); at Park Place Family Recreation Center in partnership with RUSH Physical Therapy.

Elf on the Shelf

Tinsel is back, and she's inviting you to join her for her annual "Welcome Back Party"! Play games, get crafty, enjoy snacks, and learn all about Tinsel with story time. Wednesday, November 24, 10:00 am - 11:30 am; 3 years+; R/NR: \$7/\$10; at Hoosier Grove Barn.

Breakfast with Santa

Bring your family to enjoy some breakfast and crafts with Santa! Participants will be treated to some goodies, crafts, breakfast, and photo opportunities with the big guy himself. Please be sure to bring a camera. Children under the age of 2 are free. Register early! Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am - 11:30 am; registration deadline: November 26; R/NR: \$45/\$65 per family of 4 (\$14/\$21 per extra person); at Hoosier Grove Barn.

Letters to Santa

Santa Claus will have mailboxes stationed at Park Place Family Recreation Center in partnership with RUSH Physical Therapy, Community Center, and Hoosier Grove Barn. All children who write letters will receive a letter directly from the North Pole. Please make sure there is a return address. You can also mail your letter directly to: Santa Claus, Streamwood Park District, 550 S Park Blvd, Streamwood, IL 60107; December 1 - December 12; free event.

Holiday Home Decorating

Park District staff will judge decorations on December 16 between 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Winners will be announced on social media on December 22; \$5 registration fee; register your home by December 14.

Contact Guest Services at 630-483-3010 for all your program questions and registration information, fees, and deadlines.



Poplar Creek Public Library

Family Concert Series

Join us on November 21 for the band Voyage, performing the best classic arena rock from the 70s and 80s, and on December 19 for the return of Random Ringers Handbell Choir. Concerts begin at 2:00 pm. All ages welcome to our FREE virtual concerts; no registration necessary — just join us on our Facebook



page and watch live! Limited in-library seating also available; registration required. To register for in-library seating or for concert details, visit pclib.org or call 630-483-4910.

Jolly Jingle Fest!

Bring the whole family and celebrate the season at this outdoor, socially distanced winter festival featuring live reindeer, a cupcake food truck (cash/credit accepted), games, and more! No registration necessary—just drop by! All ages welcome; face masks may be required. The event will take place outdoors in the parking lot across the street from the Main Library—be sure to dress for



the weather! In case of very inclement weather, it will be held inside the Library.

School News



School Distrtict U-46

'Streamwood Network' Executive Director Appointed

Ms. Teresa Winters is the new Executive Director of Elementary Schools of the "Streamwood Network" in School District U-46.

Starting with the 2021-22 school year, seven Executive Director positions were created in U-46 as part of several changes to the organizational structure intended to better support schools. Ms. Winters works closely with principals at eight elementary schools, including Glenbrook, Hanover Countryside, Heritage, Oakhill, Ridge Circle, and Sunnydale elementary schools, all in Streamwood.

Ms. Winters has been in U-46 since 2014 when she was selected to be an administrative intern for Lords Park Elementary School in Elgin. The next year, she became principal of Hillcrest Elementary School in Elgin, where she served until being tapped for the Executive Director position.



Early in her career, Ms. Winters worked as an assistant principal in two buildings in Maywood and Melrose Park and taught early childhood courses at Trinity College and College of DuPage. Ms. Winters has also worked as a classroom teacher, a differentiated specialist, assistant principal, and summer school principal in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202, as well as a career counselor at Northern Illinois University.

Ms. Winters earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood at Kendall College in Chicago, and her master's degree in administration and supervision in elementary education at Loyola University of Chicago.

Oakhill Elementary Students Join Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Program

Thirty-five students and teachers at Oakhill Elementary School are participating in the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra's first-ever "Starter Strings" program.

Starter Strings is designed to increase access to the EYSO's high-quality music educational programs by removing some of the traditional barriers that keep children away: transportation, tuition, and instrument rental.

Three classes of 4th graders at Oakhill were invited to participate, tuition-free. Students are enjoying hour-long lessons each Tuesday afternoon at Oakhill; their teachers joined too, learning alongside their students and demonstrating both growth mindset and life-long learning spirit!





Village of Streamwood

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www.streamwood.org

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Village Departments

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Community Development - John Peterson, Director | (630) 736-3843 | communitydevelopment@streamwood.org

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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

Village Calendar

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Village Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

1	Villago board Mooring	7.00 pili
6	Cultures of Our Community Event (see page 1) 1:00 pm -	4:00 pm
7	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
8	Holiday Lights Recycling Program Begins (see page 4)	
8	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
9	Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails Open House (see page 2)	
	6:00 pm -	8:00 pm
11	Veterans Day Ceremony (see page 1)	7:00 pm
16	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm

23 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entries Due (see page 5)

Thanksgiving Holiday — Village Offices Closed

DECEMBER

18

2	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
3	Luminaria (see page 1)	6:30 pm
14	Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
15	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
17	Yard Waste Pickup Ends	
23-24	Christmas Holiday — Village Offices Closed	
31	New Year's Day (observed) — Village Offices Closed	



ENTRY FORM

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Phone #/	
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Please select ONE (1) of the categories:

- Most Traditional
- Merry & Bright Most Whimsical

Please submit this form to Village Hall no later than Tuesday, November 23

Drop off/mail: 301 E Irving Park Road, Streamwood Email: mayor@streamwood.org