

# Streamwood Community News

July/August 2020

### Fireworks Are Illegal in Illinois!

It's unfortunate that the many American traditions of parades and community fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday have been canceled 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 and the earth-shaking booms send terrified children and pets scrambling under a bed. Be a considerate neighbor — don't use illegal fireworks!



# Virtual Summer Fun -

Finding ways to interact when we can't be together!

# **ENTER TO WIN**

Due to the pandemic, all of our annual summer events have been cancelled for everyone's safety. That doesn't mean we can't find other ways to be together (virtually) to share our talents and community pride.

Do you have a green thumb?
Are you a writer?
Or is drawing your thing?

We're announcing three different contests — enter for a chance to win prizes this summer - See page 5 for details!



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#### **Village Board News**



#### **Memorial Day 2020**

The Governor's stay at home order meant that the Village's annual Memorial Day observance had to be canceled. The Village Board and our Veterans Memorial Commission still wanted to recognize the sacrifice of those who gave their greatest gift. Without fanfare, luminaria lined the Memorial in place of our Candlelight Vigil, flowers were laid at each

battle marker, and wreaths were presented at each of the monoliths. While we could not hold our ceremony, know that we always remember.

#### Refuse Contract Extended

The Village Board voted to extend the current contract for refuse and recycling with Advanced Disposal for one year. The Village had intended to seek additional bids for the contract, but given the Coronavirus, this outreach was difficult. Advanced Disposal offered to extend the existing contract for one year, at no cost increase to residents. The renewed contract runs through June, 2021.

#### **Congratulations Graduates**

The Coronavirus resulted in the loss of many time honored traditions for graduating students. The Village wants all members of the Class of 2020 to know we are proud of their achievements. While they weren't able to walk across the stage, we know they will make great strides in their future endeavors. Congratulations graduates!



#### **Bike Plan Agreement**

The Villages of Streamwood and Bartlett signed an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to work on improvements and enhancements to bicycle and pedestrian paths. CMAP will work on an inventory of existing paths and recommendations on new paths for both communities. The majority of the work is being funded by a local technical assistance grant.

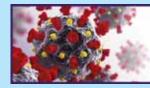
#### **2020 Road Program Underway**

The Village Board adopted a number of resolutions to get our 2020 Roadway Program started. Two resolutions authorized the purchase of road asphalt material. One resolution authorized the road construction work to be conducted by Schroeder Asphalt Services. Another resolution authorized the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the work proposed. A separate resolution was adopted that authorized the installation of water and sewer main repairs along Schaumburg Road. The County will be resurfacing Schaumburg Road in 2021.

#### 2019 Audit Accepted

The Village Board received a clean bill of financial health from auditors in our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Village conducts an independent audit each year to ensure our financial reports are accurate, transparent and meet budgeted goals. Once again the Village received a report of full compliance and is eligible to receive an award for financial reporting. To view our audit, visit us at www.streamwood.org/services/finance/finances-at-a-glance.aspx.

#### **Village Board News**



COVID-19

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Village Hall reopened on June 1. Restaurants were allowed to offer limited outdoor seating. Retail facilities were able to open under some strict occupancy and social distancing rules. This phase (3) only allowed gatherings of 10 people or less. As a result, our 4th of July Fireworks and Summer Celebration events had to be canceled.

Now that we have moved to Phase 4, gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed and schools may reopen with IDPH approved guidelines. Since we have entered the Revitalization Phase of the Restore Illinois Plan, the Village is allowing:

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

**BLOCK PARTY** — Block Party applications will be available at the Cashier's Counter at Village Hall and on our website. The form details the necessary requirements (emergency vehicles and Public Works barricades) needed BEFORE the date of the party. ALL Block Party applications <u>must be filed</u> with the Village Clerk **at least 14 days before** the requested party date.

The Village provides COVID-19 updates online and through our E-News. For up to date information on the Restore Illinois Plan, programs, and changes, visit www.streamwood.org.

#### **Cross Connection Program**

One of the ways we protect our water customers and water supply is an effective Cross Connection Control Program. Cross connections are a serious concern as they can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the water system through



"backflow." Backflow occurs when a drop in water pressure causes your water to flow in the opposite direction. At these points of potential cross connection, the Village requires "backflow preventers." To ensure the integrity of our water supply, we ask residents to keep us informed of any backflow preventers, and to have them tested. Go to <a href="https://www.streamwood.org">www.streamwood.org</a> and let us know about your cross connections. Help keep our water system safe!

#### Village President's Message



The last few months have been extremely challenging. As we continue to navigate this pandemic and the difficulties it presents, please know the Board of Trustees, staff and I are committed to the health, safety and well-being of everyone in Streamwood.

Due to sickness, financial hardship or other detrimental effects of this virus, several of our neighbors are struggling during this time. I'd like to thank everyone who has worked to provide the support needed — from delivery drivers to grocery store employees, to

healthcare workers, to emergency response teams and many more "behind the scenes." These people have put their lives (and their families) at risk to make sure our basic needs are met and we are safe. I admire the creativity to get the job done. Many residents and businesses have generously donated to the Hanover Township Food Pantry, which has seen a surge in visits, including many first-time users facing food insecurity. You may continue to donate on our website or by dropping off non-perishable food in the container by Village Hall's main entrance.

The Governor's strategy to limit the spread of the Coronavirus has been a challenge, but it seems to have worked. Essential services were maintained, but the shutdown resulted in the loss of many traditions, programs and events. As we begin to open up our community, in Phase 4 of the "Restore Illinois Plan," we are seeing a return toward normal: businesses are operating and residents are participating in more outdoor activities, while continuing social distancing.

We are disappointed that so many of our annual events had to be canceled. We look forward to when we can gather together again. In an effort to stay in touch, please consider entering one of our summer contests (see details on page 5). We hope these opportunities will provide everyone a little virtual-community fun.

Just as we began to regain our sense of normal, our country struggled with events that tore at our sense of community. We witnessed a horrific atrocity when George Floyd was murdered by a police officer sworn to protect him. We've seen peaceful demonstrations of citizens turn violent because of opportunistic individuals. We know that most police officers are peace officers, and most citizens are peacefully calling for justice. That truth must be our focus. We must demand accountability. But, we must hold ourselves accountable as well.

We are proud of our commitment to community-oriented public service. We are focused on doing what is best for all citizens regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or any other distinction. We strive to treat our residents and visitors with respect. This is especially true of our Police Department. Our officers receive significant training on, and are dedicated to, working with our community toward the peaceful resolution of issues.

As we move forward, we must help one another. Reach out to your neighbors. Learn their story. Understand their struggles. Let's help one another through these difficult times. We make a difference when we get involved. The Village has a number of opportunities for you to do so. Help ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Please know — we are listening!

Sincerely.

Billie D. Roth, Village President

#### **Village News**

#### **Caution on the Golf Path**

Streamwood Oaks Golf Club is open for golfing. Errant tee-shots and drives can't be predicted. For everyone's safety, no one should be on the path when the course is open, except golfers. The Golf Club is not responsible for accidents that may happen to non-golfers.

#### Keep Storm Drains Clear and Clean

When rain falls or when the snow melts only some soaks into the ground. Areas with a lot of pavement, such as driveways, streets and sidewalks, have more storm water runoff because the ground can't absorb the water. Water flows toward the streets into a storm drain. Many people believe that storm drains are connected to a sewage treatment plant; they aren't. Anything that goes down the storm drain goes untreated into local area streams and lakes. Help us keep our natural water areas clean!

## Irving Park Road Construction Update

Work is almost finished on the widening of Irving Park Road between Winchester and Madison. Landscaping and final grading will complete the project this July. At a recent Board meeting, engineering was approved to complete Phase 2 of project, which includes the alignment of the intersection at Bartlett and Irving Park Roads with the new configuration. Work on the intersection is expected to begin in 2021.

#### **Keeping Our Water System Safe!**

Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at www.streamwood.org.

We are pleased to report that your tap water met or exceeded all US and Illinois drinking water health standards! If you

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would like a paper copy of the report, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 736-3850 to have one mailed.

#### Kittie's Korner

Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

**WIPERS ON? TURN ON THE HEADLIGHTS TOO!** Just a reminder to all motorists that when using your windshield wipers in rainy weather, you MUST also turn on your vehicle's headlights.

# **DO YOU HAVE OLD EYEGLASSES OR HEARING AIDS YOU ARE PLANNING TO DISCARD?** The Streamwood Lions Club has a collection box at Village Hall. Just drop off your unwanted eyealasses with the cashiers and the Lions Club will recycle them.

**WORN OR TATTERED FLAGS?** VFW Post 5151 will properly dispose of them. Deposit the flags in the drop box at Village Hall in the east vestibule, or in the "flag collection box" outside of the VFW Post 5151 at 518 S Bartlett Road.

**Fire Station Update** 

Work on replacing Fire Station #31 continues. The foundation work is finished. The storm sewer pipes have been completed. New water mains were installed. Construction of the interior walls has started. Steel beams are being installed. The project remains on schedule to be completed by March, 2021.



#### **Got Mulch?**

Residents may help themselves to free wood chips/mulch located at the old fire station site on Cypress Drive, just east of Bartlett Road. The area of the stockpile will be kept tidy and maintained by Public Works. For more information, please call (630) 736-3850.

Cop on a Rooftop

Unfortunately our annual event at Dunkin' Donuts has been canceled. However, you can still help the Streamwood Police Department raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics. Raffles for a 2020 Harley Davidson Street Glide, a 2020 Ozark 1650 BH Camper and Big Screen HDTVs are being held to raise funds. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Police Station, Monday — Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please help us support these athletes! For details, call (630) 736-3700.

**Village Self Service** 

The Village is improving the Streamwood Self Service web portal in mid-July. All usernames and passwords will transfer over to the new platform. However, any bookmarks or favorites to the previous website will no longer work. Please visit <a href="https://www.streamwood.org">www.streamwood.org</a> to get the updated website link. As a reminder, residents can now manage water and sewer accounts online, sign up for email billing or even have your payment automatically deducted on due date. It's safe, secure and convenient!

**Emergency 911** 

When an emergency happens, you want to get help fast. Dialing 911 is the fastest way to get help for yourself or someone else. 911 should be used any time you need police, fire or an ambulance to respond.

With today's technology, the phone number and name of the 911 caller are displayed at the answering point, and in most cases, the location is too. This is essential for emergency responders to provide help. All 911 calls must be answered, including those when the caller hangs up. The dispatcher will generally call back to see if help is needed. If no contact is made, emergency responders will be sent to investigate. When you speak to a 911 dispatcher, be prepared to give your location, name, phone number and nature of the emergency. Dispatchers will also ask for additional information concerning the emergency, but first responders are dispatched as soon as the location and nature of emergency is stated. Always stay on the line with the dispatcher until they tell you to hang up, as they may provide additional instructions prior to help arriving.

#### **Community News**

#### **Garden Contest – A Celebration of Gardening**

Gardening contributes to your physical and mental health. Do you have a green thumb? Enter your garden and show us what you have growing this summer! This contest is open for the amateur gardeners of Streamwood. There will be one winner for each of the six categories below:

- Porch, balcony or container garden
- Shade garden
- Vegetable/herb garden
- Perennial garden
- Outdoor oasis
- Senior (age 65 and older) garden

#### Judging Criteria:

- General neatness and appeal
- Natural or formal layout
- Use of color
- Variety of plants
- Creative use of garden hardware and art
- Sustainable features and methods used

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

Registration deadline: August 14













#### Teen Essay Contest — What's Your Story?

Do you enjoy writing? If you are between the ages of 15-17, we encourage you to submit a 500-1,000 word essay capturing your unique experiences of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. We would like you to express your experiences, challenges and of course, the new, creative ways you are adapting, while finding fun moments in your life at home. Three winning essays will be selected. The first place prize is a \$75 gift card; second place is a \$50 gift card; third place is a \$25 gift card. Winners will also receive a Certificate of Achievement and Village of Streamwood swag bag!

Entry deadline: July 20

#### Youth Art Contest — Your Favorite Location in Streamwood

Calling all artists! If you are between the ages of 4-14, we'd love to see your artwork that illustrates your favorite location in Streamwood! A winner will be selected from three age categories: 4-7, 8-11 and 12-14. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift card, a Certificate of Achievement and a Village of Streamwood swag bag!

Entry deadline: July 20









Complete details for each contest can be found on our website at www.streamwood.org or contact the Village President's office at (630) 736-3803 or mayor@streamwood.org

#### **Community News**



#### Hanover Township

#### Emergency Services Assists Residents with Flood Water Removal

More than 8.5 inches of rain fell in the Township in May causing flooding concerns, with dangerous levels of water in basements, parking lots and roadways. The Hanover Township Department of Emergency Services is trained and



equipped with portable pumps and generators to assist residents and local businesses with basement pump-outs as a result of severe weather. Residents are asked to contact the 24/7 duty officer at (630) 532-7713 to request pump-out assistance.



#### Hanover Township Virtual Programs for Older Adults

Exercise, paint, learn and socialize, all within the comforts of home! Township Aging Services staff has created a wide array of virtual programs to keep older adults busy while social distancing. Residents can view the full list of programs at <a href="https://www.hanover-township.org">www.hanover-township.org</a>.

No passcodes needed. Simply call the phone number listed or click on the link provided. Since March 16, 835 seniors have participated in virtual programs. Residents can also call the Senior Center at (630) 483-5600 for assistance.



#### **Poplar Creek Public Library**

#### Summer Reading Challenge: Ends August 15

Join our Summer Reading Challenge and discover Hidden Treasures at Your Library! Earn prizes and raffle tickets along the way. Register by phone (630) 837-6800, online



www.pclib.org, or download our app (search READsquared in App Store/iOS or Play Store/Android) and get your first prize just for signing up! Curbside pickup of prizes will be available for your convenience and safety — please visit our website or call the library for details.

#### **Summer Newsletter - Important Info!**

Our summer newsletter will only be available electronically. To receive a copy of our July and August eNewsletters, please visit <a href="https://www.pclib.org">www.pclib.org</a> and click on the SUBSCRIBE button at the bottom of our homepage and check off the 'Library Programs' box, and any other topics which interest you! We will not share your email with any outside organization and you can unsubscribe at any time.

#### **Library Opened with Limited Hours**

The Library opened on June 22 with limited in-person services, and senior only hours offered. Curbside delivery is still available! Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.pclib.org">www.pclib.org</a> for updates, or call (630) 837-6800.



#### **Streamwood Park District**

www.SPDCARES.com

Park Place Family Recreation Center is open to the public for registration only. Staff are taking in-person registration Monday-Friday from 11:00 am — 4:00 pm. Safety guidelines for entry per the IPDH and Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan are in place.



Field rentals are available for non-contact sports practices only. Games cannot take place at this time. For field rental information, please contact Recreation Manager, Jake Larson, at ilarson@spdcares.com.

As we get closer to a potential Phase 4, please remember that all other facilities and playgrounds continue to remain closed due to COVID-19. Parks and walking trails are open, as long as social distancing guidelines are being followed. The tennis court at Sunny Hill Park is open, as are the disc golf courses at Sunny Hill and Shady Oaks, with social distancing guidelines.

Starting Monday, July 6, in-person summer day camps are back per the state and health official guidelines. To register for in-person day camps, please visit us online or stop by Park Place Family Recreation Center.

Information on the park district's plan for reopening, programs, and updates can be found at StreamwoodParks.org, or on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @StreamwoodParks.



#### **Gail Borden Library**

#### Reading Takes You Everywhere! Virtual Summer Reading Challenge: Ends August 5.

Read all summer long to get fun prizes, earn online badges and be entered for a chance to win grand prize drawings. Start summer reading by getting the free Beanstack app from the Apple Store or Google Play, or go to www.gailborden.beanstack.com. Reading challenges available for kids, teens and adults! Visit www.gailborden.info/read2020 for details.



Family Picnic @ Home: Magic with Gary Kantor at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 8. Are you ready for an interactive magic show? Learn magic tricks on Zoom. Pick up magic supplies at the Main Library's Drive-Up window between June 29 and July 8. Register at <a href="https://www.gailborden.info/events">www.gailborden.info/events</a>.

#### Little Miss Ann Family Concerts LIVE! at 3:00 pm on July 7 and 21.

Ann Torralba, aka Little Miss Ann, is an award-winning Chicago children's musician who's made five kids albums and a longtime instructor at Chicago's famous Old Town School of Folk Music. Watch on Facebook Live at <a href="https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV">https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV</a>.

**Being Bilingual ROCKS!** with Alina Celeste and Mi Amigo Hamlet for this live performance at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 27. Watch on Facebook Live at <a href="https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV">https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV</a>.

The History of Drive-In Theaters will be presented via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13. Learn some fascinating facts about drive-in theaters and share your memories at this discussion.

Take a trip with us and discuss stops along the way on the historic Route 66 Virtual Road Trip at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18. Register at <a href="https://www.gailborden.info/events">www.gailborden.info/events</a>.

#### **School News**



#### School District U-46

#### Youth of the Year

Streamwood High School student Nya Colvin was one of two U-46 students named the "Youth of the Year" in her age group by the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin. "Youth of the Year" is an award given to club members who show dedication to living a healthy lifestyle.

#### The Top 2%

School District U-46 and the Board of Education virtually honored eight Streamwood High School graduates for ranking in the top 2% of their class during a Board meeting last month. They were featured on the District's Class of 2020 section and recognized through a series of posts on Facebook. The students are Zoe Becker, Peyton Hedger, Victoria Kopko, Jenna Manzano, Fhel Vince Mejia, Sonya Padilla, Ariana Ruth Vega, and Angelo Santos.



#### **SHS Superintendent Scholars**

Four first-generation college-bound students from Streamwood High School received a \$1,000 Superintendent Scholarship. The students are Brandon Munoz, Gabriella Cardinale, Kaleb Louden, and Lynise Gutierrez.

The scholarship was established in 2020 through the U-46 Educational Foundation. The students virtually participated in a networking workshop with former Board of Education member Traci O'Neal Ellis and Yvonne Irving, Vice President of Community Outreach for KCT Credit Union. They covered the importance of making a good first impression and demonstrating self-confidence, as well as navigating financial aid, student loans, and establishing a line of credit.

#### **Award Winning Music!**

School District U-46 has been named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" from the NAMM Foundation for the second year in a row! Learn more about the District's music programs at bit.ly/U46MusicVideo.





#### Village of Streamwood

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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

#### Village Calendar

#### JULY

2	Village Board meeting	Canceled
3	VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED — 4th OF JULY	
6	Branch Pickup Area 1	
6	Summer Day Camps Return (see page 6)	
8	Family Picnic @ Home (see page 6)	
9	Village Board meeting	7:00 pm
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- Branch Pickup Area 2 13 Branch Pickup Area 3 20
- 20 Art and Essay Contests Due
- 27 Branch Pickup Area 4
- 31 Art and Essay Contest Winners Announced

#### **AUGUST**

- Branch Pickup Area 1 3
- 5 Gail Borden Library Reading Challenge Ends (see page 6)
- 6 Village Board meeting 7:00 pm
- Branch Pickup Area 2 10
- Scheduled U-46 First Day of School 12
- 14 Garden Contest Entries Due
- 15 Poplar Creek Library Reading Challenge Ends (see page 6)
- 17 Branch Pickup Area 3
- 24 Branch Pickup Area 4
- 24 ECC Classes Begin (see page 7)

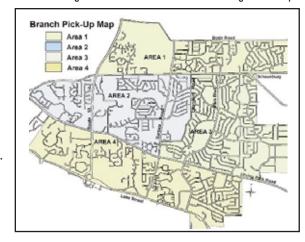
#### **Branch Pickup**

During the months from April-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 cannot be expected to return if your branches are not out in time.

Branches must be placed with the cut ends faxing the street. Branches cannot be longer than ten feet (10') in length, and no larger than six

inches (6") in diameter.



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 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24
September 8	September 14	September 21	September 28
October 5	October 13	October 19	October 26