



Streamwood Community News

September/October 2020

E-waste Event Returns – with New Safety Protocols

Have you spent time at home over the past several months cleaning out your garage, basement or closets? Bring your unwanted items to the Village's recycling event!



The Village will offer its annual large e-waste recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will take place behind Village Hall, 301 E Irving Park Road.

New safety protocols are in place for 2020. Residents must wear a mask and remain in their vehicle at all times. Residents will be directed on site, but should unlock doors or open the trunk from inside the vehicle. Staff will unload the items. Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of a vehicle, in paper bags or small boxes, not in plastic bags! Prescription drugs will also be collected.

If anyone in your home has recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, DO NOT attend this event. Most items can be recycled separately through the Village's ongoing programs.

Annual Clean Up Week: September 21-25

Get a jump on fall cleaning! Advanced Disposal will offer expanded collections during Clean Up Week! On your regular pick up 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.

Village of Streamwood's Got Talent!

We would like to congratulate all of our young artists and teen writers who submitted entries to our Summer Virtual Contests. Children between the ages of 4-14 submitted artwork that illustrated their favorite place in Streamwood. Teens between the ages of 15-17 entered essays that told of their experiences about life during the ongoing pandemic. A committee of judges selected one winning artist in three age categories, as well as a first-, second-, and third-place essay writer. See page 5 for all art submissions. Winning essays are posted on our website.



Ritu Thakkar
Essay – 1st place



Mahi Patel
Essay – 2nd place



Aadi Patel
Essay – 3rd place



Keya Patel
Youth Art Contest - Ages 4-7



Neda Bazys
Youth Art Contest - Ages 8-11



Jasmine Olumegbon
Youth Art Contest - Ages 12-14



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Village Board News



COVID-19 Update

The Village continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19. Village services remain operational. The Village's region and state remain in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Cook County Department of Public Health has issued some guidance for businesses to combat increasing cases. We continue to encourage all residents to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. While Phase 4 is the longest Phase of the Restore Illinois plan, working together we can move our region and our state to Phase 5!

Engineering Services Approved

Our Comprehensive Plan includes the expansion of our trail system, and envisions a trail bridge over Route 59. A recently approved contract with TranSystems brings this plan one step closer. Engineering plans will be developed to determine optimal location, construction methods, and areas of connection. The Village has received grant funding from Rebuild Illinois to help offset the cost of this project.

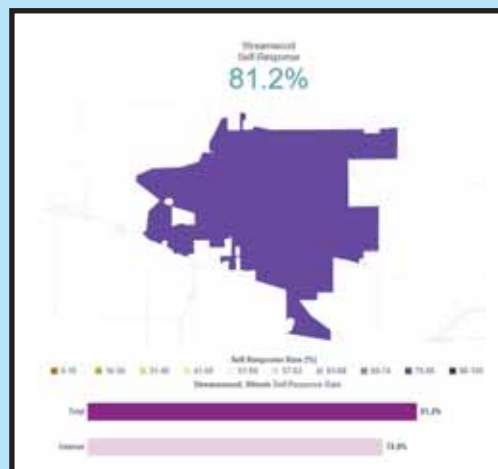
Pace Bus Shelters

The Village, Poplar Creek Library, and Pace Bus Systems have entered into an agreement to provide two bus shelters along Park Avenue outside of the Library. The agreement will allow Pace to erect the two shelters on the Village right-of-way, and the Library will take care of day-to-day maintenance of the shelters. The Village will also assist with the installation of the shelter pad. The hope is that this will improve ridership. Additional shelters may be installed in the future, if the use of the shelters proves successful.



Sign-Up for Citizen Alerts

The Village has an Emergency Alert System that emergency services can use to quickly contact you with important information. The system is used to solve and prevent crimes, and avert disasters. As long as you have a traditional landline phone, you are automatically signed up for this service. If you want to receive notification at work, on your cell phone or by email, you do need to register. Please visit our website at www.streamwood.org to sign up today!



Census 2020 Update

The Village's self-response rate to the 2020 Census has now exceeded the rate in 2010! Over 80% of our households have responded. In order to meet Constitutional requirements for the Census count, the Census Bureau will suspend field data collection, where census takers visit homes that have yet to respond, by September 30. This will also be the last day for any self-reporting. If you have not yet responded, please visit www.2020census.gov to be counted!

Village Board News



New Water Meter Reading System Approved

Village Board approved a contract with Water Resources, Inc. for the installation and operation of our water meter reading system. The transmission unit reads the water meter and remotely transfers data to the Finance Department. This ensures accurate and immediate data on water use is calculated. Existing units were installed roughly 10 years ago. The new units offer Public Works more information for customer service requests including leak detection and backflow warnings to help minimize billing errors, or detect problems before they arise.

The installation will not be done by Village employees. Be assured, the Village will conduct background checks on all installers. We will issue Village of Streamwood picture identification badges. Installers will also follow all CDC guidelines during the installation process. A typical installation takes less than one hour. We ask that residents clear the area around the existing water meter and transmission unit so installers have room to work.

We hope to start the project in October. It will take roughly one year to install new units for all of our customers. Water account holders will receive an appointment request from Water Resources Inc. sometime over the next 12 months. Please schedule an installation as soon as practical so this important infrastructure improvement can be completed. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to call Public Works at 630-736-3850.

Path Safety

With more people out on their bikes and walking, the new path along Irving Park Road is a wonderful addition to the community. But, please remember the rules of the road! Motorists crossing the paths, either from side streets or from Irving Park Road, need to remember that walkers and bikers have the right of way. Drivers on the side streets need to pay particular attention as the new sound walls and fences require additional caution as you approach the intersection. Vehicles approaching Irving Park Road need to stop at the solid stop line (or bar), and slowly inch forward to get a better view of the street and path. Make sure to look in all directions before crossing onto Irving Park Road.

Get out and enjoy the path! Please ride - and drive - safe!

Village President's Message



So much talent! We had a good response to our virtual Summer Contests. Thank you to everyone who entered! It was inspiring to see the creativity of our residents. I encourage you to continue to create, whether it is with art, music, writing, cooking, gardening, or web design, as it allows for all of the background noise and stresses to disappear for a short time. Find joy in creating something unique to your talents.

As we work through the phases of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan, we continue to see cancellations of annual community events we enjoy with our neighbors: the Phoenix Lake Cleanup, our 9/11 Memorial observance, the annual Fire Open House, Safely Trick-Or-Treat Halloween Fun Fest at the Park District, and so many other community gatherings. While we cannot get together in person at these events, we can look back at the memories we have and anticipate the day they can be safely held once again.

Our Police Department has been alerted about a scheme involving Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) debit cards appearing in residents' mail. People have received an IDES unemployment debit card in the mail, yet have never applied. The police warn not to activate the card under any circumstances. IDES reports that any person, who has not filed an unemployment claim, but has received a Keybank debit card or Unemployment Insurance funding letter in the mail, could be the target of fraud. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has warned that the unemployment payments are usually deposited into the imposter's account. If you believe you are a victim of this scheme, you are urged to report it as fraud and file an identity theft report. You should also closely monitor your credit reports for any changes. If you receive an unsolicited IDES debit card from Keybank, please contact the Streamwood Police Department at 630-736-3700.

The Village Board and staff have been busy working on the 2021 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/finance at a glance. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions. The Village is dedicated to maintaining the services our residents and businesses expect and deserve.

September 11, 2001; we will never forget. Each of our fire stations hold a bell ceremony the morning of September 11. While we will not actually gather, if your home is near, please step outside and listen; take a moment to remember the victims and survivors. Sandy Dahl, wife of United Flight 93's pilot said, "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." That statement is still so important today. Let's come together to help our neighbors. Have open dialogue. Respect various opinions and work to enrich our community. We are much stronger when we unite together.

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth, Village President



Police Beat Meetings

The Police Department patrols the Village in distinct geographic areas, called “beats” (see map), and holds regular meetings with the community.

The primary purpose of a beat meeting is to provide police, residents, and other community stakeholders (business owners, representatives from local schools, churches, etc.) the opportunity to identify concerns and develop strategies to resolve these issues. Regular meetings also provide an opportunity for police and the community to get to know one another.

A Patrol (or Beat) Sergeant is assigned to each area and is responsible for gathering crime and traffic complaints. This information helps the department to better focus the necessary resources on crime prevention and enforcement. In addition, the Sergeant will explore issues such as reducing your chance of becoming a victim, training with suspect identification and how to become a good observer.

Beat meetings expand our current Neighborhood Watch efforts by including those not involved in an established Neighborhood Watch group. The October Beat meetings will be held virtually via Zoom, at 7:00 pm. The dial-in number and link will be posted on our website prior to each meeting. Please join us! Beats #1 and #3 will be held on October 8; Beats #2 and #4 on October 20.

For Your Safety

Many people are taking advantage of the nice weather at the Streamwood Oaks Golf Club. Please remember no one should be walking on the path when the course is open, except for golfers. The Golf Club is not responsible for accidents that may happen to those not golfing.

Dispose of Hazardous Waste Properly

Need to dispose of household hazardous waste? The closest IL EPA site is in Naperville at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540; 630-420-6095. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays only

from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For a list of accepted and NOT accepted items, please visit the website at www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility.



Leaf Raking Into the Street is Prohibited

As the leaves fall and yard cleanup begins, please do not rake, sweep or blow leaves into the street. The Public Works Department does not provide street pick-up. All yard waste must be placed into approved containers for collection by Advanced Disposal.



Early Voting

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, early voting for the upcoming Presidential Election will be held in the garage behind Village Hall, 351 E Irving Park Road. Early voting will be held from October 19 through November 2. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, and

Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. You are also able to register and vote early at any Early Voting location. You will need to bring two pieces of identification; one must have your current suburban Cook County address.

Voter Registration

On-line voter registration, additional information, find your “home” precinct for election day voting, or to check your current registration, please visit the Cook County Election website at www.cookcountyclerk.com or call 312- 603-0906.



Vote by Mail

Apply for a mail-in ballot at the Cook County Clerk website: www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Complete the online application; you will need your driver's license or state ID number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number, the address where you wish your ballot to be mailed, and an email address. You will be notified when your ballot is sent, and when it has been received back by Cook County.

Nominating Petitions for 2021 Consolidated Election

For anyone planning to run in the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election, nomination petitions may be circulated starting September 22, 2020. Streamwood positions on the ballot will be: Village President (1) 4-year term, Village Clerk (1) 4-year term, and Village Trustee (3) 4-year term. Petitions must be filed with the Village Clerk from December 14-21, 2020.

Village News

Outdoor Fireplaces — Enjoy Them Safely!

As the weather cools down, people enjoy sitting around the warmth and light of a backyard fire. When used properly, a fire offers a relaxing setting for conversation and socialization. But when used improperly, it can cause serious injury or death. The Streamwood Fire Department offers the following tips to keep your backyard fireplace safe:



















- Ensure your outdoor fireplace has a screen to contain all embers or sparks
- Burn only dry, unpainted/unfinished wood; it is illegal to burn leaves and garbage
- Place the fireplace on a non-combustible, flat surface, staying 15 feet away from buildings and vegetation
- Keep children a good distance away and always have a responsible adult supervise when in use
- Have a fire extinguisher or water source available in case of an emergency
- No fires in an outdoor fireplace are allowed between 12:00 am — 6:00 am
- Please use the fire pit with sensitivity to neighbors that may have health conditions or wish to have windows open in their home

To extinguish your fire, wet down the wood with water until it is cool to the touch. If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Department at 630-736-3650.

Community News

Youth Art Contest Entries

Thank you to all of the young artists of Streamwood who entered our Youth Art Contest!

 <p>Carter Stredney Ages 4-7 Dolphin Park</p>	 <p>Liliana Kuester Ages 4-7 Treats Shop</p>	 <p>Paysen Lewis Ages 4-7 Home Sweet Home</p>	 <p>Addison Stredney Ages 8-11 Park Place</p>	 <p>Brooklyn Patterson Ages 8-11 Brookstone Park</p>	 <p>Derek Becerra Ages 8-11 Dolphin Park</p>
 <p>Devansh Kanada Ages 8-11 Poplar Creek Library</p>	 <p>Emma Kuester Ages 8-11 Forest Preserve</p>	 <p>Erika Serafini Ages 8-11 My Clubhouse</p>	 <p>Hailie Kellick-Peña Ages 8-11 Poplar Creek Library</p>	 <p>Harper Patterson Ages 8-11 Super Target</p>	 <p>Julia Hypta Ages 8-11 October at Hoosier Grove</p>
 <p>Juliet Wood Ages 8-11 Hoosier Grove Barn</p>	 <p>Kaitlyn Doud Ages 8-11 Park Place Recreation Center</p>	 <p>Kalli Lewis Ages 8-11 Book Trip to Poplar Creek</p>	 <p>Kristen Olumegbon Ages 8-11 Streamwood Park</p>	 <p>Mikaela Goeltenbodt Ages 8-11 Eagle Scout Gazebo</p>	 <p>Coralyn Lewis Ages 12-14 Life in 2D</p>

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Hanover Township

Shred Day

Fight identity theft and needless clutter at home by bringing your personal documents to have them safely shredded. Only paper materials will be accepted. Small paperclips and staples do not need to be removed. Shredding accepted until the shred truck is full. Shred Day will be held at the Hanover Township Town Hall, 250 IL Route 59, Bartlett, on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Volunteers wearing masks will remove items for shredding from your vehicle. For more information, please call 847-888-8329.

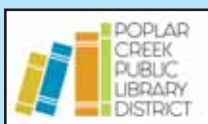
Support the Hanover Township Food Pantry

The pandemic has affected everyone differently, hitting some households harder than others. Compared to last August, the Township Food Pantry has experienced a 30% increase in usage from families needing assistance. While demand from residents has increased, donations to the pantry have decreased, thus leaving a need for supplies during a critical time. The community can support the pantry in a variety of ways, online or offline:

- Donations can be dropped off at the Township Food Pantry (7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park), the Town Hall (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett) or at the Senior Center (240 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett). Most needed items include canned goods, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, paper products, personal hygiene items, cereal, pancake mix, instant potatoes, and cooking oil. Monetary donations are also accepted!
- There is a shopping list created on Amazon where you can easily purchase items to send directly to the pantry. Please visit www.hanover-township.org to view the shopping list.



The Township Food Pantry is operated by volunteers, with donations only from the community used to stock the shelves. No tax dollars are used to purchase food for the pantry. Questions? Interested in volunteering at the pantry? Please call 630-540-9085 or email info@hanover-township.org.



Poplar Creek Public Library

We're Open!

The library is now open for checking out materials; curbside delivery also available. Visit www.pclib.org for our in-house and virtual programming calendar, as well as our current hours and latest updates. Masks are required while in the library. Questions? Call 630-837-6800.

Family Concert Series Returns!

Join us in person, or online at the Main Library, on Sunday, September 20, at 2:00 pm, for Sueños Latin-Jazz Quintet and on Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 pm, for Rick Pickren: Ghost Riders & Other Spooky Songs! Registration is required; in-house seating is limited; social distancing measures will be in place/masks required. Both performances will also be streamed on FACEBOOK LIVE for those who wish to view from home; no registration necessary. Thank you to Walmart Community Grants for providing funding for the performance by Sueños Latin-Jazz Quintet.



Streamwood Park District

www.SPDCARES.com

Road Rally – Families, Start Your Engines!

Meet us in the Sunny Hill Park parking lot to get your first clue, which will lead you on a fun-tastic adventure through the community. Each of the 10 locations you go to will give a clue for your next destination. The first car to return to Sunny Hill Park with all 10 challenges complete will win a prize! Friday, September 18 at 6:00 pm; \$30/car. Registration required.

Streamwood Park District Theater Academy: Matilda Jr. Auditions

2nd - 9th graders will learn stage blocking and projection, as well as music and movement on stage. Auditions may be split into different time slots depending on the number of participants. Please register online or in-person using code 321005-01. Tuesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 24.

Halloween Home Decorating

Get into the spooky spirit and decorate your home for Halloween. Enter yourself into the contest by registering online or in-person. The registration deadline is October 23. Staff will judge decorations on October 26. Winners will be announced on social media on October 27. Prizes will be awarded. Homes will be judged in the following categories: Most Pumpkins, Best Decorated, Scariest, and Judge's Favorite.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Upload photos of your pumpkin on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the hashtags #spdcares & #gobigorgourdhome, and tag @StreamwoodParks to be entered into the competition. Staff will judge pumpkins in the following categories: Most Scary, Most Beautiful, Most Animated, and Family Gathering. Winners will be announced on social media on Thursday, October 29 by 3:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded. Deadline to submit: Monday, October 26.

Trunk-or-Treat

Join us on Thursday, October 29, in the parking lot of Park Place for a new, socially-distanced way of trick-or-treating. The Park District will join other local businesses to hand out treats to all trick-or-treaters from the trunks of cars. Registration is required for this event and is limited to 50 people per time slot. Each family member attending the event must register. You can register online or in-person at Park Place Family Recreation Center.



Gail Borden Library

Raising Calm, Resilient Children in an Anxious, Fickle World

Learn fun and simple steps to reduce anxiety in your children and yourself, a deep breathing technique for the entire family, and how to really listen to your child's emotions and your own. The online program will take place on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 pm.

Bob Thomas in Football and the Law - Author Event

Veteran sports author Doug Feldmann and former Chicago Bears kicker (and current Illinois Supreme Court Justice) Bob Thomas visit the library for this program to discuss Feldmann's new biography of Thomas on Saturday, October 24, at 10:30 am, at the Main Library.

Waking Up White:

A Community Discussion With Author Debby Irving

In her 2014 memoir *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, Irving describes her journey from a comfortable middle-class childhood where race wasn't discussed to her awareness of the effects white privilege has on American society. She will talk about the experiences that led her to become one of the most well-known allies in the fight for equity, diversity, and inclusion. The program will take place online on Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 pm.

For all programs, please at www.gailborden.info/register.



School District U-46

Andrea Gaitán-Bustos Joins Sunnydale Elementary as its Principal

Students and families at Sunnydale Elementary will welcome a new principal this year! Andrea Gaitán-Bustos brings a bilingual, bicultural, and student-centered focus to the role, as well as 12 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in School District U-46.

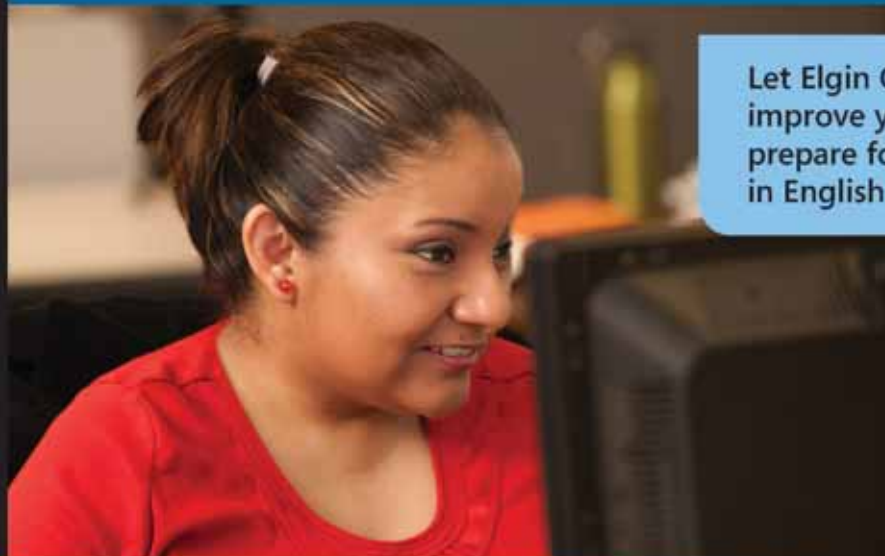
Gaitán-Bustos most recently served for the last three years as the assistant principal at Coleman Elementary in Elgin. During her U-46 career, Gaitán-Bustos has also worked as an elementary teacher in bilingual and Dual Language classrooms, serving on the School Improvement Planning teams at all three schools, and as a bilingual instructional coach. She has also served on a number of district committees for English language arts curriculum writing, professional development, Dual Language, and issues related to teacher evaluations and appraisals.



"I look forward to working closely with families and community organizations to continue to strengthen the systems of support for all of our Sunnydale students," said Principal Gaitán-Bustos.

Principal Gaitán-Bustos earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in language instruction at LaSalle University in Bogota, Colombia, a Master's degree in teaching at Aurora University, and another Master's degree in administration at Northern Illinois University. She also participated in the district's Aspiring Administrators Program. She is also a recipient of a Special Recognition Award from the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation.

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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

SEPTEMBER

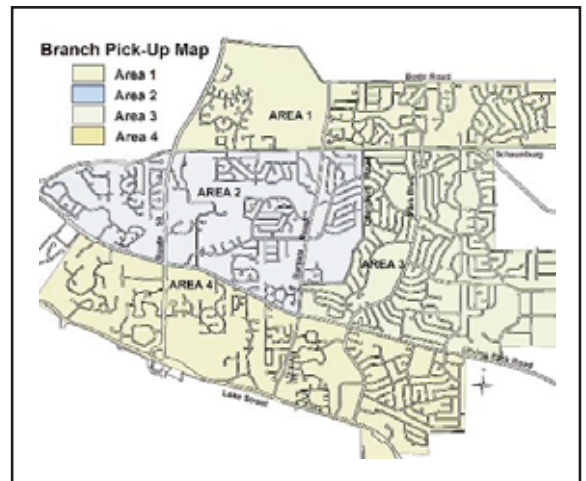
3	Village Board meeting	7:00 pm
8	Branch Pickup Area 1	
12	E-Waste Recycle Day	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
14	Branch Pickup Area 2	
17	Village Board meeting	7:00 pm
18	Road Rally	6:00 pm
21	Branch Pickup Area 3	
21	Clean Up Week begins	
22	Raising Calm, Resilient Children	7:00 pm
28	Branch Pickup Area 4	

OCTOBER

1	Village Board meeting	7:00 pm
5	Branch Pickup Area 1	
13	Branch Pickup Area 2	
15	Village Board meeting	7:00 pm
19	Branch Pickup Area 3	
26	Branch Pickup Area 4	
28	Community Blood Drive	(details TBD)
29	Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat	

Branch Pickup - Ending in October!

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 facing 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
September 8 October 5	September 14 October 13	September 21 October 19	September 28 October 26

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