



Streamwood Community News

November/December 2022

38th Annual Luminaria

Our 38th Annual Luminaria is scheduled for Friday, December 2 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 luminarias, 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.

We need your help to accomplish this beautiful luminaria display! If you would like to participate by either assembling luminaria bags, starting Tuesday, November 8, and/or to place and light the candles at an assigned location on December 2, please contact the Village President's office at mayor@streamwood.org or 630-736-3801.



Bag assembly will take place in the garage behind Village Hall, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Our goal is to have bag assembly complete by November 29. Island assignments, for placing/lighting luminaria, will be announced shortly thereafter.

On December 2, the entire Municipal Campus will be filled with light, as luminaria line Village Hall, the Police Station, and Veterans Memorial. There will also be thousands of colorful, twinkling lights covering the trees as we will hold a tree lighting ceremony. We are hoping Santa will arrive for a visit at Village Hall! Be sure to check our website for final details.



Cultures Of Our Community – Join us!

The Community Relations Commission invites you learn about the different cultures that make up our community! This event will feature entertainment that celebrates the heritages that make Streamwood diverse and strong. Entrance to this celebration on Saturday, November 5 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 Friday, 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.



Change Your Clocks!

Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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



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Village Board News

Goals and Objectives Adopted

Our 2023 Goals and Objectives were adopted by the Village Board at its October 20 meeting. The annual Goals and Objectives provide a blueprint for staff to create our budget and determine key priorities for the community in 2023. Our ongoing priorities remain keeping our budget balanced and continuing quality programs and services to the community. The Board reaffirmed their commitment toward the implementation of our Comprehensive Plan in its 2023 focus goals. Specific projects include continued improvements at Bartlett and Irving Park Roads, and at Bartlett and Streamwood Boulevard, improved communications, 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.



Energov

The Village recently began using a new enterprise system that allows for online submittals and more streamlined processing of certain licenses and permits, such as building permits, contractor licenses, business licenses, rental licenses, and zoning requests. The system also allows for convenient online submittals of general resident or code enforcement concerns in a matter of minutes using the 311-service request portal. Please visit streamwood.org for more detailed information or to file a request using the Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal. While submittals through the CSS and 311 portals are strongly encouraged for efficiency, you are still welcome to make submit a request in-person, by regular mail, or email.

Do You Own Residential Rental Property?

Please know that all residential rental properties must be licensed by the Village. Renewal letters for currently licensed property will be sent out in October and are due by Saturday, December 31. For more information on the Village's residential rental licensing program please visit our website at streamwood.org or call the Community Development Department at 630-736-3843.



Recent Developments

The Village Board recently approved several new developments. The Oasis Senior Living Facility will be located west of Route 59 on the north side of Irving Park Road, close to Sunny Hill Park. The new facility will have 90 units of assisted and memory care living. The Board also approved a new cannabis dispensary that will be located in the former Payless Shoe Store on Barrington Road. Finally, the Board also approved development of a new Chipotle restaurant on Route 59. The new restaurant took over the former Fifth/Third Bank location. The new restaurant is equipped with a 'Chipotlane' that allows customers to order online and get their order from the mobile drive-thru.

Community Development Hours

With daylight saving time ending, please note that as of November 10, the Community Development Department will no longer be open until 7:00 pm on Thursdays. The Department will close at 4:30 pm.

Kiwanis Donation

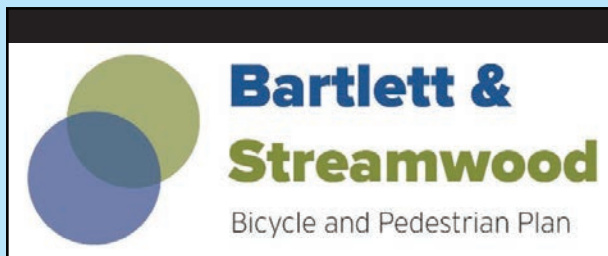
At the October 6 Village Board meeting, representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood presented a check to both the Police and Fire Departments for our Car Seat Safety Program.



Village Board News

Property Tax Bills from County Delayed

The second installment of Cook County Property Tax bills will be significantly delayed this year. First, our area was subject to the triennial assessment. This is when all properties are reevaluated for tax purposes. This was followed by a technical update to the Assessor's Office computer system, which prevented the new assessment data being sent to the Board of Review and ultimately the County Treasurer and County Clerk to finalize the bill mailing. Cook County has noted that these significant delays will result in revised payment due dates in 2023. Most property owners will likely end up receiving three (3) tax bills in 2023 – the 2nd installment from 2022, and the two installments for 2023. While the Village will also be impacted by these delays in funding, we want to make our residents and businesses aware that this will not impact our ability to provide services to the community.



CMAP Bike Plan Finalized

The Village Board heard a presentation from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on the final bicycle and pedestrian plan for Bartlett and Streamwood. The plan indicates how our two communities can work cooperatively to provide connections throughout our region. The Village Board has prioritized these connections in our community and will work toward improving access to facilities over the next year.



Thank You!

As part of the 20th Anniversary of Dunkin' and Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois, the Streamwood Police Department collected \$4,500 during Cop On A Rooftop Fundraiser on August 19. This amount was added to the more than \$925,000 raised by law enforcement agencies across Illinois for Special Olympic athletes. We appreciate the community's support of this annual campaign!

Village President's Message

In mid-September, I had the pleasure of meeting with all the principals and social workers that serve our schools in Streamwood. Along with Hanover Township, we sponsored an annual breakfast to discuss the various programs and services the township offers to the families served by schools. The Streamwood Police and Fire Departments shared school-related safety and awareness program opportunities with our education partners. It was a great morning.



Coming together and helping one another is the hallmark of the upcoming holiday season. Everyone seems excited and is looking for opportunities to get together, give thanks, and help. We have several events and programs planned to get you out in the community and ready for the holidays.

On November 5 our Community Relations Commission will host its annual Cultures of Our Community event. Get together with your neighbors and learn about the many cultures and traditions that make our community strong. More information can be found on page 1.

Our Veterans Memorial Commission will host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, at 11:00 am, at the Veterans Memorial. This day allows us to honor and thank those who gave of themselves to keep our country strong.

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

We're also hosting our annual Holiday Helping event for the 11th year. This program helps families who have fallen on hard times to enjoy a merrier Christmas. Children are given gift cards, and firefighters and police officers volunteer to help the children shop for gifts for their family. Last year we helped nearly 85 children. To benefit more this year, we could use your help. Donations can be made at Village Hall or on our website. Your generosity will make the holidays more joyful for some of the children in our community.

Another way to help those less fortunate is to donate to the Hanover Township Food Pantry or sponsor a senior with a gift for the holidays. Monetary donations to the food pantry can be made on our website. There is also a collection tote for non-perishable food at the east entrance of Village Hall. See page 6 for more information on the Senior Holiday Program.

What would the holidays be without Luminaria? Help us kick off the holiday season. Our 38th annual Luminaria Celebration will be held this year on December 2. Please consider volunteering to assemble and/or light luminaria. See page 1 for more details. There's nothing like starting off the holidays with family, friends, and neighbors!

The Village Board looks forward to seeing you at these upcoming events. We would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Billie D. Roth
Village President

Village Board News

Police And Fire Departments' Newest Members

At the September 15 Village Board meeting, Vanessa Mendez was sworn-in after successfully completing her probationary employment requirements making her a Police Officer with the Streamwood Police Department. On October 6,



Scott Moens took the Oath of Office and became a sworn Firefighter/Paramedic with the Streamwood Fire Department. We wish them both the very best in their career serving the community.



Holiday Lights Recycling Program

This holiday season, the Village of Streamwood will again partner with Elgin Recycling for a Holiday Lights Recycling Program. The program will run from Tuesday, November 1 until Wednesday, February 8. Last year's program was a success – approximately 1,500 pounds of lights were diverted from landfills. If you have old holiday lights to recycle, you can drop them off at any of four (4) convenient locations: Village Hall, Public Works, Poplar Creek Public Library, and Park Place Family Recreation Center. Lights accepted include mini-lights, Italian lights, C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, as well as extension cords. Simply place old, broken, and unused lights, cords, and strands in the designated containers.



Election Day Polling Places

If you are planning to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, please go to your HOME polling place. Visit cookcountyclerk.com to confirm your location.

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 the week of December 12-16.

Keep The Snow On The Parkway

Please be reminded that it is unlawful to shovel 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.

Tips For An Efficient Winter

- ✓ Use a shovel, ice cracker, or broom to clear snow from your sidewalk, porch, or driveway rather than gasoline-powered snow removal equipment. You can also use electronic products. Although they still consume energy, they do not emit greenhouse gases.
- ✓ Lower your thermostat temperature (or install a programmable thermostat) at night and whenever your home is unoccupied so that you don't waste natural resources by generating unneeded heat. Lowering your thermostat by 10 degrees at night can reduce your heating bill by 10 to 20 percent!
- ✓ To make sure your heating system (boiler, furnace, or heat pump) is operating at its most efficient, have a contractor perform a routine check-up and any necessary maintenance on the equipment before winter hits.
- ✓ If your heating equipment is more than ten years old, it may be time for a replacement to a more energy-efficient unit. While initially an expensive investment, replacing old equipment with energy-efficient equipment saves more energy and money in the long run.
- ✓ Winter window ideas: weatherstrip and caulk any cracks you find in the window frames. Install simple plastic-film storm windows. Open the curtains, drapes, and blinds of any windows that receive direct sunlight during the day. Close the window coverings at night to keep the heat in.
- ✓ Use non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemical de-icers.



Community News

2022 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 — Sharon Poseley; Vegetable/Herb Garden — Angelica Gallegos; Senior Garden — Alfredo Chan; Outdoor Oasis — Zofia Konopka; Perennial Garden — Barbara McCoy; and Shade Garden — Karen Willden. It is wonderful to see homeowners take such pride in their yards. Neighborhoods are greatly enhanced by greening efforts such as these! Photos of each winning garden are posted on our website under Community.

Phoenix Lake Clean-up

On September 17, the Village's Natural Resource Conservancy Commission (NRCC) sponsored the 6th annual Phoenix Lake Clean-Up 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. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help keep the Phoenix Lake area beautiful!



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Do you believe you have the most festive house in the community? Or do you look forward to a neighbor's special display each year? Consider entering yourself or a friend in the 2022 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. This contest is free and open to all residents of Streamwood. Simply complete the entry form on page 8 and return to Village Hall no later than Wednesday, November 23. Judging will take place the weekend of December 2-4. Participants are asked to leave their holiday displays lit up from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for judging. 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!

Making a Difference!

The Village of Streamwood is proud to host its annual Holiday Helping Program for the 11th 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 nearly 85 children! 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.



Government Partner News



Hanover Township
hanover-township.org

Applications Now Available For Holiday Programs

Hanover Township families facing financial hardship may apply for the annual December holiday sponsor-a-family and toy drive programs. Residents can visit hanover-township.org to complete an application. A Spanish registration form is also available. Applications will be accepted through Monday, December 12. Required documents for the application process include a valid ID, a utility bill or piece of mail 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. Once a form is completed, Township staff will contact the resident for more information.

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 sponsors for the annual Adopt-A-Senior program for low-income residents 55 and older. Last year, over 125 seniors received gifts from the holiday program, a 56% increase from the previous year.



Beginning Tuesday, November 1, those interested in sponsoring an older adult this holiday season can take a card off the tree at the Senior Center. Each card represents an item for a senior in need. Donors can remove the card from the tree, obtain and wrap the specified item and return to Social Services. For clothing items, it is helpful to include a gift receipt. All gift items must be returned to the Senior Center by Wednesday, November 30. Monetary donations and gift cards are also appreciated. A check made payable to Hanover Township can be mailed or dropped off at Hanover Township Senior Center, 240 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett, IL 60103, Attention: Diana Gomez. For questions or for more information, please contact the Senior Center at 630-483-5660.



Gail Borden Library
gailborden.info

Native American Indian Heritage Month

A video about the Seminole culture, Native American Indian Heritage Month – The Unconquered Seminoles, will be shown via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 21. Please register for these programs at gailborden.info/register.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Dreamscapes with Korean-born pianist Sojung Lee Hong will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 20 at the Main Library. She will perform works by Mozart and Chopin along with a collection of miniatures based on Korean folksongs. Then at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 18, enjoy the music of Italian trombonist Peter Steiner and Austrian pianist Constanze Hochwartner performing a variety of genres. Register at gailborden.info/register.



Pirate Island

This interactive exhibit, from the Miami Children's Museum, with a 24-foot-long pirate ship will be at the Main Library through January 15. For pirate programs, go to gailborden.info/pirateisland.



Streamwood Park District
streamwoodparks.org

The Streamwood Park District takes on the Streamwood Police and Fire Departments in a charity volleyball game at Park Place Gymnasium, 550 S Park Blvd, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, November 11. Spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations for the Hanover Township Food Pantry.

December Holiday Events

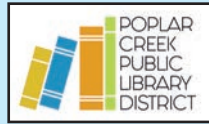
For more information about upcoming Holiday events including Candy Cane Hunt (Friday, December 9), Breakfast with Santa (Sunday, December 11), Pictures with Santa (Wednesday, December 14) and Santa's Storytime Express (Saturday, December 17), please visit streamwoodparks.org.

Get Grinched Gift Delivery

Celebrate "Grinchmas" with a uniquely-wrapped giftbox from the Grinch himself! Along with the opportunity to take photos, the Grinch will be delivering Grinchy goodies in our dedicated Park District Bus. Register for only \$25 per box by Friday, November 25 for delivery on Friday, December 1 or Saturday, December 2 at streamwoodparks.org.

Letters to Santa

Santa will once again have special mailboxes where children can drop off a letter that goes directly to the North Pole. All children who write a letter will receive one directly from the North Pole. Visit streamwoodparks.org for more information.



Poplar Creek Public Library
pclib.org

Mobile Drivers Express Unit

The Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at the Library on Wednesday, November 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, offering Driver's License Renewals, Illinois Photo Identification Cards, License Plate Renewal Stickers, Motor Voter Registration, and Organ Donor Registration. Visit pclib.org/events for links to information on fees and required documentation. Please note: Cash will NOT be accepted; Real ID applications and driver's tests will NOT be administered. Questions? Call the library's Reference Desk at 331-808-3543.

Holiday Market

Get a head start on your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm where local vendors will be at the library for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more.

Family Concert Series

Join us on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 pm for Hugo's Elvis, featuring Chicagoland's youngest tribute artist, 21-year-old Hugo Colin. On Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 pm, the Random Ringers Handbell Choir return for their holiday performance. Register for both concerts online at pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515.



Jolly Jingle Fest

Bring the whole family to the library on Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for our winter festival featuring live reindeer, sweet treats from My Cocina food truck (cash/credit accepted), games, and more! Visit pclib.org/events for details.



School District U-46



D.A.R.E. In Streamwood

The Streamwood Police Department’s D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program has been taught in Streamwood for 32 years! Each year the program reaches over 2,000 first- and fifth-grade students village-wide, with instruction at 9 different schools.

The first-grade program teaches a variety of safety lessons for children ages 5-7 years old. These include understanding 9-1-1, food safety, knowing your address and what to do if you get lost, knowing street signs, and stranger danger.

The fifth-grade program runs at all schools for 4 months. The curriculum is designed to help students make safe and responsible choices. The DARE officers discuss bullying, online safety, peer pressure, and the dangers of smoking and vaping, all while promoting self-confidence. You will often see the Streamwood Police Ice Cream Truck at community events for children, along with Hope, the new Comfort Dog of the Streamwood Police K9 Program!

ASPEN TOP 25 IN THE NATION

The Aspen Institute named ECC one of the top community colleges in the U.S. Thank you to our community for your strong support.
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- Fire** - Chris Clark, Chief | (630) 736-3650 | fire@streamwood.org
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- Finance** - Josh Peacock, Director | (630) 736-3800 | finance@streamwood.org
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Village Hall Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Thursdays 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Village Calendar

November

- 1 Holiday Lights Recycling Program Begins (see page 4)
- 3 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Cultures Of Our Community Event (see page 1) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 6 Daylight Saving Time
- 8 Election Day 6:00 am - 7:00 pm
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony (see page 1) 11:00 am
- 14 Community Relations Commission Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 17 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 23 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entries Due (see page 5)
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Village Offices Closed

December

- 1 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2 Luminaria (see page 1) 6:30 pm
- 13 Natural Resource Conservancy Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 Yard Waste Pickup Ends
- 20 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 23-26 Christmas Holiday - Village Offices Closed

2022 ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ / _____ / _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE (1) OF THE CATEGORIES:

MOST TRADITIONAL

MERRY & BRIGHT

MOST WHIMSICAL

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

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