



December 2024

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Beat 1



Sergeant Collin Klein

Hours 5:30pm—5:30am
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December 21st is the official start of winter. With winter weather comes increased driving hazards in the form of snow and ice. Please be prepared to drive safely in inclement weather to help ensure your safety and reduce crashes. When driving in winter weather conditions, slow down and increase following distance, make sure your vehicle is cleared of any snow or debris prior to going on the road, avoid sudden traffic movements, prepare for emergencies by having adequate clothing and footwear in your vehicle, and know when to stay home. If you do find yourself in need of assistance, call 9-1-1 to have an officer dispatched to assist you. Please also be mindful of the Village snow ordinance which prohibits parking on any Village street after a two inch or greater snow accumulation for a period of 24 hours or until snow clearing operations have completed

Beat 2



Sergeant Eric Pagels

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm
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December is a month of joy, reflection, and togetherness. As the year winds down, it brings the magic of winter, festive celebrations, and gathering with loved ones. It's a time to cherish traditions, embrace the spirit of giving, and look ahead with hope for a bright new year. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas.



Beat 3



Sergeant Doug Knoll

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm

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During the holidays, law enforcement sees an increase in burglaries to residences. The criminal will actively watch a location, see that a person has left for what they believe to be an extended period of time, and then take advantage of the moment. Additionally, our department also sees an increase in thefts of packages from front porches. I've outlined several tips below to help keep you and your property safe. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home while your away.
- Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Don't advertise expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collections.
- Set up notifications to track your packages/ require a signature on delivery.

Beat 4



Sergeant Hank Bradtke

Hours 5:30pm—5:30am

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Holiday Shopping Tips

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket.
- Have your keys ready to enter your vehicle when you approach it. Use your "panic button" on your key fob if you become nervous or think you are being followed.
- Lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle.
- Shopping with the kids? Teach your kids to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated, and don't allow your kids to go off by themselves.



December events:

- ♦ Dec 6th Luminaria at Village Hall
- ♦ Dec 21st Winter Solstice
- ♦ Dec 24th & 25th Village office closed
- ♦ Dec 31st New Year's Eve



Luminaria

Streamwood will be celebrating the 40th annual Luminaria! Volunteers, civic organizations and families help bring the holiday spirit to Streamwood by lining Park Boulevard, the Veteran's Memorial and Village Hall as well as other areas throughout town with Luminaria. This event takes place in front of the Veteran's Memorial to start with the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony on **December 6th at 6:30PM.**



Volunteers are always welcome to fill bags, light islands, serve cookies, or hand out raffle tickets. We also welcome you to bring your family and friends to enjoy this wonderful Streamwood holiday tradition. For more information please call 630-736-3801





Streamwood Community



We Install Car Seats



Did You Know The Village of Streamwood offers car seat installation?

The Streamwood Police Department is pleased to offer **FREE** car seat installations for our community members. This valuable service is available **exclusively for Streamwood residents**

You can request an installation by emailing us at Carseat@streamwood.org or by leaving a voicemail at (630) 736-3661.

For more information visit www.streamwood.org

Officers Ed, Juan and Mary recently visited the Westbrook Senior Living Center for a presentation on scams often focused on the elderly. This included: phone, email, gift card, IRS, lottery, family spoof scams and home repair scams. If you think someone is attempting to get money or gift cards from you, please call us. The Streamwood Police Department wants everyone to have a scam free holiday season.





Tips for Safe Holiday Shopping



1. Know who you are buying from

Verify that the business is legitimate using sites like Epinions.com or BizRate.com.



2. Be smart about your passwords

Longer passwords reduce the chances of a hacker making a correct guess.

3. Use secure sites for online transactions

Make sure the online stores you're shopping from start with <https://>.



4. Use one credit card

Dedicate one credit card for all your shopping needs.



5. Beware of phishing attacks

Don't enter sensitive or financial information into pop-up windows on suspicious emails.



6. Update, update, update!

Make sure your security software is up-to-date before shopping.



7. Download secure apps only

Use a mobile security solution so that you know the apps you download are safe.



Did you know...





SPD In the Community



Streamwood Fire and Police Department greeted students in costume at Heritage Elementary School's Halloween Party



D.A.R.E. Officers Ed & Juan attended St. John's Halloween parade

Officers Mendez and Washington had a blast showing off one of the PD's new pickups at the Little League Movie night in October



Streamwood Park District event coming in December with the Streamwood Fire and Police Department. Register on the website. [Streamwoodparks.org](https://streamwoodparks.org) To reach by phone please call (630) 483-3025

Join Officers Ed, Juan, Mary,
and of course Hope for Photos with Santa!

December 19th, 2024

5-7 pm

Register [HERE](#) or visit

[Streamwoodparks.org](https://streamwoodparks.org)



Bring joy to a child in need this holiday season! Donations of new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off during the holiday season at any of the locations listed below. All donations will benefit the Hanover Township Toy Drive.

Toy Box Collection Sites in Streamwood

Immanuel United Church (1500 Old Church Rd.)

Park Place (550 S. Park Blvd.)

Poplar Creek Library (1405 South Park Ave.)

Village Hall (301 E. Irving Park Rd.)



To register for the Holiday Program, please visit: <https://www.hanover-township.org/>





Officer Mitch Van Jacobs



December's Spotlight Employee of the Month is Officer Mitch Van Jacobs. Officer Van Jacobs has been with the Department for three and a half years and is currently assigned to a night shift patrol team. Officer Van Jacobs has demonstrated a passion for making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve and it's clear that he takes pride in his job.

Recently, Officer Van Jacobs stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Irving Park Rd. and Vine St. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted, and officers located a backpack containing a handgun and 100 grams of cannabis. The individual in possession of the firearm did not have a FOID or CCL and was charged with Unlawful use of a Weapon. His proactive approach likely prevented a serious crime from taking place.

Officer Van Jacobs is being acknowledged for his outstanding teamwork and dedication to serving the community, and he deserves to be recognized as "One of Streamwood's Finest"!



POLICE SOCIAL SERVICES

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Reflecting on historical events can offer perspective, clarification, awareness, and respect. Please see below for some information regarding the Attack on Pearl Harbor (a date which will live in infamy)...



- Tension had been building between the U.S. and the Empire of Japan for years; both countries were actively monitoring each other for further escalations.
- In 1940, President Roosevelt (FDR) moved the United States Naval Fleet from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, located on Oahu Island, Hawaii.
- On the morning of December 7th, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy conducted an aerial attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor.
- The U.S.S. Colorado (Battleship) and all three of the Naval Fleet's Aircraft Carriers (Enterprise, Lexington, and Saratoga) were not present for the attack.
- Sources vary, though it is estimated that approximately 2,400 service members and civilians died at Pearl Harbor. Approx. an additional 1,000 were injured.
- Approx. 1,177 of those service members that died (including 38 sets of brothers) were aboard the U.S.S. Arizona, now a sacred memorial which remains partially sunken, the last resting place for hundreds of soldiers whose bodies were unable to be recovered.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/wars-conflicts-and-operations/world-war-ii/1941/pearl-harbor.html>

