

# Streamwood Community News

September/October 2024



# **Village Board Election**

Are you interested in serving on the Village Board? Nominating Petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election may be circulated starting August 20, 2024. Positions on the ballot will be Village President (x1) 4-year term; Village Clerk (x1) 4-year term; and Village Trustee (x3) 4-year term. Petitions must be filed with the Village Clerk between November 12-18, 2024. For more information contact the Village Clerk at clerk@streamwood.org or 630-736-3806.

# Join Us To Preserve Our Natural Resources

The Community Relations Commission and Public Works will host our annual invasive species removal and clean-up at Phoenix Lake Business Park. On Saturday, September 21, consider volunteering anytime between 8:00 am - 11:00 am. All tools and materials will be provided. Dress to get dirty! Volunteers will meet across from the intersection of Phoenix Lake Avenue and Ramblewood Drive. Pease contact Scott at 630-736-3850 or snielsen@streamwood.org to learn more. Rain date will be September 28.



# **Annual Open House**

The Streamwood Fire Department will host its Open House on Saturday, October 12, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Fire Station #31, 1204 S. Park Ave. There will be equipment displays, fire safety information, station tours, a fire sprinkler demonstration, a simulated vehicle auto extrication, and high angle technical rescue. We will also have hands-on fire extinguisher training and the opportunity to spray a real fire hose. Other safety and community agencies will be on hand with demonstrations and information, too. Please come visit and help us recognize Fire Prevention Week!



















# Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween is on Thursday, October 31. Trick-Or-Treat hours are from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Streamwood Police Department encourages participants to walk in groups for safety. Wear bright colors to make it easy for drivers to see you. Avoid masks that may obscure your vision. Only visit well-lit houses. Drivers — please slow down and watch out for excited ahosts and abolins!

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



**Billie D. Roth** Village President



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**Mary F. Thon**Village Trustee
Public Works Committee



**Kittie L. Kopitke** Village Clerk

# **Village Board News**

# **New DARE Officer**

Officer Juan Campos joined the Streamwood Police Department's DARE program this past May after Officer Tom Sparks retired. Spending his career, up to this point, on the night shift, Officer Campos is extremely excited to take on this new challenge and has already shown himself to be a great asset to the program being fluent in Spanish. We know he will continue to carry on the high standards our program is known for.



# **Citizens Fire Academy**

At the July 18 Village Board meeting, a group of individuals who completed the 2024 Streamwood Citizens Fire Academy were recognized. The Streamwood Fire Department has been offering this 10-week academy for many years. Adult residents and business members of the community are given the opportunity to gain insight into how our firefighter/paramedics perform their duties and serve our Village. Congratulations to everyone who dedicated their personal time to attend this program. Watch our website for details of the 2025 academy!





# **Police Officer Sworn-In**

After successfully completing all probationary employment requirements, Lydia Lopez became a sworn Police Officer with the Streamwood Police Department at the July 18 Village Board meeting. We wish her the very best as she serves our community.

# Last Community Blood Drive For 2024

The Streamwood Blood Commission will hold its final donation drive of 2024 on Wednesday, October 23, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at Fire Station #31 (1204 S Park Ave). Please contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or vitalant.org to register. Be sure to use group code ORDOSW98. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are always welcome. Remember — a pint of blood can save up to three lives!



# **Village Board News**









# **Junior Police Academy Camp**

The Streamwood Police Department held its annual Junior Police Academy in July. During this weeklong camp, 29 kids entering grades 6-8 toured the station, had a great time learning about patrol tactics and traffic stops, evidence gathering and analysis, and participated in a mock robbery investigation. Students enjoyed weapons demonstrations on our range, a K9 demo with Scout and Sergeant Klein, a drone demo, SWAT introduction, and spent time training on the video simulator. The students were recognized at the August 1 Village Board meeting.

# **Retirements**

We would like to congratulate the following Village of Streamwood employees who retired in August: Deborah Carrion (Code Enforcement Supervisor) and Valerie Bartman (Finance Office Technician) both with 35 years of service! We wish them the very best in their retirement and thank them for their dedication to our community!





# 9/11 Ceremony

The Veterans Memorial Commission, with the Streamwood Police and Fire Departments, has a remembrance planned for the innocent victims — civilians, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel — who perished in the September 11, 2001 terror attacks. The ceremony will take place at our Streamwood Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

# **Business Grants Available**

Streamwood businesses can receive up to \$25,000 in grant funds from the Village's Business Assistance Program. Eligible projects include outdoor dining areas, lighting, landscaping, interior buildouts/rehab, signs and awnings, façade renovations, energy efficiency, and more! Email Community Development Director, Jeff Harris, at jharris@streamwood.org, or call 630-736-3829 to learn more about the program. Information can also be found on our website.

# Village President's Message



Everyone had a great time at our 28th Annual Streamwood Summer Celebration — Beneath the Paris Stars! It was wonderful to see so many people, of all ages, come out and enjoy a weekend of family fun. Our fest offered something for everyone . . . great food, carnival rides, games and activities, a fun parade, and wonderful entertainment! On behalf of the Streamwood Park District, Poplar Creek Library, and Village, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many business sponsors, food and expo vendors, as well as the hard work and effort of our volunteers and staff.

This fall, the Village Board and staff will begin work on our annual goals and objectives for 2025. This effort guides us through the upcoming budget process. The goals and objectives created help us organize our priorities and establish a roadmap for providing the services our residents and businesses need, in the most cost-effective manner possible. We are committed to keeping Streamwood a great place to live, work, and play. The Village Board and staff are proud of our reputation as fiscally responsible managers of your tax dollars.

School is back in session. Please be especially careful driving in our school zones. Be aware of the change in speed limits when children are present. Be mindful of the state law prohibiting talking or texting on cell phones within school zones and while driving. The Police Department will be actively enforcing these regulations to ensure that our streets, and our children, remain safe.

Although summer is coming to an end, there are still many opportunities to enjoy the weather and great outdoors. Help us honor those we lost at our 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Give blood to save lives. Learn about fire safety at our Fire Open House. We look forward to seeing you around the community!

Sincerely,

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Billie D. Roth Village President

# **Voter Registration**

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

# **Vote By Mail**

Apply for a mail-in ballot at the Cook County Clerk website at 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 via email when your ballot is sent, and when it has been received by Cook County.

# \*VOTE\* \*\*\* 2024

# Kittie's Korner Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke

# **Early Voting**

Early voting for the 2024 Primary Election will be held Monday, October 21, 2024 through Monday, November 4, 2024. All eligible suburban Cook County voters are welcome. Early Voting is held in the rear garage behind Village Hall, 301 E Irving Park Road. The hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Election Day November 5, 2024, you MUST vote at your home precinct.

# Village News

# **Police Beat Meetings**

Our Police Department will host the next beat meetings for area residents and businesses to learn more about how to work together to keep our community safe. **Beats 2 and 4 will meet on October 22** and **Beats 1 and 3 will meet on October 29**. Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Police Department (401 E Irving Park Rd). Learn which beat you're located in by visiting our website.

# **Leaf Raking Into The Street Is Prohibited**



Many Streamwood residents mistakenly rake leaves into the street for pick-up by the Public Works Department. Please be advised that the Village of Streamwood DOES NOT provide this service. Please do not rake, sweep or blow leaves into the street. All yard waste must be placed into approved containers for collection by Groot Industries.

# **Clothes Dryer Fire Safety**

There are approximately 15,600 structure fires, 400 injuries, and 15 deaths reported annually as a result of dryer fires, per the U.S. Fire Administration. The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them! Most dryer fires occur because of highly combustible lint getting caught



in the dryer's vent and becoming heated to the point of ignition. When not properly cleaned and maintained, by removing the lint from the filter after each use and having the exhaust vent inspected annually and cleaned, the risk of fire is increased. Dryer fires can readily spread through the exhaust system and potentially ignite other combustible and flammable materials in the area surrounding the dryer, such as household cleaning materials, laundry baskets, clothing, and boxes. The Streamwood Fire Department has the following tips for homeowners:

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter installed
- Clean the lint filter after each dry cycle
- Turn dryer off and don't use when sleeping or no one is home
- Make sure the air exhaust pipe is not bent or kinked
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Assure you have a working smoke alarm near the clothes dryer (and throughout your home!)
- If the dryer is 'taking longer' to dry clothes, a fire problem could be imminent; stop using the dryer and have it inspected and serviced by a professional



# **Route 59 Bike Bridge Project**

The Village has been working since 2019 on the implementation of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Route 59 to improve connectivity in our community. This spring, work started on the project. Work includes boardwalks through the wetlands, connecting with a steel truss bridge over Route 59. The boardwalks will tie into the existing path system on the west side of Route 59. The Village will also be working to install a path along Madison Drive to connect with the boardwalks, park and path system along Irving Park Road. Foundation pile installations for the elevated concrete boardwalk started in August. Due to the steel material lead time, the prefabricated steel bridge portion of the project over Route 59 is not expected to begin until 2025.

This new multi-use path is a key part of Streamwood's long term Comprehensive Plan goal to increase connectivity and safe transportation options by establishing additional paths in the Village. The project is a joint effort with support from multiple agencies including the Village of Streamwood and funding from the Federal government, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and Cook County.

# **Community News**

# **Summer Celebration Parade Winners**

With over 70 units, the 2024 Summer Celebration Parade was a lot of fun. Parade winners were recognized with certificates and awards by the Village Board on August 1. The complete list of winners can be found at streamwoodsummercelebration.org.

# 28th Annual Streamwood Summer Celebration

What a great weekend we had Beneath the Paris Stars! The Summer Celebration Committee is very thankful for the generous sponsors, amazing food vendors, local business who were part of the Business Expo and/or donated prizes for the raffle, and the many, many volunteers! We look forward to seeing you at Summer Celebration 2025 – July 25, 26, and 27.



# **Government Partner News**



# Poplar Creek Public Library

### **Family Concert Series**

Join us on Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 pm for Hot 'n' Cole Duet, featuring music from one of America's most beloved jazz and theater composers — Cole Porter. On Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 pm the library will welcome Hugo's Elvis, Hugo Colin is a young Elvis impersonator who thrills Elvis lovers of all ages, paying tribute to the timeless entertainer's classic hits.

# **All-Ages Author Fair**

Connect with local authors, learn about new titles, and purchase signed copies of books at the Poplar Creek Public Library's Author Fair on September 21 from 1:00-4:00 pm. For a complete list of participating authors, visit pclib.org/author-fair.



# **LEGO® Northern Illinois Train Club**

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and fun of this unique and one-of-kind train exhibit on October 5 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm and October 6 from 12:00-5:00 pm. The display which was created by the members of this creative group featuring over a million LEGO® bricks to build approximately 200 feet of tracks and cityscapes.

# **Local History Exhibit**

Throughout September and October, highlights from Poplar Creek Public Library's Local History Collection will be on display at the Marlene Deuel Art Gallery at the main branch of the library. In conjunction with the Streamwood Park District, the Poplar Creek Public Library District has recently successfully preserved over 20 boxes of Streamwood historical documents, photographs, and records dating back 150 years thanks to a grant from the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board.



# Gail Borden Library



# El Trote De Las Calacas (Lively Cultural Event & Certified 5K Race)

Make plans to be part of the kickoff El Trote De Las Calacas/Trot of the Skeletons. For the first time ever, the Gail Borden Public Library District Foundation and the U-46 Educational Foundation have partnered to offer this 5K fundraising race on Saturday, November 2, at 8:00 am. Part of the November 2 Día de los Muertos event includes the 5K Race followed by our Day of the Dead Festival inside the Library. Both runners and walkers celebrate Day of the Dead. Complete with ofrenda, costumes, music and

food, it will be truly memorable to be part of the first one. Go here to register: runsignup.com/Race/IL/Elgin/ElTroteDeLasCalacas

# **Gail Borden Library Foundation Book Sale**

Thousands of books and media for adults and children will be for sale at great prices — most items will be priced at \$1 or \$2 — at the Main Library, 270 N Grove Ave, in Elgin. Preview Night will be held from 5:00 - 8:30 pm on September 18 with a \$10 admission fee. The other days of the sale (no admission fee) will be: 9:00 am -8:00 pm on September 19, and 9:00 am -5:00 pm on September 20 and 21, and noon -4:00 pm on September 22.

# **Authors Fair 2024**

Meet with local authors and discover new and interesting reads from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on October 6 at the Main Library. Visitors will be able to talk to authors of adult as well as children's books, purchase books to collect author signatures, enjoy light refreshments and enter a drawing for a chance to win a book basket. For more information, please visit gailborden.info/authors.

# 15th Annual Comic Book Mania

Meet local artists and vendors, take your photo with the DeLorean car from the film Back to the Future, have your pop culture collectibles appraised and more at this free event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 19 at the Main Library. For more information, visit gailborden.info/comicbookmania.





### Hoosier Grove Barn & Brew: Oktoberfest

Join us for the bier event of the season at Hoosier Grove Barn & Brew: Oktoberfest from 1:00-5:00 pm on Sunday, September 22. The event features more than 30 brewers who will have an assortment of biers, ciders, wines, and meads. Enjoy food, raffles and live music all on the campus of the beautiful and historic Hoosier Grove Barn, 700 W Irving Park Road. General admission tickets are \$45 each in advance (\$50 each at the gate). There are also designated driver tickets available for \$10 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit streamwoodparks.org.

# **Fishing Derby**

Kids ages 3-12 are invited to join the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood for the annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 7 at Surrey Woods Park, 560 Ascot Lane. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 am. Fishing begins at 9:00 am. Admission is free. Bait will be available in limited quantities. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

# Safely Trick-or-Treat

Join us for our FREE Safely Trick or Treat from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday, October 25 at Park Place Family Recreation Center in partnership with RUSH Physical Therapy, 550 S Park Blvd. Kids ages 1-10 should come dressed in their Halloween costumes to meet the Park District, community groups, and local businesses as they hand out candy and goodies.

### Register for Fall/Winter 2024 programs

Our Fall/Winter 2024 Program Guide is available to browse online at streamwoodparks.org. Register for upcoming programs and events, peruse our parks map, and enjoy a preview of upcoming holiday events! Register online or in-person at Park Place Family Recreation Center, 550 S Park Blvd.



# **Hanover Township**

hanover-township.org



# Just 4 the Health of It!

The Hanover Township Office of Community Health, along with co-sponsor Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison will hold the 17th annual "Just 4 the Health of It" Community Health and Wellness Expo on Thursday, September 12, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, at the William Tiknis Campus (240 S IL Route 59, Bartlett). Free and open to the public, residents will be able to take advantage of free health screenings for bone density, cholesterol, blood

pressure, spinal assessment, and more. In addition to the free screenings, attendees can also participate in raffles. This event features an outdoor kids' area that includes a bunce house, snow cones, and a petting zoo — kids are welcome! For questions, please contact the Office of Community Health at 630-483-5665 or visit just4thehealthofit.org.

# **Fall Food Truck Festival**

Join us for food, fun and music at Hanover Township's 7th Annual Fall Food Truck Festival on Thursday, September 19, 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm, at the Hanover Township William Tiknis Campus (250 S IL Route 59, Bartlett)! Food vendors featuring menus of BBQ, pizza, tacos, lobster, tasty pierogis, churros, desserts and more will be onsite. Beer, wine, water, and soda will also be available for purchase.



Chicago area favorite, The GooRoos will be

performing live at the fest that will also include carnival games. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the Township's programs and services for residents of all ages. Free admission and free offsite parking at the back lot of the Village Church of Bartlett (601 W. Bartlett Road, Bartlett) with shuttle service to and from the fest. Questions? Call 630-837-0301 or visit fallfoodtruckfest.com.



# School District U-46



# **Hanover Countryside Welcomes New Principal**

As the new school year starts, a new principal will be leading Hanover Countryside Elementary School, located in the Village of Streamwood. Ms. Sandra Flor-Vazquez, who joined U-46 as an elementary teacher in 2012, was most recently the assistant principal at Glenbrook Elementary School. Her educational philosophy is centered around the belief that an outstanding teacher not only sets positive, realistic expectations but also creates engaging and inclusive learning opportunities. Ms. Flor-Vazquez earned her bachelor's degree in marketing and communications from Columbia College Chicago, and her master's degree in education from Concordia University Chicago. She holds an ESL/Bilingual Certification.

# **Explore 2024**

More than 2,000 8th graders and teachers in School District U-46 will participate on Thursday, September 26, in Explore 2024 at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates. Explore is the district's annual expo designed to expose students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers. Students will attend Explore 2024 during the school day. Local businesses, industries, governmental organizations, and nonprofits will have exhibits at Explore and representatives who will engage in discussions with students. The 8th graders will also be able to meet with high school students and faculty from U-46's five high school Magnet Academies, and information on the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be available at Explore, too. To learn more about Explore, including the "family showcase" taking place the evening of Wednesday, September 25, please visit u-46.org/exploreexpo.





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# **Village Departments**

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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

# Village Calendar

# **September**

2	Labor Day — Village Offices Closed	
5	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting	6:00 pm
5	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
17	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm
19	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
21	Phoenix Lake Clean-up	8:00 am - 11:00 am
28	Stop The Bleed Trauma Course	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
24	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
26	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm

# October

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3	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting	6:00 pm			
3	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm			
12	Fire Department Community Open House	11:00 am - 2:00pm			
14	Columbus Day — Village Offices Closed (Employee In-Service Day)				
15	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	7:00 pm			
17	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm			
21	Early Voting Begins	9:00 am - 5:00 pm			
22	Police Beat Meeting (Beats 2 & 4)	7:00 pm			
22	Veterans Memorial Commission Meeting	7:00 pm			
23	Community Blood Drive	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm			
24	Community Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm			
29	Police Beat Meeting (Beats 1 & 3)	7:00 pm			

# Branch Pickup – Ends In 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 to avoid being missed by the branch pickup crews. Crews collect branches as soon as possible but cannot be expected to return if 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 have a diameter of no larger than six inches (6"). The Village is divided into four areas for pickup service (see map). Each area receives branch pickup service once per month.

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
September 3	September 9	September 16	September 23
October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28

Crews try to collect branches as soon as possible. It usually takes more than one day to collect all branches in each area; however, the branches must be at the curb by 6:00 am on the first day your area is scheduled for pickup. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 630-736-3850.

