



March 2026

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Beat 1



Sergeant Collin Klein

Hours 5:30pm—5:30am
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As we welcome the month of March and prepare to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, I would like to remind all drivers to make safety a top priority. Festivities surrounding Saint Patrick's Day often include gatherings with family and friends, but no celebration is worth the risk of drinking and driving. Impaired driving endangers not only the driver, but passengers, pedestrians, and our entire community. Plan ahead by designating a sober driver, using a rideshare service, or arranging alternative transportation. Streamwood Police Officers continue to conduct heavy enforcement of Illinois' impaired driving laws, so plan ahead to make memories and not mugshots. Let's work together to ensure everyone enjoys the holiday responsibly and arrives home safely.

Beat 2



Sergeant Eric Pagels

Hours 5:30 pm—5:30am
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As part of our ongoing commitment to community safety, we'd like to remind residents about the growing risk of phone and online scams. Criminals often pose as government officials, utility companies, or even family members in distress to pressure victims into sending money or sharing personal information. These scams can look and sound convincing, but legitimate agencies will never demand immediate payment, gift cards, or sensitive details over the phone. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and verify the information by contacting the organization directly using an official number. Reporting scam attempts to your local police department helps us track trends and protect others in our community. Stay alert, trust your instincts, and remember—if something feels wrong, it probably is.



Beat 3



Sergeant Patrick Silver

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm
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As the weather warms and more families head outdoors, our department is increasing patrols and community engagement efforts around local parks and schools to help ensure everyone can enjoy the season safely. We encourage drivers to slow down in school zones, remain alert for children and pedestrians, and strictly follow posted speed limits and crosswalk laws—especially during arrival, dismissal, and after-school activity times. Parents and guardians are reminded to talk with children about staying aware of their surroundings, using designated crossings, and reporting anything suspicious to a trusted adult or law enforcement. Together, by staying attentive and looking out for one another, we can keep our parks and school communities safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for all.

Beat 4



Sergeant Hank Bradtke

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm
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Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8 and though our routines generally won't change, the way things look will—at least in the morning when we start our day.

- **Personal Safety:** Be aware of the adjustment period when you start your day and pay extra attention for children heading to school.
- **Wear clothing that makes you visible in the lower light areas when walking or riding a bike**
- **Be Prevention Minded At Home.** Check the back-up batteries for alarm systems in addition to your smoke detector batteries, and reset interior and exterior lights on timers and check for burned out bulbs.
- **Check all exterior doors locks and perform any maintenance.**





8th - Daylight Savings Time

17th - St. Patrick's Day

20th - First day of Spring

30th - April 3rd SPRING BREAK U--46



Parking Regulations

Winter parking rules allow residents to block the sidewalks from December through February. Please be mindful that these rules end on March 1st and police officers

will be enforcing this rule to ensure that individuals enjoying such activities as walking, jogging, children riding bikes and families pushing strollers will have an unobstructed path. During the hours when street parking is prohibited, blocking the sidewalk is allowed.

From March 1-November 30, you cannot park across the sidewalk from 7:00 am-9:00 pm (Monday-Friday), or 9:00 am-9:00 pm on the weekends.



Beware of Tax Scams!



With tax season upon us, don't be a victim of fraud. By taking a few simple steps, you can better protect your personal and financial data online and at home. Callers claiming to be IRS employees might call and insist that you owe money and that it must be paid as soon as possible via gift card or wire service.

Please consider these steps to protect yourselves from identity thieves:

- Keep Your Computer Secure with use of a firewall and Virus/malware protection. Use strong passwords and protect them.
- Treat your personal information like cash, don't leave it lying around. Do not overshare personal information on social media. Information about past addresses, a new car, a new home and your children help identity thieves pose as you.
- Avoid phishing emails, texts or calls that appear to be from the IRS and companies you know and trust, go directly to their websites instead.
- Avoid IRS Impersonators. The IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits. The IRS will not send you an unsolicited email suggesting you have a refund or that you need to update your account. The IRS will not request any sensitive information online. These are all scams, and they are persistent. Don't fall for them.
- Check your credit report annually; check your bank and credit card statements often; Review your Social Security Administration records annually: Sign up for My Social Security at www.ssa.gov. This information was obtained from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. For additional



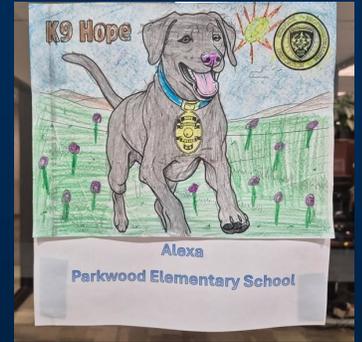


Community/School Events

Several police officers and firefighters attended Heritage Elementary School's 3rd annual Black History Expo celebrating Black History Month.



Jacob Peralta and Alexa Guerrero (not pictured) were recognized/awarded top prize in the DARE program's K-9 Hope Coloring Contest. Many of the students' entries are on display for all to see at the Village Hall.





Community/School Events

Village Officials, Police Chiefs, and DARE Officers attended school DARE graduations including Sunnydale ES (top) and Parkwood ES



Officer Mary and K-9 Hope visited staff and students at Al-Huda Academy.





Crime Prevention/Tips:

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



Outside of Home:

- *Lock all windows (including upstairs) and doors (particularly rear slider and including garage and interior garage doors)
- *Lock side gates
- *Never leave garage remote in vehicle if parked outside
- *Trim shrubs and bushes
- *Motion activated lighting or keep outside of home well-lit at night (if possible)
- *Alarm system (if possible)
- *Camera system (if possible) with recording/video retention, not just live view
- *Never let mail accumulate (if away for extended period of time, hold mail delivery or ask trusted neighbor to keep mail)
- *Never "hide" spare key outside

Inside of Home:

- *Interior motion alarm/detectors near points of entry (if possible)
- *Store valuables in quality safe (preferably secured to floor or wall)
- *If away at night, keep home well-lit (can also leave TV on)

**Stay Safe and Vigilant...for yourself
and your neighbors!**

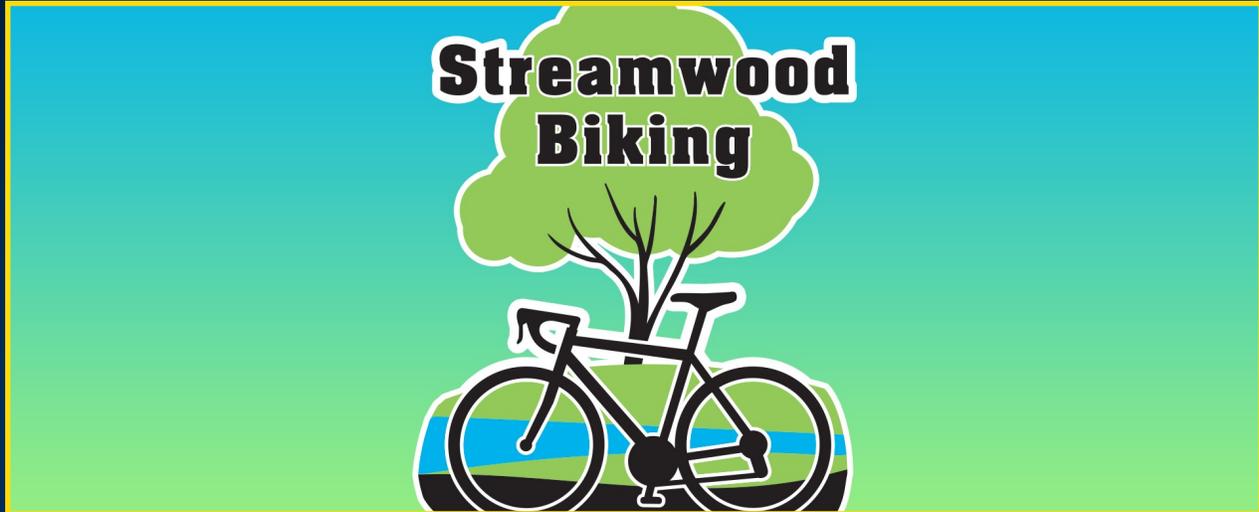
Additional Tips:

- *Never advertise if you are away (except trusted family and/or neighbor)
- *Document (take pictures of jewelry and record serial numbers of electronics)
- *Use of "air tags" to assist in tracking certain items
- *Dog(s) are also an excellent deterrent
- *Properly display house numbers (aids in police response)
- ***Always call/report to police!**





Upcoming Event



March 18th

Bike Safety & Skills Day
3-11 year olds

A fun event for all cyclists learning to ride safely. You will be taught proper signals for turning and how to navigate obstacles. Also, helmet checks and bike tune ups will be conducted. Plus, a mini obstacle course.

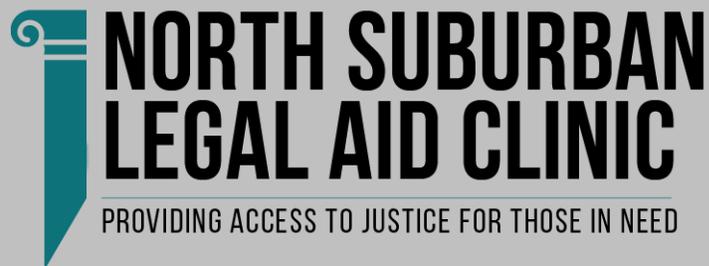
Wednesday, March 18
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Park Place Family Recreation Center, 550 S. Park Blvd.

For additional information and registration: <https://bit.ly/SPD-Biking>



Social Services Agency Spotlight



About NSLAC:

Mission: “We provide accessible, quality, equitable, free legal services in the areas of domestic violence, housing, and immigration to give low income, at risk community members access to justice and the opportunity to live productive and secure lives.”

Domestic Violence Law Practice: Free domestic violence legal aid to at-risk survivors with a careful trauma-informed approach to mitigate the effects of domestic violence on survivors and their families

Immigration Law Practice: Free immigration legal services to individuals facing unique challenges. NSLAC provides comprehensive legal support that empowers individuals to maintain their presence in the US, and establish safe and secure lives.

Virtual/Phone Intakes Only. In-person visits by appointment. No walk-ins, please schedule in advance.

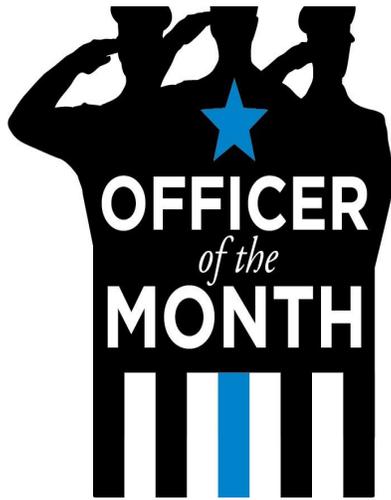
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*There are no income requirements for
domestic violence clients

Please call or email to make an appointment

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Corporal Brian Kustra



March's Spotlight Employee of the Month is Corporal Brian Kustra, who with 21 years of dedicated service, is known for his strong work ethic and dedication to doing the job right. He is currently assigned as to a night shift, where he holds the roles of Corporal, Field Training Officer, evidence technician, and member of the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Forensics team. MCAT is a multi-jurisdictional team that assists in homicide and other significant investigations.

At the February 19th Village Board Meeting Corporal Kustra was presented with the Streamwood Police Department Lifesaving Award. Last fall, Corporal Kustra administered life saving treatment to a Streamwood resident until paramedics arrived. Corporal Kustra's quick thinking and ability undoubtedly contributed to this individual's ability to make a full recovery.

Corporal Kustra is being recognized for his heroism and commitment to serving the citizens of Streamwood, and he deserves to be recognized as "One of Streamwood's Finest"!

