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Village of Channahon

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**COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Commercial development in the Village was strong in 2006. The Village approved 7 Commercial Site Plans or Plats while the Building Department issued 4 new building permits representing \$6.3 million worth of construction value.

RIVER'S PLAZA

River's Plaza received Final Plat approval in December. This 12 acre development at Route 6 and Ridge Road consists of 6 commercial lots.

WALGREENS

In November, Walgreens opened its new 14,500 sq. ft. full service pharmacy located on Route 6 just east of Ridge Road.

HARRIS BANK

In November, Harris Bank opened its second location in Channahon. The new 4,500 sq. ft. full service branch is located on Route 6 just east of Ridge Road.

JOFFCO CROSSING

The 13,000 sq. ft. Joffco Crossing commercial center was completed in 2006 with 9 units for lease. The center is located on Route 6 just east of Ridge Road

ANNIE B'S

Annie B's is a 10,000 sq. ft commercial center on Route 6 at Tryon Road. It was

completed in 2006 with 8 units for lease. This project was the first to utilize the Village's new commercial design standards.

CHASE BANK

The new Chase Bank at Route 6 and Ridge Road received its certificate of occupancy in December and opened its doors in early January 2007. This 4,500 sq. ft. full service branch is Chase's first in the area.

MALLORY PLAZA

Mallory Plaza is a 14,000 sq. ft. commercial center on Route 6 just east of Navajo Dr. The center consists of 11 retail spaces. The project utilized the Village's new commercial design standards.

ROSE PLAZA

Rose Plaza is a 7,800 sq. ft. commercial center on Route 6 at Ridge Road. Construction began in December with an anticipated opening in spring 2007 with 5 store fronts.

TOWN CENTER

The Village and the Diocese of Joliet entered into an amended annexation agreement and in December construction began on the first residential phase.

DOKA USA

In late 2006, Doka USA received approval and broke ground on its new 21 acres midwestern regional office

and operations facility. Doka produces concrete forms for the construction industry. This facility will initially employ 40 workers with plans to increase to 75 by 2010.

AQUA DESIGNS

Aqua Designs received approval to construct a new facility in the Riverside Industrial Park. The project will consist of a 13,500 sq. ft. building and 42,000 sq. ft. of outside storage. Aqua Designs installs in ground irrigation systems with 25 employees.

**RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Residential development cooled off in 2006. A total of 117 single-family residential permits were issued compared to 231 in 2005. The average single-family construction cost was \$252,000. In total, there was over \$36 million worth of residential construction in 2006.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH

The Village continues to exhibit strong financial strength for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2006. The net assets of the Village grew by \$4.2 million in 2006 to \$25.3 million. The biggest share of that increase was from the Village infrastructure of public works projects. The completion of

the sidewalk program as well as some capital equipments additions added to the final numbers.

Revenues for Fiscal Year 2006 were down slightly in comparison to 2005 while expenses increased only 3.5%. The overall increase in net assets exhibits the Village's commitment to controlling costs and the efficient use of its assets.

ASSESSED VALUATION
The controlled growth of the Village contributed to an increase in equalized assessed valuation (EAV) from \$215,648,793 to \$254,892,757 or 18.2% for the tax year 2005. The Village's Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) district distributed \$3,218,302 to all the taxing bodies incorporated within the Aux Sable Liquid Products TIF district.

**INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS**

**ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS**

As part of the Village's annual roadway maintenance program, \$250,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds were utilized to resurface roads in McDonald Manor, Park Place and Indian Trails Subdivisions. The work consisted of full depth patching, pavement grinding and removal, resurfacing,

some curb and sidewalk removal and replacement and storm sewer improvements. ADA compliant handicapped ramps were added at crosswalks.

**WATER AND SEWER
SYSTEM EXPANSIONS**

A sixth well was brought online in July 2006. In addition, a second Radium Water Treatment Plant was awarded in 2006 and is expected to be completed in 2007. Both projects will help keep up with demand and provide for growth.

To provide additional capacity, the McKinley Woods Road Sanitary Relief Sewer project was completed in 2006.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

A sidewalk program was initiated to install handicap ramps to meet existing ADA standards, replace trip hazards, and bridge areas of missing sidewalk.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**

In 2006, the Channahon Police Crime Prevention division kept busy by hosting training sessions at neighborhood watch meetings, block parties and at our facility. Future crime prevention programs are on the drawing board and will be

targeted to address specific problem areas. Improvements have been made allowing citizens involved in the Neighborhood Watch program to make contact with their assigned Crime Prevention Officer not only by phone but by email.

TOURS

As in past years, the Channahon Police Department played host to numerous youth groups such as the Daisies, Cub Scouts, Girl and Boy Scout and Church groups. The children and their parents tour the police department facility for a glimpse of what a police officer does on a daily basis. The guests are shown the variety of equipment the officers have available to them which is used to better handle an emergency situation. Officers usually field many interesting questions about their job.

SENIORS

On November 15th, the Channahon Police Department Crime Prevention Officers as well as the Elderly Service Officer hosted a training luncheon for senior citizens. The seniors were part of the Remington Woods Neighborhood Watch group.

After receiving a lecture on scams and fraud designed to target senior citizens by our detective and two

representatives of the Will County States Attorney’s office, the watch group, some with grandchildren in tow, took a tour of the police department. Not unlike any other group, the jail/detention area seemed to be the highlight of the tour. The seniors stated they felt more empowered to resist scams and “too good to be true” solicitations. The focal point of any neighborhood watch group is the increased two-way communications between the citizens and their police representatives.

POLICE TRAINING

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board had broken the state up into training regions for the purpose of delivering timely and accessible training to police officers. In 2006, the Channahon Police Department was host to a second police training region.

We have hosted many classes from the Tri-River Police Training Region, which services Will, Southern Cook and Kankakee Counties but the larger training region which overlaps but mainly services the Northern part of the state was hesitant to schedule classes at our facility for the fear of low enrollment. Because of our central location, the first *trial* class was booked to capacity and we are now being scheduled

for many more courses. The benefit to this arrangement is that our police department can host classes which are the greatest benefit to our officers, we have guaranteed seats in the class and we save on travel expenses.

The Channahon Police Department continues to use our own instructors to keep the officers on top of their profession. Three firearms instructors and a defensive tactics instructor are just a few of the certified instructors on staff. The department moved to a full 24 hour certified defensive tactics course in 2006 with a re-certification to be completed thereafter.

VILLAGE INITIATIVES

During 2006, the Village continued work on several on-going projects, many of which involved working with other local organizations.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Village President Joe Cook presented his second annual State of the Village address at the Channahon Junior High School in February to an audience of nearly 100. An update was provided to local officials, realtors, areas business leaders, and developers regarding Village accomplishments and initiatives.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

The second Village calendar was produced and distributed to all residents. The calendar provides information on meeting times and dates as well as useful information from each department.

TREE CITY/ARBOR DAY

For the 9th year in a row, Channahon has been designated Tree City USA. An Arbor Day Celebration was conducted Three Rivers School along with a Tree Board sponsored bulk tree sale.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Village encourages community involvement by sponsoring various activities throughout the year.

Memorial Day

The Village commemorated Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Channahon Municipal Center.

Community Picnic

The Village held its third community appreciation picnic in September at Central Park, with approximately 600 in attendance to enjoy the many activities and food.

Winter Holiday Activities

The Village held its annual tree lighting ceremony in early December. The Village

also sponsored a home Christmas Decorating Contest.

Citizen of the Year

The Village annually honors a deserving volunteer each year with the Amos Hayes Citizen of the Year Award. The honor for 2006 went to Scott Slocum in recognition of his contributions to the Channahon community during the year 2005.

Fred Rittof/George Sparagis Business Award

The first annual Business Award for outstanding community involvement and good business practices was given to the John Carnagio with McDonald's. The award was created to honor long-time businessmen Fred Rittof and George Sparagis, who served the community for many years.

CONCLUSION

The year 2006 was very successful for the Village of Channahon. We will continue to invest in our community and to manage growth in a responsible way to preserve and enhance the qualities that make our community a great place to live, work, and do business.

Village Officials

Joe Cook, Village President
Gary Davidson, Trustee, Human Resources
Sam Greco, Trustee, Public Safety
Chuck Lyons, Trustee, Finance/Public Health & Emergency Support
Scott McMillin, Trustee, Public Works
Debbie Militello, Trustee, Community & Legislative Affairs
Judie Nash, Trustee, Code Enforcement
Eileen Clark, Village Clerk
David Silverman, Village Attorney (appointed)

Plan Commission

Charles "Curt" Clark, Chairman
Karen Ciarlette
Chuck Hiller
Cindy June
Phil Loizon
Rick Lyman
Jeff Simon

Village Staff

Jamie Bowden, Village Administrator
Steve Admonis, Chief of Police
Edward Dolezal, Director of Public Works
Robert Guess, Director of Finance
Michael McMahon, Director of Community Development