

Village of Channahon

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009 - JULY 2009

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 7

The Consolidated Election is on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Village of Channahon has the Village Clerk position and three Trustee positions on the ballot. The candidates are as follows:

For Village Clerk

- Janet L. "Missey" Schumacher

For Village Trustee

- Karen L. Ciarlette
- Jerald M. Papesh
- Samuel J. Greco
- Judith A. "Judie" Nash
- Mark Scaggs
- Arnold Forrest



For your convenience, the Village of Channahon will be conducting Early Voting for Channahon residents that reside in Will County. Unfortunately, we do not offer Early Voting for Grundy County residents; however, the Village of Minooka and the Grundy County Courthouse in Morris also have early voting.

Early Voting is from March 16 through April 2, with the option of conducting In-Person Absentee Voting on April 3 and April 4. The hours for Early Voting at the Village Hall are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!

GovQA

Channahon recently initiated the **GovQA Action Center** allowing the Village to increase citizen access to information while improving communication and meeting their demands.

The Action Center allows citizens to ask questions, search a knowledge center and submit a service request, such as reporting a streetlight out or requesting a pothole to be filled. The Action Center then captures, routes, manages, searches, and reports on all service requests submitted by the citizens. Both the citizens and Village management have the capability to access and track the service request and its status. Village staff encourages residents to utilize the GovQA Action Center at www.channahon.org before calling the Village Hall.



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FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THE VILLAGE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW BUSINESSES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Angie's Tobacco & Cigars

25520 Pheasant Lane
815-272-7704

Big Fish Bar and Grille

27425 S. Will Road
815-476-9331

USA Liquors

25220 W. Reed Street
815-467-4776

Chi-Town Signs, Inc.

24735 W. Eames Street
815-521-1330

Investment Solutions Services

25158 W. Eames Street, Suite A
815-828-5254

Lee's Countertops & Laminates

24236 S. Northern Illinois Drive
815-467-4749

Aaron Cable Inc.

24230 S. Northern Illinois Drive
708-301-2250

Arrow Physicians Group

24441 W. Eames Street
815-467-7020

Big Fish Bar and Grille is Channahon's newest restaurant located on the Des Plaines River inside Harborside Marina. The establishment offers great food and a unique view of the waterway. Owners John Hicks, of Wilmington, and John Mathias, of Sugar Grove, are experienced restaurateurs. The menu features a variety of moderately priced seafood, steaks, gumbo, jambalaya and daily specials. There is plenty of public parking and the facility is available for private parties.

Directions to **Big Fish**: from I-55 take Lorenzo Road west to Will Road. Turn right and head north for about two miles. **Big Fish** opens for lunch and dinner at 11 a.m. everyday but Mondays. They are located at 27425 S. Will Road. Call 815-476-9331 for more information.



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

With the warmer seasons upon us, staff would like to remind residents of issues that code enforcement will be looking at.

- Grass/weeds must be kept cut at all times. On unimproved lots, grass can be no higher than 12 inches and on improved lots (residential lots) grass can be no higher than 8 inches.
- Permits are required for most improvements such as pools, fences, decks and windows.
- Basketball stands are not permitted in the parkway of your front yard or the Village roadway.
- All signs are regulated by the Village Sign Ordinance and all commercial signs require a permit.

If you have any questions, contact Mitchell Austin, Code Enforcement Officer at 815-467-6644.

SPRING TREE SALE

Be a part of Arbor Day, April 24 and plant a tree! The Channahon Tree Board is again sponsoring a Spring Tree Sale. Channahon homeowners may order trees by April 17 with delivery to their homes on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 with a rain date of Saturday, April 25 (if necessary). Delivery will be made to the planting site; however, the customer is responsible for planting. Prices are discounted due to the bulk order. Payment must accompany order and telephone number must be included. Please see the order form included.

MEMORIAL TREE WALK

The Village Tree Board is currently planning a Memorial Tree Walk that will be located on the north side of the Village Hall adjacent to the Police Department. Residents will be able to purchase a tree and a plaque of dedication which will be situated in front of the tree. Limited space will be available. If you are interested in more details, please contact Jake Melrose at the Village Hall.

Each issue of the newsletter features a Village employee

LYDIA LEDESMA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Lydia has been with the Village of Channahon for 7½ years. She was born in San Diego, California, where she grew up with 5 sisters and 3 brothers. She moved to Joliet, Illinois in November of 1980. She is the mother of 3 and recently became a grandmother to a beautiful little girl.

Lydia's hobbies include cooking, working out, listening to music and spending time with her family. Lydia is a great cook who loves baking bread and making soup for her fellow village employees.



FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CHANNAHON WATER QUALITY REPORT

Questions about your water and what's in it? Look for the **Annual Water Quality Report** coming in your mail before July 1. It contains information about where your water comes from, the **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA)** source water assessment of Channahon's wells, and any contaminants contained in the water. Don't panic about the contaminants - drinking water, including bottle water, may reasonably contain small amounts of contaminants. Those detected in your water are compliant with IEPA standards. The report can also be viewed at www.channahon.org under Hot Topics.

Important water-related items to remember:

- ◆ **WATERING RESTRICTION:** Sprinkling of lawns is permitted on even-numbered days for even street addresses and odd-numbered days for odd street addresses. **Newly installed sod** may be watered daily for the first seven (7) days for up to six (6) hours per day. After seven (7) days, the normal watering restrictions per our Ordinance will apply. The Village discourages planting sod in July and August.
- ◆ **HYDRANT USAGE:** Unauthorized use of hydrants could result in poor water quality. Only Village personnel and the fire department have clearance to use hydrants. If you observe another entity using hydrants, please call the Village Hall at 815-467-6644 during normal business hours (8:30 - 5, M-F) or the Police Department at 815-467-2112 after hours.
- ◆ **LAWN SPRINKLER BACKFLOW PROTECTION:** A permit is required to install a lawn sprinkler system. A Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) Backflow Preventor must be installed with the sprinkler system to ensure safety of the public water supply. The RPZ must be tested and certified annually by a state certified Cross-Connection Control Device Inspector (CCCDI). A copy of the test report must be submitted to the Public Works Department.
- ◆ And just as a reminder, as quoted from the National Geographic, "All the water that will ever be is right now"; please conserve this precious natural resource.



COMMUNITY PAPER RECYCLING

Help Channahon stay green! Please feel free to drop off the following items in the green and yellow paper recycling bin located in the south parking lot of the Municipal Center.

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Mail
- Office paper
- Paperback books
- Hardback books with cover removed
- Spiral notebooks (spiral can stay on)

NO PHONE BOOKS OR CARDBOARD

BELL AND MCKINLEY WOODS ROAD SIGNALIZATION UPDATE

The Village has received approval of the Intersection Design Study from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for temporary signals at Bell Road and Route 6. The Village has subsequently submitted improvement plans to IDOT for approval prior to putting the job out to bid. The village is committed and looks forward to completing this improvement.

The Village is aware of the need for traffic lights at the McKinley Woods Road and Route 6 intersection and is actively working with IDOT to accomplish this project.

FROM THE CHANNAHON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHANNAHON CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY #2 GRADUATES

In January 2009, twelve participants from the second Citizen Police Academy graduated from the program. The Citizen Police Academy is a 12 week program in which participants are instructed by Channahon Police Officers in the following areas:

- Traffic Law
- Criminal Law
- Emergency Dispatching
- DARE Program
- Evidence Processing
- Fingerprinting
- K-9 Operations
- Traffic Stops
- Juvenile Law
- Squad Car Operation
- Search and Seizure
- Building Searches
- Jail Operations
- Firearms



A mock trial, supervised by Will County Judge Rodney Lechwar was conducted allowing participants to play the roles of police officers, witnesses and defendants.

The Channahon Police Department is planning a third Citizen Police Academy class to start in the Fall of 2009. Community members interested in participating will get a hands on experience that will give them a better understanding of police work. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Channahon Police Department at 815-467-5152.

PEER JURY

The Channahon Police Department is initiating a Peer Jury Program. The program is designed to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juveniles (under age 17) without reference to the court system. The program does not determine guilt or innocence, peer jury is about youth accountability, competency development, and community safety. The program gives local teens a chance to give back to their community through restorative justice, as well as giving the victim a voice that may otherwise be silenced through the court system. Teen jurors will hear real cases involving juvenile offenders and structure consequences appropriate to the offense. Anyone interested in the program should contact Det. Adam Bogart at 815-467-8382.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children in the United States. Many of these deaths can be prevented. Placing children in age and size appropriate restraint systems reduces serious and fatal injuries by more than half. The Channahon Police provide a safety check for residents. For information call 815-467-5152.