



SEPTEMBER 2020

DISCOVER CHANNAHON

Information & News for the Channahon Community



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin to enjoy some autumn-like weather, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

For everyone who has experienced Childhood Cancer, we will always remember the day we became forever aware of Childhood Cancer. March 14, 2019, my granddaughter was diagnosed with cancer. There is nothing you can do to prepare yourself to hear those words. Today, she is a healthy, cancer-free 2-year-old, and we know how incredibly fortunate we are. Throughout this journey, we have been blessed with the unwavering support of family, friends, our community and her amazing oncology team.

I have often said that our community celebrates together, grieves together, and in times of need pulls together to support one another. That is a huge blessing that none of us should take for granted. Our community continues to grow, welcome new residents and bring them into our community family. Each and every resident is a unique piece of our puzzle, and we will continue to celebrate and support each other. No matter our differences, we are all part of this wonderful community.

We have every reason to celebrate that we are Channahon!



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RETIREMENT OF OFC. MIKE DEVINE

After 31 years of service to the Channahon community, Officer Mike Devine retired last month. Officer Devine worked with the local schools and the younger population of the Village as a dedicated Juvenile Resource Officer. Officer Devine was active in the development of the schools' DARE program and mentored many a young student in the lower grades until his eventual position as a full time School Resource Officer at the High School's South Campus. There Officer Devine continued his career long work with the young men and women in our communities, while providing for a safe learning experience. Officer Devine has taught and mentored multiple generations of our residents over his tenure. Officer Devine was also instrumental in implementation of the Police Department's bike patrol program, which he grew from 2 officers to a 10 person operation. Officer Devine was a strong advocate for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, and could be found every June in Bloomington-Normal to kick off the summer games.



Officer Devine's influence on the community, especially the younger populations, is unmatched. We thank him for his years of service, dedication and influence to the Village of Channahon!

CONGRATS TO FINANCE DIRECTOR HEATHER WAGONBLOTT!



On June 29, 2020, Village Finance Director Heather Wagonblott received a Certificate of Achievement from the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association (IMTA) designating her as a Certified Illinois Municipal Treasurer. In order to become certified, and in addition to leading the Finance Department, Heather completed 3 years of continuing educational courses, which included 33 1/3 hours of classroom instruction each year.

Thank you, Heather, for your dedication and hard work!

Local Business SPOTLIGHT

Business Name: The Feed Loft

Business Address: 23930 S.
Northern Illinois Drive



Owner: Kari Blackburn

Founded/Established: 1980

Product/Service Offered: Pet Store/Bait & Tackle

Slogan/Motto: High quality products and high quality service

What makes your business unique to the Channahon area? We are a staple in the community and we not only work in the area, we live in Channahon as well.

What do you enjoy most about doing business in Channahon? Getting to know the customers and being a part of our community.

What would you like Channahon residents to know about your business? We value our customers and strive to give excellent customer service.

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AUTOMATIC UTILITY BILL PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Village of Channahon continues to meet the needs of its residents in an ever-changing technological world. The Village provides a 24-hour payment option for utility bills, building permits or Administrative Compliance Tickets (ACT tickets) through the online portal found at www.channahon.org. Please have your utility bill, permit, or citation (ACT ticket) available when processing your transaction online. Debit or credit card payments are accepted online in the following forms: MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express. Please allow up to 3 days for the payment to be processed. If a utility payment is being made to avoid termination of water services, please contact the Finance Department at (815) 467-6644 to alert Village staff of the payment. A convenience fee is charged with each transaction by the credit card processing vendor. The Village of Channahon does not collect or benefit from the convenience fee and the fee is not able to be waived.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

It's hard to believe, but the leaves are going to be falling from the trees before we know it! As we enter the fall season with Environmental Recycling & Disposal as our new refuse provider, here are a few reminders:

- Yard waste service is provided weekly by Environmental between the week of March 15 through the week of December 15.
- **No more yard waste stickers.** Simply place your yard waste curbside in biodegradable bags or in the provided 95-gallon yard waste cart.
- The 95-gallon yard waste cart is included at no additional charge and can be used for the refuse off-season.
- Acceptable items include grass clippings, leaves and tree branches. Branches need to be cut to less than 4 ft. in length, less than 2 in. in diameter and tied in bundles weighing less than 50 lbs.
- Unacceptable items include dirt, stone, sod, concrete, railroad ties, tree roots/stumps and branches with a diameter larger than 2 in.

If you do not have a yard waste cart and would like one, or if you have any service-related questions, please contact Environmental directly at (815) 725-4555.



ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village's annual hydrant flushing is currently underway and will run through early October. During hydrant flushing, some residents may experience temporary water discoloration; this is a safe, normal part of the hydrant flushing process, but residents may want to consider delaying doing laundry until the lines are clear. For questions about hydrant flushing, please contact Village Hall at (815) 467-6644.



Local Business SPOTLIGHT

Business Name: Coldwell
Banker Real Estate Group

Business Address: 25224 W.
Eames Street

Owner/Manager: Beth
Stopka-Rios, Designated
Managing Broker

Founded/Established: 1971

Product/Service Offered: Real Estate

Slogan/Motto: Guiding you home.

What makes your business unique to the Channahon area? We are the largest Coldwell Banker in the world.

What do you enjoy most about doing business in Channahon? The close community. It is the perfect sized community and everyone is so friendly!

When you're not working, where in Channahon do you like to spend your time? We like to go to the bowling alley and we are excited about the new bikes to use on the trail.

Fun Fact: Channahon Coldwell Banker won the most improved office in 2019!

Know of a Channahon business that should be featured in an upcoming spotlight? Email sthompson@channahon.org



ONLINE PAYMENT INFORMATION

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Not registered to vote or want to check your registration status? The Village of Channahon can help! The Village has a number of Deputy Registrars who can help ensure you're registered to vote in time for this year's election. Visit Village Hall or call 815-467-6644 for more information and details.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month in Illinois! Disasters can strike at any time - make sure that you and your family are prepared with these tips from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA):

- **Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes:** Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters (tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, etc.) could affect your area, and know how you will contact one another or reconnect if separated.
- **Build a Kit:** Once a disaster strikes, you will not have time to stop or search for supplies, so it's important to have supplies pre-assembled. A kit should contain basic survival items necessary during an emergency, such as food, water, weather radio, batteries, medication and supplies for each member of your family. Because a disaster can strike anywhere, emergency kits should be kept at home, at work and in your car.
- **Prepare for Disasters:** Practicing tornado drills and fire drills aren't just for school. Walking through this procedure at home with your family, and at work with your co-workers, is a great way to prepare for disaster.
- **Teach Youth how to Prepare for Disasters:** Disaster planning, response and recovery efforts should take into account the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population. Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Make sure to include your child's favorite stuffed animals, games, books or music in their kit to comfort them in a disaster.



UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, September 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 19, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.

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