



**JANUARY 2021**

# DISCOVER CHANNAHON

*Information & News for the Channahon Community*



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Channahon! Welcome to 2021. This is certainly a different year than we have experienced in the past, but I truly believe that we need to move forward. We cannot continue to arbitrarily close businesses and put off events and expect those things to survive and thrive. We need to learn to live with this virus and take the necessary safety precautions to keep us all safe and move forward.

With that in mind, this year also marks the 60th anniversary of the Village of Channahon! We were incorporated in 1961. Some other significant anniversaries this year are the Channahon Park District, who is celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the Three Rivers Public Library District is celebrating their 45th anniversary. In 2021, look for some events to celebrate those significant anniversaries.

We here at the Village of Channahon would like to recognize those residents who have been here continuously since the incorporation of the Village in 1961. If you are one of those residents, if your parents are one of those residents, if your neighbor is one of those residents, please feel free to go onto our website at [www.channahon.org/338/60th-Anniversary](http://www.channahon.org/338/60th-Anniversary) where we are now accepting nominations so that we may recognize those residents.

In the spirit of something fun, we want to hear your stories as residents of the Village of Channahon as well! Every town has its history, all of the factual information, but we would like to get some anecdotal stories about Channahon and what has happened since our incorporation in 1961 to put those out for our residents to

read and enjoy. If you have some stories about Channahon that you'd like to share, please email [60thAnniversary@channahon.org](mailto:60thAnniversary@channahon.org) to submit your stories.

Welcome again to 2021. Let's hope that this year is a little bit different than the last year. We are anticipating a wonderful year and a wonderful anniversary. Thank you all for all that you do for our Village and we wish you well, and a successful, healthy and prosperous 2021.



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## PD RETIREMENT & PROMOTION



After 18 years of service to the Channahon community, Sgt. Jon Jackubowski retired earlier this month. In addition to his duties as a patrol sergeant, Jackubowski stayed busy as the police department's accreditation manager, alcohol/tobacco compliance officer, certified juvenile officer and was one of the department's certified truck enforcement officers. He was an integral and valued member of the Channahon Police Department, and his good-natured personality will be missed. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Village.

With the retirement of Sgt. Jackubowski, Officer Paul Potts has been promoted to sergeant, as approved by the Village Board and as recommended by the Fire and Police Commission. Sgt. Potts has been with the Channahon Police Department since 2007, during which time he has received the humanitarian award, numerous Letters of Commendation and Recognition, and a Certificate of Valor for his incident response and involvement during the Henry Pratt active shooter incident in Aurora. Sgt. Potts serves as the department's domestic violence coordinator, is an in-service training officer and is also a certified firearms instructor, a juvenile officer, a Certified SWAT Officer, a bike officer and is lead homicide certified. Sgt. Potts is currently a member of the ILEAS Weapons of Mass Destruction, where he serves as a SWAT officer. Most recently, Sgt. Potts was assigned to the department's Investigations Division. Sgt. Potts was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Missey this month.

Please join us in wishing Sgt. Jackubowski well in his retirement and congratulating Sgt. Potts on his promotion.

## 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

The Village of Channahon is proud to share its 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020.

The purpose of the PAFR is to provide a simplified presentation of the Village's activities within the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). It is a valuable resource that provides insightful information about our community.

To view the 2020 PAFR, please visit our website at [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org).



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## ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER'S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Visit the Illinois State Treasurer's Office website to locate potential unclaimed property. Unclaimed property refers to property or accounts within financial institutions or companies in which there typically has been no activity for several years and the business cannot locate the owner. In Illinois, the state treasurer is tasked with safeguarding unclaimed property, such as unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. The state treasurer is legally required to return the property no matter how long it takes.

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office offers an easy online process to return these properties to individuals. The State Treasurer's Office recently upgraded technology, re-allocated staff and streamlined the claims process to make it more efficient and less time consuming. The State Treasurer's Office also worked with Democrats and Republicans to change state law and create the Money Match program, which automatically returns simple claims of up to \$2,000 when we can match state records with the unclaimed property and owner.

An estimated one-in-four people have unclaimed property and the average payment is \$1,000. Individuals can search a database for their name or the name of their business or non-profit at <https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/>.

## HELP KEEP THE STREETS CLEAR

With winter weather conditions now upon the Village of Channahon, please be considerate when clearing snow and ice from your driveway and walks. Section 95.35 of the Village of Channahon Municipal Code of Ordinances prohibits the deposit of snow and ice from private property onto any street. Snow blower chutes should be aimed to prevent snow discharge from being blown onto the street.

Vehicles are also prohibited from parking on Village streets during snow events of 2 inches or more. Once the streets have been cleared and cleaned, on-street parking may resume. Residents can do their part to help snowplow drivers, removing the need for plows to weave around additional obstacles in the roadway.



## Local Business SPOTLIGHT

In support of local businesses and to help our residents get to know their neighbors better, the Village of Channahon is still accepting nominations for our Business Spotlight Program!

Nominated businesses are spotlighted on our social media pages and in our monthly Discover Channahon newsletter.

Know of a Channahon business that should be featured in an upcoming spotlight? Send suggestions to [sthompson@channahon.org](mailto:sthompson@channahon.org).

## 2021 State of the Village Address

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, this year's State of the Village Address will take place virtually. Sign up for alerts on our website - [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org) - to receive updates on this year's address.

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## 2021 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Early voting for our Consolidated Election on April 6, 2021 will take place at the Channahon Village Hall from March 22 to April 1. It will be from Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Please note that we will be closed on Friday, April 2 to observe the Good Friday holiday.



## 2021 GARAGE SALES

At this time, we do not know if we will be having our annual garage sales due to the pandemic. If we do, the 2021 Village Wide Garage Sale dates will be as follows:

- Spring - April 29, 30 and May 1
- Fall - September 9, 10 and 11

While the Village Wide Garage Sales are undecided, residents may still host their own individual garage sales. We encourage residents to take the following precautions for themselves and potential customers should you choose to host your own garage sale:

- Display posters to remind customers about social distancing
- Tables and chairs should be at least 6 feet apart
- Use tape to direct visitors through the sale
- Disinfect merchandise before putting it out for sale
- Clean tables and chairs throughout the day
- Supply hand sanitizer on tables and elsewhere for customers
- Wear masks and disposable gloves

## 2021 PET TAGS STILL AVAILABLE!

Attention all pet owners: Have you gotten your pet's 2021 Channahon Annual License? Village ordinance requires pet owners to license all dogs and cats. There is no longer a charge for tags, but we ask that you still obtain them. Please provide proof of rabies when registering your pet. Registration can be done online at [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org), or in person at Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive). For questions or more information, please call 815-467-6644.



## UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, February 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 15, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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