



**MARCH 2021**

# DISCOVER CHANNAHON

*Information & News for the Channahon Community*



## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Recently, a resident asked me a question regarding residential property tax and whether recent development in the Village of Channahon would result in a reduction of residential taxes, so I wanted to take a few minutes to address that question here. The first thing, often not realized, is the Village of Channahon gets less than 8 cents of your property tax dollar. With that 8 cents, the Village provides police protection and all other Village services, including public works functions like street maintenance, snow plowing, mowing of public areas, tree trimming, street lights, etc. More to the question, however, the Village has reduced the tax levy rate in each of the past 5 years, resulting in a 6.15% reduction since 2015. We are always looking for ways to benefit our residents. After all, we are residents, and taxpayers, too.

Non-residential development helps to broaden the tax base, easing the burden on residents. Development has been considered very carefully and deliberately to help us do just that. The industrial parks south of Rt. 6 and east of I-55 were located adjacent to already existing industrial uses both within the municipal limits of Joliet with whom we share a border, and unincorporated Will

County. The property taxes generated by those buildings, and not those from existing residents and businesses, have helped pay for more than \$12 million in public infrastructure improvements. That area is nearly built out, and the Village of Channahon elected officials have consistently declined to consider further new industrial development in this area.

The recent development of businesses in that area, coupled with frequently changing tax laws, makes it difficult to predict the long term tax revenues other than property taxes that will be generated from some businesses in the park. Regardless of the actual amount, those tax dollars will help us to offset needed capital and public infrastructure improvements now and into the future, allowing us to better serve the utility needs of our communities' growth. Also, as the aquifer from which our municipal water is drawn is depleting more quickly than it is regenerating, geological studies have determined that all local communities in the region must consider alternative water sources in the near future. Again, the hope is non-residential tax revenue can help to dramatically offset what promises to be an enormous cost. Perhaps more immediately, connection of multi-use

paths and other public infrastructure projects are being considered to provide additional amenities without further burden to residential taxpayers.

What does the future hold? Interest in the Channahon area continues to grow, from residential, to retail and commercial to industrial. New home building continues to grow our community. In spite of the pandemic, our businesses have persevered. Much of our as yet vacant land lies on the far west side of the Village, some of which was annexed and zoned for industrial use several years ago. A full interchange was constructed at I-80 and Brisbin Rd. that will serve this future industrial development, and the existing heavy industrial factories. Channahon, Morris and Minooka all share boundaries at the interchange. Inquiries about further industrial development in the community are directed to that area. We realize the eventuality of development in that area and have planned it for some time, and at the Village of Channahon, we are working to prepare for that development in order to minimize the impacts and maximize the benefits for our community.

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## GIRL SCOUT TROOPS VISIT VILLAGE HALL

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana (GSGCNWI) Junior Troop 75105 and GSGCNWI Cadette and Senior Troop 70856 stopped by Village Hall on February 22 and met with Mayor Missey. Junior Troop 75105 earned their Inside Government badge, while Cadette and Senior Troop 70856 earned their Finding Common Ground and Behind the Ballot badges.



## CITIZEN & BIZ. OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS OPEN

Don't forget - nominations for our 2021 Citizen and Business of the Year Awards are now open! Nominations can be made at [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org) and close on March 31, 2021. Winners will be announced during our State of the Village Virtual Address later this spring.

## CHANNAHON'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

In honor of the 60th anniversary of Channahon's incorporation, we have a lot of great events in the works to celebrate this milestone with our residents. Stay tuned in the days and weeks ahead for details about our first event, a Village-wide scavenger hunt with some special prizes that will benefit our local businesses.

Also, don't forget to submit your nominations for Resident Recognitions for those individuals who have been in Channahon since our incorporation in 1961. The nomination form and more details can be found on our website at [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org).



## 2021 Pink Heals Walk

SAVE THE DATE! Pink Heals, along with the Village of Channahon, has decided to move its 7th Annual Mother's Day Walk to Father's Day (Sunday, June 20, 2021) this year.

The walk will take place in-person, with the option to join virtually if you prefer. Please visit <https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=M82VSG7> for more information and to register.



## 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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## YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES MARCH 15

Yard Waste pickup will begin the week of March 15th. This service is provided on a weekly basis through December 15th. Residents are allowed to place yard waste in biodegradable kraft type bags or use the 95-gallon yard waste cart provided.

Yard waste consists of grass trimmings, leaves, twigs, branches, shrubbery cuttings, outdoor plants and flowers. Tree limbs are also acceptable and should be less than four inches in diameter bundled a maximum of two feet in diameter and three feet in length.

Unacceptable items include plastic bags, animal waste, cardboard, concrete, rock, fruits, vegetables, dirt, stone, indoor plants, tree roots and stumps larger than three inches.

Place carts and/or bags at the curb with the wheels against the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day and remove the same day once they have been picked up. Keep carts at least four feet from parked cars, mailboxes and other obstacles that may prevent Environmental Recycling & Disposal from picking it up.

To request a cart or report a missed pickup, please contact Environmental Recycling & Disposal at 815-725-4555 during normal business hours.

## DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN?

The National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members. Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for an emergency supply list.



## 2021 Village Wide 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

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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.

If you need to register to vote, you can do so at the Village of Channahon. You'll need to bring two forms of identification, one of which must show the voter's current address. Acceptable forms of identification include: driver's license, state ID card, utility bill, checkbook, library card, credit card, birth certificate, social security card, employee ID card, student ID card, or an insurance card.



## UPCOMING DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

### **Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, March 14. Make sure to set your clocks an hour ahead!

### **Saturday, March 27, 2021**

There will be a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Channahon Village Hall in the Boardroom.

### **Friday, April 2, 2021**

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.

## AMAZON HIRING IN CHANNAHON

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## UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

Monday, April 5, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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