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DISCOVER CHANNAHON

Information & News for the Channahon Community

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I love springtime in Channahon. The weather is starting to warm up, residents are enjoying the outdoors and our beautiful community is already greening up with fresh grass, bright flowers and budding trees. The Village takes great pride in our landscape and abundant trees, as demonstrated by our recognition as a Tree City USA designee by the National Arbor Day Foundation for more than 20 consecutive years.

Unfortunately, many of the beautiful trees that line our parkways, yards and open spaces were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer beetles that found their way to Channahon years ago. In 2014, the Village launched a proactive campaign to remove and replace affected trees - an effort which, due to its immensity, is still ongoing today.

As part of the effort to replace those trees and in conjunction with our 60th anniversary celebration this year, the Village is excited to announce our inaugural **Tree for All** tree sapling giveaway. We have purchased 1,000 tree saplings for our residents to plant in their yards to help keep Channahon beautiful for another 60-plus years. There will be a variety of saplings to choose from, including:

- Black Hills Spruce
- Blue Spruce
- Eastern White Pine
- Redbud
- Red Maple
- Scarlet Oak
- Sugar Maple
- Tuliptree
- White Dogwood

These tree saplings were fully funded by fees paid for tree removal by Crow Holdings when they built the industrial building that is now home to Camso/Michelin. Village ordinance requires that when trees can't be replaced on a site after development, a payment must be made for the Village enabling us to plant trees elsewhere in the community.

The giveaway will be on a first come, first serve basis, with a limit of one sapling per resident. We do not yet have a firm arrival date for the saplings, so the exact date and time of the giveaway will be announced at a future date. Keep an eye on our social media pages and our website for more details!

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Visit www.channahon.org to sign up.*

2021 PINK HEALS WALK

SAVE THE DATE!



Pink Heals, along with the Village of Channahon, is hosting its 7th Annual Mother's Day Walk to Father's Day on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

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.

SPRING VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

The Village's Spring Garage Sales will take place April 29-May 1. Registration opens on Monday, April 5 at www.channahon.org and will close Thursday, April 22. Registration is not required, but it is encouraged so that your home can be included on the garage sale maps. Maps will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 29 at Village Hall, Three Rivers Library, Casey's General Store, Feed Loft, Mac's Country Market and www.channahon.org.

The Village encourages residents to take the following precautions for themselves and potential customers should you choose to participate in the garage sales:

- Display posters to remind customers about social distancing
- Place tables and chairs 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

For more information or questions, please contact the Village at 815-467-6644.

E-WASTE PICKUP WEEK OF MAY 17-21

As part of their service to the Village of Channahon, Environmental Recycling & Disposal offers residents a quarterly e-waste pickup and disposal service. The next quarterly e-waste pickup for the Village will take place the week of May 17-21. You must schedule your pickup at least 24 hours in advance of the pickup day. An additional fee of \$35 per item will apply.

For more information or questions, please contact Environmental directly at 815-725-4555 or visit www.envr.com/channahon.



Du Page River Dam, Channahon State Park, Channahon, Illinois



Locks, I. & M. Canal, Channahon State Park, Channahon, Illinois

Take a peek at these historic postcards of Channahon State Park! While the exact date of these postcards is unknown, they used to be available for purchase at Petrusa's Grocery Store, which opened in Channahon in 1947.

Special thanks to the Galloway family for sharing these postcards with us.

Do you have Channahon memories you'd like to share? Email them to 60thAnniversary@channahon.org

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UNUSUALLY HIGH UTILITY BILLS?

Could a leaking toilet be running up your utility bill? One of the most common causes of an unusually high utility bill is a leaking toilet. A leaking toilet may be deceptive since you may not see or hear the leak. Below are several situations that can contribute to a costly situation with a toilet leak:

Stuck/Open Flapper: The chain that connects the flush handle to the flapper can get stuck in the down position, causing usage up to 4,800 gallons per day or roughly 200 gallons per hour.

Worn/Warped Flapper (or silent tank): Normal wear and/or minimal buildup on the flapper over time can cause accumulated levels of chemicals that will destroy the flappers quickly (typically chemicals that purify the water or in-tank cleaners).

Fill Valve's Float: A cracked/misaligned float will take on water and cause the fill valve to run slowly and continuously, causing water usage.

Failed Fill Valve: Normal wear and mineral deposit buildup prevents the valve's ability to shut off completely.

Fractured/Broken Toilet Tank: Caused by stress/impact, this will cause the fill valve to continuously replenish the tank, leading to a total collapse and the potential for massive flooding to your residence/property.

Ruptured/Leaking Supply Line: Rubber lining or fitting joint can break down.

What should you do if you suspect a toilet is leaking?

Add 5-10 drops of food coloring to the tank or pick up tablets at the Village Hall. If the color shows up in your toilet bowl after a few minutes, you have a leaking toilet and should take the necessary steps to have the leak repaired.

HINES VA OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Hines VA Outreach Program will be at Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive) every second Wednesday of the month. The team will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. providing basic clinical care such as vaccinations and medication management; sharing information about services available at Hines or one of their six community-based clinics; and answering questions about eligibility and enrollment. For more information, please contact the Hines VA at 708-264-1976.



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 - to receive updates on this year's address.

2021 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 31 at 9 a.m. Please stay tuned to our social media pages and website for more details as the date draws closer.

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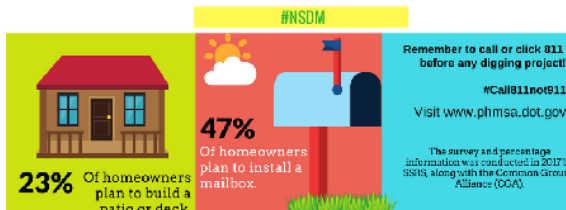
NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April is National Safe Digging Month! More than 40% of homeowners will plan to dig this year and put themselves and others at risk by not calling 8-1-1 beforehand. Follow these five steps for safe digging this year:



PHMSA RECOGNIZES APRIL AS NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHAT SORT OF DIGGING PROJECTS
DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?



- 1. NOTIFY:** Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.
- 2. WAIT:** Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.
- 3. CONFIRM:** Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.
- 4. RESPECT:** Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.
- 5. DIG CAREFULLY:** If you can't avoid digging near the markers, consider moving your project location.

RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

Plant your rain garden with native perennial plants with deep root systems. Native plants that can handle variable amounts of moisture will do best. After a rain, your garden will be full of water, but in drier weather, it won't have much moisture.



marsh
blazing star



joe pye weed



native rushes
and sedges



UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

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

Monday, May 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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