



MAY 2021

DISCOVER CHANNAHON

Information & News for the Channahon Community

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

With the month of May comes this year's round of graduations, and a new group of young, talented graduates. As I sat down to write this message I wanted to offer some words, not only to congratulate the achievements of our students, but also to motivate and inspire the young minds who represent our future.

Be present. "Life" is not something that will begin once you graduate, or once you get a job, or once you buy a house, or once you start a family. Life is now. You're in it, so be present. Find your path, and if it turns out not to be right for you, find another. Failure is not final. Experience is an incredible educator. Learn, grow and keep moving.

Step outside of your comfort zone. Progress

and innovation spring from dissatisfaction, discontent, and sometimes even boredom. Think of the innumerable inventions and innovations that have come about just in your lifetime, all because someone wasn't satisfied with the way things were. Magic happens outside the box.

Each person is unique. Each of you will blaze your own trail, unlike any other. And I promise you, you will blink and suddenly be in your 50s. You will look back on the path you traveled and see all the choices, the experiences, the missteps, and the strides you made and realize that life is not so much about the end goal, but about the journey. The journey is now; be present in it. Make sure the imprint you leave on your journey is one of kindness, compassion, hope and caring.

Do good things. It doesn't matter if they are major medical breakthroughs or small, random acts of kindness. No matter what your ambitions for the future may be, live each day with the desire to leave the world a better place.

That is my hope for all of you, and for each and every one of us, as we take the next step on our journey. Congratulations graduates. If I could mark this point in time with a red star on a map it would say:

"You are here; your future is boundless."

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Visit www.channahon.org to sign up.*

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & OBSERVANCES

Memorial Day Ceremony

Every year, the Village of Channahon takes time to honor those who died in military service. Please join us for the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. at Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive). Seats will be available and the event will take place rain or shine.

Village Hall Closure & Refuse Pickup Delay

Channahon Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Also, please remember that there will be NO REFUSE PICKUP on Monday, May 31 due to the holiday. Collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week - Monday customers will be collected on Tuesday, Tuesday customers will be collected on Wednesday, and so forth. For questions regarding refuse service, please contact Environmental Recycling & Disposal directly at 815-725-4555.

VILLAGE-WIDE FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

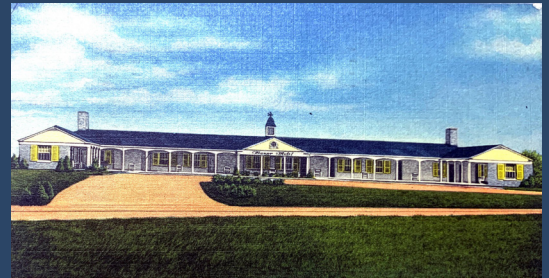
As part of our 60th Anniversary festivities, we're excited to announce our Village-Wide Family Scavenger Hunt!

Kicking off on Saturday, May 15, 2021, this hunt will have residents getting out, exploring and enjoying many of the natural amenities that Channahon has to offer while hunting for hidden eggs - filled with special tokens - among the foliage. Prizes for finding the eggs range from gift certificates to local businesses to Channahon memorabilia and more.

More details and maps for the Family Scavenger Hunt will be shared on our website and social media pages in the days ahead. Stay tuned!



#DISCOVERCHANNAHON: MANOR MOTEL



Opened in 1954, the Manor Motel in Channahon was one of the original destinations along Route 66. The motel even offered swimming lessons for members of the community. These photos were featured on postcards that could be purchased in town back in the day. #DiscoverChannahon

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ANNUAL UTILITY RATE INCREASES

The Village's water, sewer and refuse rates will increase, effective May 1st, 2021. The Village of Channahon is committed to managing the utility costs by being efficient and upholding the Village's commitment to a sustainable future. Utility-related capital and operating expenses increase each year. In order to provide reliable, high-quality water service, the Village has established rate increases effective May 1st of each year. The rate adjustments help ensure the reliability and affordability of basic water, sewer and refuse service. The fees shown below will be effective May 1, 2021:

Water/Sewer	Current Rate	New Rate
Water	\$6.41/1000 gal.	\$6.60/1000 gal.
Sewer	\$7.90/1000 gal.	\$8.14/1000 gal.
Refuse	Current Rate	New Rate
Monthly Refuse	\$19.64	\$20.28
Senior/Disabled Veteran Monthly	\$17.64	\$18.28

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.

Day-of-race registration will start at 6:30 a.m., opening ceremonies at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K walk begins at 8:00 a.m.

Registration packet and t-shirt pickup days will be Tuesday, June 15th from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, June 17th from 6-9 p.m. at Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive).

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3xst5sQ> to register.

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, May 12 from 10 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.



TREE FOR ALL SAPLING GIVEAWAY

The Village has purchased 1,000 tree saplings for our residents to plant in their yards to help keep Channahon beautiful. There will be a variety of saplings to choose from on a first come, first serve basis - no sign up is required. We do not yet have a firm arrival date for the saplings, so keep an eye on our website and social media pages for a future announcement regarding the exact date and time of the giveaway.

GARAGE SALES

The Spring Garage Sales on April 29, 30 and May 1 were a success! Thank you being cautious and safe during these times. Our Fall Garage Sale dates are September 9, 10 and 11 and will start at 8 a.m. Registration information for the Fall Garage Sales will be shared at a future date.

**Never miss an update!
Sign up for Village of Channahon
alerts by visiting www.channahon.org and clicking
"Alerts" on the home page.**

ARE YOU STORM READY?

Outdoor Warning Sirens are designed to warn those who are **outside**. Sirens are not designed or intended to be used to warn those indoors. Outdoor Warning Sirens are not just for tornadoes. They are also used to warn of significant events that pose a threat to the health and safety of those outdoors. Examples could be: tornado or tornado warning, severe weather, hail, high winds, and chemical or radiological release.

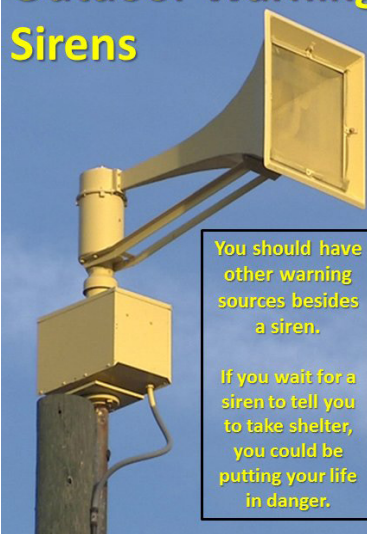
- **Hearing a siren is a signal to move indoors and seek additional information, from your television, radio, computer or smart device. DO NOT call 911 to inquire about siren activation.**
- During a siren activation *you should assume that you need to take cover immediately.*
- It does not mean the hazard has ended when the siren has stopped.

Indoor Warning Systems are methods that include cable television and alert radios. Cable television and alert radios are designed to interrupt normal broadcasting and alert and/or wake up indoor occupants. Schools, homes, churches and businesses should consider the capabilities of alert radios.

Personal Warning Systems include smart phone/device applications, text messages, or priority email. The following link shows step-by-step instructions on how to set up your iPhone or Android device for direct, timely and accurate weather warnings from the National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/mobile-phone>

Consider following Will or Grundy County EMA on social media, or download their apps for your smart device.

Outdoor Warning Sirens



You should have other warning sources besides a siren.

If you wait for a siren to tell you to take shelter, you could be putting your life in danger.

...are for people who are **OUTDOORS**.

...are **NOT** intended to be heard inside your house, in your vehicle or in a business.

...are **NOT** designed to wake you up.

...are controlled locally, either by your emergency manager, fire or police department or some other government agency.

...are sounded based on local policy, and each community has its own criteria.



UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

Monday, June 7, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 21, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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