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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last month, the Village of Channahon hosted our annual Job Shadow Day - in-person for the first time in nearly two years! This day is always a standout for me, but it was so special to be back in-person with the Channahon Junior High School Student Council members.



Six eighth grade students from CJHS Student Council joined Village staff to get hands-on experience with local government. To kick off the day, the students participated in our staff meeting, where they learned about various positions and roles at the Village. Shortly thereafter, each student was paired with a member of Village staff to learn about how each person's expertise and department plays a vital part in both maintaining and progressing our Village. The students also got to tour Village Hall and the Police Department, and were treated to a special meeting and demonstration by K9 Officer Hutch. That evening, the students attended the Board Meeting, where they were paired with elected officials to put forward and approve a resolution to recognize and support Job Shadow Day.

Personally, Job Shadow Day always brings a renewed sense of excitement for the future. I am always amazed at how bright these young students are, and the eagerness they have to participate, understand and make an impact; this year's group was no exception. I believe wholeheartedly in the importance of getting young people to take an interest in and get involved with their local community. It's our responsibility to foster that curiosity and relationship with the Village. I always say that one of the students we've hosted for Job Shadow Day over the years could end up being Village President one day.

As always, our special thanks goes to Mrs. Rolland, teacher and student council sponsor for CJHS, for helping us to coordinate this fantastic event for the students.

Best wishes,
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Board Meetings

- Monday, April 18, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Commission Meetings

- Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Spring Village Garage Sales

- April 28, 29 and 30, 2022

Village Memorial Day Ceremony

- Monday, May 30 @ 9:00 AM at Village Hall

Hines VA Outreach Program

- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 10:00AM - 2:00 PM



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The internet certainly helps make our lives easier and more convenient, however the convenience can come with a price. Internet users' personal information can be compromised by fraudulent individuals. Fraud prevention on your personal information, including social media, must always be a priority. The key to all types of fraud is to protect yourself. Here are a few tips:

1. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. So always question whether you think something is really legitimate. Do not be afraid to ask questions if you are unsure about anything. If the company is legitimate, you should not feel pressured into making a decision, and the company will be happy to answer your questions. If it is a scam, the more questions you ask, the more likely the fraudster will simply give up!
2. If you have received an email which includes personal details such as an account number, always check to see if they match the ones you have been given.
3. Your bank will never ask you for personal or financial details or ask you to confirm your full password, so do not respond to emails or phone calls asking for this information.
4. Always install up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall to protect your personal information on your computer or other electronic devices.
5. Be careful when using social networking sites such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Avoid including personal information on these sites, do not advertise the fact that you are on vacation and always ensure your privacy settings are high.
6. If you are shopping online, always ensure the website you are using has a postal address. If it does not, or the address is a P.O. Box, you should be cautious. When you pay for purchases, make sure there is a padlock symbol on the screen and the web address changes to "https://" as opposed to "http."
7. Sign up for "Verified by Visa or Mastercard Secure Code" whenever you are given the option when shopping online. You'll need to register a password with your card company and by doing so, you'll gain additional security.
8. Be very wary about handing over personal information to people you do not know, particularly if you are being asked to give money upfront or pay with prepaid gift cards.
9. Check your credit reports regularly. If you find accounts that don't belong to you or other incorrect information, follow the instructions for disputing those items.
10. Go paperless. Sign up for online billing and financial statements to prevent criminals from stealing your identity or sensitive data from your mailbox.

What you should do if fraud is suspected. If you believe you are a victim of fraud, you should immediately contact your local law enforcement authority and give a full account of what happened, as well as any information you have on the person or company in question. You can also contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center if the act took place via the internet. After filling a complaint with authorities, you should contact the appropriate institutions, including your bank, lenders, and credit card companies, in addition to the major credit reporting agencies, in order to protect your money and your credit rating.

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TIPS TO PREVENT FRAUD

2022 PINK HEALS MOTHER'S DAY WALK

Save the date!

The 8th Annual Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2022! The walk will occur in-person, with the option to participate virtually.

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, May 3rd from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, May 5th from 6-9 p.m. at Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive).

To register, please visit <http://www.runreg.com/pink-heals-8th-annual-mothers-day-walk>

SPRING VILLAGE GARAGE SALES

The Village's Spring Garage Sales will take place April 28-30, 2022. Registration opens on Monday, April 4 at www.channahon.org and will close Thursday, April 21. 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 28 at Village Hall, Three Rivers Library, Casey's General Store, Feed Loft, Mac's Country Market and www.channahon.org.

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

NATIONAL LAWN & GARDEN AND SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Traditionally, April brings a groundswell of outdoor work, which often includes digging. Whether it is a small project or a large home improvement project, National Safe Digging Month is a way to remind us all to call 8-1-1 before starting any digging project.

DID YOU KNOW? Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 8-1-1. The risk of injury - or even death - is serious. Beyond the devastating risks of death or injury, consider the costs of repair, fines and even inconvenience. From putting in a fence, planting a tree or building a deck, knowing where the power and water lines are before you dig will save you a lot of time, money and pain later.

How to Observe National Safe Digging Month: Call Before You Dig

Call 8-1-1 before you dig. Use #NationalSafeDiggingMonth or #CallBeforeYouDig to post on social media and spread the word to remind others how important it is. You may think it's an inconvenient step to take before you get to work, but keep in mind that there's a reason these rules are in place. It can be extremely dangerous if you fail to make that quick phone call before you start digging. Here are four main things to remember if you plan to dig this month (or any month, for that matter!)

1. Call 8-1-1 or go online to get a USA ticket **three days** before you plan to dig. All you have to do is give the address or general location of the project, when you plan to start and how much digging you'll be doing.
2. Make sure you dig **parallel with the utility line** and use precautions when you are removing soil from near the utility line.
3. Use **smaller hand tools** while digging within 24 inches of the outer edge of underground utility lines.
4. Keep an eye out for signs of a natural gas leak. If you smell something similar to **rotten eggs**, or hear **hissing, whistling or roaring**, it's likely a leak.



2022 PET TAGS AVAILABLE

Have you gotten your pet's 2022 Channahon Animal License?

Village ordinance requires that all dogs and cats be licensed with the Village. A copy of the Municipal Code of Ordinances: Chapter 91: Animals can be found online at <https://www.channahon.org/207/Municipal-Code>.

You can register your pet online at <https://www.channahon.org/FormCenter/Administration-Forms-8/Animal-License-Application-51>

For more information, please contact Village Hall at 815-467-6644. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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