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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The month of May always seems to bring much change in our area: the swift transition of seasons, warmer weather, longer days and a fresh crop of young, talented graduates - our future.

There is so much emphasis placed on what's "next" in life, especially with graduation - 8th grade graduates move onto high school, high school graduates move onto college, vocational schools or jobs, college graduates move onto careers, etc. While it is, of course, important to look to the future, I also want to implore this year's round of graduates to take this time, the gray area of what's "next," to fully immerse themselves in the present.

You hear parents or other adults so often wistfully say to teens, "I remember when I was your age!" or "To only be young and carefree again." I heard it said as a teen, but I didn't understand it. Why would an adult want to go back to this gray area of life?

It's because those gray areas in life hold boundless opportunities for the future. The opportunity to try different things, to have new experiences, to fail and try something new. The ability to test all different sorts of paths and choose another one if it turns out not to be right for you. To learn, to grow, to innovate, to question the status quo, to do good for others, to keep moving. You don't have to have it all figured out right now; this is the time for testing the waters of who you want to be. Life's gray areas are where the magic happens and where you will discover yourself.

My hope for all of you is to absorb this gray area of life right now, to sit in it and enjoy it. If you're too busy focusing on what's "next," you'll miss opportunities right in front of you at this very moment.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. May you soak up all of life's gray areas and find your passions.

Best wishes,  
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Village Board Meetings

- Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

- Monday, June 13 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## Village Memorial Day Ceremony

- Monday, May 30, 2022 @ 9:00 AM at Channahon Village Hall

## Fire Protection District Open House

- Wednesday, June 1 @5-8:30 PM

## Independence Day Celebration

- Sunday, July 3 at Community Park



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# ANNUAL UTILITY RATE INCREASES

The Village's water, sewer and refuse rates have increased, effective May 1, 2022. 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 utility rate adjustments ensure the reliability and affordability of the community's water, sewer and refuse services. The following utility fees went into effect May 1, 2022:

Water/Sewer	New Rate
Water	\$6.93/1,000 gallons
Sewer	\$8.38/1,000 gallons

Refuse	New Rate
Monthly Refuse	\$20.94
Senior/Disabled Veteran Monthly	\$18.94



Thank you to all who joined us for the 8th Annual Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk!



## SPRING YARD REMINDERS

The Municipal Code of Ordinances §93.21 prohibits weeds and grasses to grow in height beyond 8 inches on improved properties or 12 inches on unimproved properties. The penalty for failing to maintain property, per §10.98 is \$100 and is considered a separate offense for each day that the condition continues to occur.

Grass clippings, weeds, leaves or other landscape waste are not permitted to be deposited into the street and must be removed from any paved surface. If you are having landscaping products delivered, please note that it is prohibited to dump mulch, stone, dirt or other items in the street. If there is no other place available, prior authorization by the Department of Public Works may grant permission for material to be on the street for up to 3 hours. §93.35.

## 2022 BUSINESS & CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Drumroll, please!

We are excited to announce the 2022 Business and Citizen of the Year recipients!

The Hive Kitchen and Robyn Bumgarner were recognized at our State of the Village Address in April for their incredible contributions to the community. Please join us in congratulating them!



# UPDATES FROM CHANNAHON POLICE DEPT.



## OFFICER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher and Chief of Police Shane Casey presented Officer Ethan Anderson with the William Kennedy Officer of the Year Award. Officer Anderson was nominated for this prestigious department award by his peers and supervisors due to his exemplary contributions to the Channahon community, including: drug enforcement, impaired driving enforcement, removing illegal weapons from our streets, enforcement of aggravated traffic offenses, and assisted with administering naloxone on multiple occasions to counter the effects of an acute opioid overdose. In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Anderson is a certified truck enforcement officer, breathalyzer operator, juvenile officer, lead homicide investigator, trauma informed investigator, DARE officer, and was recently chosen to serve on the ILEAS Mobile Field Force. Officer Anderson's committed approach to policing brings recognition to himself and the Channahon Police Department. His contributions and dedication to the police department, fellow first-responders and residents of our community is a reflection of our values and is an example for others to follow.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Ethan Anderson on this award and all of his accomplishments!



## THREE OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM POLICE ACADEMY

Congratulations to Officers Rodriguez, Kirkolis and Bowen on successfully completing the State of Illinois' Basic Law Enforcement Academy and passing the state exam. Please join us in wishing them well as they begin their law enforcement careers!



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