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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On June 20, 2022, the Channahon Village Board unanimously approved the Village's participation in the development of the initial engineering study for the widening of U.S. Rt. 6 from 1-55 to Houbolt Road. Residents don't often see the long term efforts necessary to bring a project to reality. This decision was the culmination of many years of championing this important project that is directly related to the quality of life for Channahon residents.

Six years ago, when the Will County Center for Economic Development and the County of Will were developing the freight mobility infrastructure plan for Will County, I demanded that the widening of US 6 be included as what is known as a "tier one" project - projects that were deemed most important and critical to the implementation of the plan. After numerous discussions with other local municipal and county leaders, and state elected officials, continuously advocating for this infrastructure improvement, both as a means of transportation and a quality of life issue for residents, the project was included in not only the freight mobility plan but also other local and regional transportation plans.

Before construction can start on a project, engineering must be conducted to determine the scope of the improvements. Working consistently and cooperatively with Will County and the City of Joliet, together we convinced the State of Illinois to share in the expense of funding the engineering study much sooner than otherwise would occur. I am proud to say that through our efforts, and the partnerships we developed with our neighbors and the state, this project is taking a major step on its way to becoming a reality. We sounded the horns and rallied those around us to recognize the importance of this project to the region. We now need to continue this process and advocate for the revenue that will result in the construction of this improvement.

But this is not the end. We as local elected officials must continue to focus on the bigger picture - how our communities can stay vibrant and prosper while protecting and enhancing the quality of life for our residents through proper planning, thoughtful growth, and infrastructure improvements. Our decisions in Channahon have led to the diversification and expansion of our tax base and the lowering of the property tax rate for our residents for six years straight. I, along with the Village Board, are committed to ensuring a balanced approach to growth that ensures the health and liveability of the community we all love and cherish.

I was asked recently if I still like being mayor. After a moment of thought, I replied, "I like it better this term than my first term because all of the things we worked so hard for in the first four years are starting to happen and it's fun to see." And we continue to work hard. I'm looking forward to seeing through in the next four years so many of the things we've worked hard to accomplish during this term.

Best wishes,  
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Village Board Meetings

- Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## Planning & Zoning

### Commission Meetings

- Monday, August 8, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## Channahon Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting

- Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## Channahon Community Potato Festival

- Saturday, September 17, 2022  
*Details coming soon!*



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# VILLAGE OF CHANNAHON AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR 17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Channahon for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (COA) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves.



For more information, visit <https://www.gfoa.org/coa-award>.



**Mark your calendars! The Channahon Police Department's National Night Out event returns in-person on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Keep an eye on our social media pages for more details in the coming weeks!**



## SUMMER FUN AT THREE RIVERS FEST

Looking for some fun? Bring the family to the Three Rivers Festival, which runs from Wednesday, August 10 to Sunday, August 14, 2022.

This year's festival will include a talent showcase, Wine Down Wine Tasting, pet rescue, 16" softball tournament, baby contest, Little Miss Channahon contest, senior bingo, the annual parade and much, much more!

For more information on other events and activities at the Three Rivers Festival, please visit their website at [www.threeriversfest.info](http://www.threeriversfest.info).



## HINES VA & ICASH AT VILLAGE HALL 7/13

The Hines VA Outreach Program will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Hines VA Outreach team provides 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.

Also that day, I-Cash representatives will be onsite from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist residents in searching for unclaimed property and other assets. More information can be found here: <https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/>

# SOLICITOR SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are some tips to help keep you safe when someone comes knocking at your door.



- Don't open your door at odd hours. **Solicitors shouldn't be knocking on your door before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.**
- Use peep-holes or security cameras, such as Ring, to determine who is at your door.
- Refuse to open the door to anyone you don't know or aren't comfortable with. **If a solicitor refuses to leave after being asked to, or becomes irate, call 911.**
- Consider talking to sales people through the door, or security system - such as Ring.
- **Don't be pressured to make a rushed purchase.** Most products being sold door-to-door can be obtained by contacting the company directly.
- **Never give solicitors personal information or disclose that you are home alone.**
- **Utilize "No Soliciting" signs near your door if you do not want door-to-door solicitation. These are available free of charge for pick up at Village Hall or the Police Department.**
- **Always ask to see their Village of Channahon solicitor's permit.** If they can't or won't show you, politely end the conversation and call **(815) 467-2112** to report them. You can always verify the validity of the Village's solicitor's permit by contacting the police.
- If you suspect a solicitor is not legitimate, take note of details you can observe, such as the person's personal appearance including height, approximate weight, hair and eye color, clothing description, and description of a vehicle of applicable, and contact police.
- **Avoid paying for goods and services up front.** If you don't feel comfortable giving the solicitor any money, DON'T! Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product. If you've already purchased something from a solicitor, and have paid by check and no longer feel comfortable with the transaction, cancel the check as soon as possible. If a credit or debit card was used, contact your bank or credit card company and follow their recommendations.
- **Don't crack under the pressure.** You have no obligation to buy something "right now." You can ask them to make an appointment to come back when it's convenient for you. Reserve your right to say "no." The longer you engage in the conversation, the greater the chance you will commit to something.
- **At no time should you let anyone in your house, or be drawn outside your house!**
- Remember that you are in charge. **If you feel intimidated, pressured, or threatened at any time, call 911.**

## GET CONNECTED

