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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

One of the questions I have received most often during my tenure as Village President tends to revolve around retail and commercial growth in Channahon: what's on the horizon, where it's going to go, how we're going to prepare for it, and so on.

A key factor in these conversations centers around our long term planning. Recently, we updated our 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan to provide further vision into long range goals and plans. It's easy to approve a plan that is a tangible and concrete immediate benefit. But, how did that "immediate benefit" happen?

Capital Improvement Plans are the undertakings that require patience and vision, because the benefits aren't as immediate as approving a plan for a new store. But, they are equally - maybe more - important; they are the big picture things that make Channahon a great place to live, and make businesses want to locate here. It's the long range plans, the big picture, the policies and decisions, the investment in our community, in infrastructure and utilities, and in improving services that ensures Channahon's vitality into the future, and allows us to continue to be a sought-after housing market, and to attract new retail/commercial partners.

It's the kind of plan that allows us to prioritize projects and budget accordingly. It's the kind of forward thinking and responsible investment and spending that has allowed us to lower the Village's tax rate more than 15% over the past seven years while continuing to invest in long term goals.

With our eye on the big picture and Channahon's future, thoughtful tax base diversification, deliberate planning, careful investment and more have allowed us to increase our services to residents while simultaneously decreasing our tax rate. In 2023, the Village of Channahon is poised to bring further economic development to our area. Starbucks, Dairy Queen and Tractor Supply Company will break ground in the spring, and Caseys will open their new, expanded facility.

On the commercial/industrial side, the Village of Channahon continues to hold the position that industrial uses should not spread west of I-55 or north of U.S. Route 6. The exception to this would be the redevelopment in areas that are already occupied by older industrial uses, such as the two Penske redevelopments underway along the west frontage road, north of U.S. Route 6.

The most notable area for future industrial development is the area located west of McClinden Road, in the region already occupied by industrial uses - otherwise known as the Brisbin Road Interchange Area. The Village has already purchased a site that will be a wastewater treatment plant to serve those western areas of Channahon. Discussions are also underway with our counterparts in Minooka and Morris, who share that Brisbin Road Interchange boundary with us, to begin planning for what future transportation routes may look like in that area as it continues to develop.

Whenever I visit local classrooms, I always tell students that the most important part of my job as Mayor is to make sure that Channahon is a good place for them to grow up, and a good place for them to make their home as adults, too. That's the goal of our strategic planning. That's the future - and that's the big picture.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Board Meetings

- Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Commission Meetings

- Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Special Budget Workshop Meeting

- Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ 8:00 AM

2023 State of the Village Address

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 8:00 AM



CONTACT US



24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410



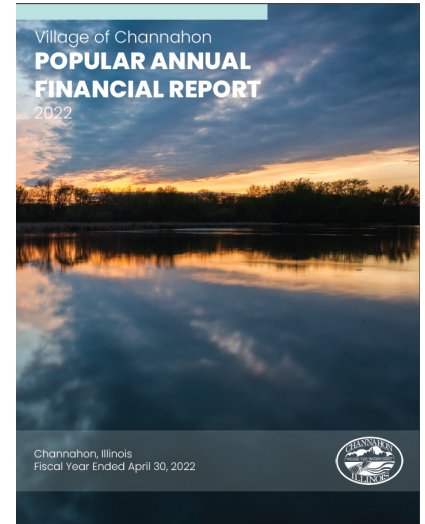
(815) 467-6644 (Village Hall)
(815) 467-9774 (Fax)



www.channahon.org

2022 POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

As part of the Village's efforts to promote transparency and disseminate information, the Village is pleased to present the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. The purpose of the PAFR is to offer a condensed and consolidated version of the Village's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which contains crucial financial information. The PAFR is specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties that may not have a background in public finance. The fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 PAFR can be found at www.channahon.org, or please feel free to pick up a printed version at Village Hall during operating hours.



REGISTER TO VOTE AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village of Channahon can register you to vote!

To do so, please visit Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive) with two forms of identification, one of which must show the voter's current address. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Driver's License
- State ID Card
- Utility Bill
- Checkbook
- Library Card
- Credit Card
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Employee ID Card
- Student ID Card
- Insurance Card

2023 ANIMAL TAGS AVAILABLE

2023 Pet Tags are now available! This free initiative is easy, quick and required by Village Ordinance (a copy of the Municipal Code of Ordinances: Chapter 91: Animals can be found online at www.channahon.org).

All cats and dogs must be registered with the Village on a yearly basis. Registering your pet allows for quicker identification and return should they get lost, avoiding boarding fees and fines. Owners can register their pets by scanning the QR code below, filling out the form at www.channahon.org/PetTags, or stopping by Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive) to register in person. Whether registering online or in person, please provide proof of current rabies vaccination.

After your pet's Village tag is issued, you may email a photo of your pet to mmazintas@channahon.org (please include the pet's name and Village tag number). If you no longer have a pet, or if you move, please contact Village Hall at 815-467-6644 to update our records.



2023 GARAGE SALE DATES

Mark your calendars: the 2023 Channahon Village-Wide Garage Sale dates are here!

SPRING

- Thursday, May 4
- Friday, May 5
- Saturday, May 6

FALL

- Thursday, September 7
- Friday, September 8
- Saturday, September 9

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Please check our website for further updates.

EARLY VOTING FOR 2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Early voting for the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023 will take place at Village Hall from March 20 to March 31. The hours for Early Voting will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. For questions, please contact Village Hall at 815-467-6644.

The Village of Channahon Presents

2023

State of the Village Address

Thursday, March 16, 2023
8:00 - 10:00 AM

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center
25055 S. Walnut Lane, Channahon, IL 60410

\$35 per person | Breakfast will be served
Please RSVP by Thursday, March 9, 2023
To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/vocsov23>

For more information or questions, please call (815) 467-6644.

9TH ANNUAL PINK HEALS Mother's Day Walk

IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

6:30 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
8:00 a.m. 5K Walk Begins

**Channahon Village Hall
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410**

Here is how it works:

Register online! Link is on Facebook & Website

Cost of Pre Registration:

Online after 4/30: \$25 per Adult (18 & older);
\$15 per child (17 & younger)

Day of Registration:

Online after 4/30 & Day of Event: \$35 per Adult (18 & older);
\$25 per Child (17 & younger)

****Please Note: Walk-up Registrants (Day of Event) are NOT guaranteed t-shirts or sizes.**

- Food Vendors
- Raffle Baskets
- 50/50



Registration Packet & T-Shirt
Pick Up Days & Times:
**Channahon Village Hall
24555 S. Navajo Drive,
Channahon, IL 60410**
Tuesday, May 9th: 4pm - 7pm
Thursday, May 11th: 6pm - 9pm

Pink Heals Joliet Area Chapter
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www.PinkHealsJoliet.org

For questions or more information
please email:
pinkhealsjolietmdw@gmail.com

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CHANNAHON PD POINTER: BEWARE OF TAX SCAMS



5 THINGS THE IRS WILL NEVER DO:

1. Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. The IRS will never contact you by email, text, or social media.
4. Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. The IRS also cannot revoke your driver's license, business licenses, or immigration status. Threats like these are common tactics scam artists use to trick victims into buying into their schemes.
5. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

KNOW WHO TO CONTACT:

- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report a phone scam. Use their "[IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing)" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.
- Report phone scams to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov (<https://www.ftc.gov/media/71268>). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.
- Report an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, or an IRS-related component like the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov (<https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing>).

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