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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The following is an excerpt from the Mayor's Memorial Day speech on Monday, May 29, 2023:

Thank you all for coming out this morning to honor and remember those who sacrificed their own lives for all of us. Welcome to our veterans, here today to honor their brothers and sisters in arms. And, to accept on their behalf, the gratitude of our community and our country.

Each year I am honored and humbled to give this address. Who am I? I'm just a little girl who grew up here secure in the knowledge that I live in the greatest community in the greatest country on earth. It is my privilege to honor those who made it so.

Today is about more than just remembering our dead. We grieve all of our dead - we remember them in cemeteries and memorial services in countless ways. But a few gave their lives, selflessly, to create and safeguard an ideal: The United States of America.

Today is about honoring that ideal, and those few who gave their lives in her defense. The American Ideal.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

That's what they fought for. That's what they died for. For Democracy and Freedom. For Justice and Opportunity. And we owe it to them to uphold those ideals, to live our lives in support and example of those ideals. Not just in words, but in deeds. Those are the ideals upon which this country was founded. And those are the ideals for which our soldiers offered their lives. Our charge is to carry it forward - to do better!

How many times have you said the Pledge of Allegiance? "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Those should not just be words. Those are actions! Not a single soldier ever went into battle thinking they were fighting for a country that was based on a dying ideal. Our country, our society, our way of life is a living, growing, ever-changing thing. They went, and they fought, and they gave their lives to this country so that we could continue to grow. To persevere and to bear the fruits of the gift their deaths ensured for all of us - freedom. Their self-sacrifice is a debt we can never fully repay, but for our efforts to uphold and protect that for which they died.

That is OUR duty. To honor our heroes. To honor their courage. To honor their sacrifice. To ensure that they did not die in vain.

Today we gather to remember together. Our challenge, our solemn duty, is to remember every day and to act in honor of their memory. Thank you all for being here today to reflect, to honor, and to carry forward those American ideals. The United States of America, for all her faults, she is still a symbol of freedom and a beacon of hope. And, she is still the greatest nation in the world.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Board Meetings

- Monday, June 19, 2023 @6:00 PM
- Monday, July 3, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Commission Meetings

- Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events

- Independence Day Celebration
Monday, July 3, 2023, 6:00 PM
Ronald D. Lehman Community Park
- Fall Village Garage Sales
September 7-9, 2023
More information to come



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VILLAGE WATERING GUIDELINES

Watering from the Village's public water supply may only be used for watering or sprinkling of lawns as follows:

1. All properties with even-numbered street numbers may use public water supply for watering purposes on even-numbered calendar days **between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is prohibited at all other times.**
2. All properties with odd-numbered street numbers may use public water supply for watering purposes on odd-numbered calendar days **between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is prohibited at all other times.**

The filling of swimming pools is not time restricted but most comply with the odd and even numbered days.

Newly installed sod and seed may **be watered during the first ten (10) days after installation.** Water from the Village water distribution system may be used for watering of the newly installed sod or seed for up to eight (8) hours per day. **After the first 10 days the odd/even day and hourly time restrictions will apply.**



Thank you for all who joined us for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29!

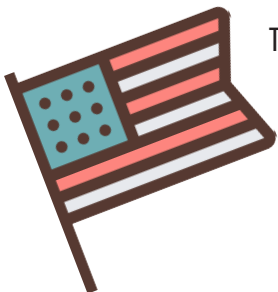


INDEPENDENCE DAY REMINDERS

Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will be open on Monday, July 3 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

Please note that although there will be refuse pickup on Monday, July 3, there will be NO REFUSE PICKUP on Tuesday, July 4 due to the holiday. Collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. For questions regarding refuse service, please contact Environmental Recycling & Disposal at 815-725-4555.

The Village's regularly scheduled first Board meeting in July will take place on Wednesday, July 5 due to the Independence Day holiday.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Independence Day Celebration 2023
Monday, July 3, 2023
Ronald D. Lehman Community Park**

Join us for our annual Independence Day Celebration! This event is a joint event between the Village of Channahon, Channahon Park District, and the Three Rivers Public Library District. The concert in the park begins at 6PM and ends around 9:15PM with a fantastic fireworks display.

Parking is first come, first serve with additional street parking available. We do encourage community members to carpool and leave enough time to walk to and from the park, and to have patience while leaving the show.

Please note, in the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 12PM on July 3rd as to whether the event will go forward. Please watch the Channahon Park District's Facebook page and website for any updates.

BE AWARE, PARK WITH CARE



With school out for the summer, and nicer weather on the horizon, we will soon be seeing an increase in pedestrians using our sidewalks and paths. It is also the time of the year that we begin receiving complaints regarding vehicles parking over, and obstructing, the sidewalk. The Channahon Police would like to take this moment to remind residents to keep sidewalks clear of parked vehicles and other obstructions. In addition to being a violation of Illinois statute and Village ordinance, it impedes travel for many of our mobility challenged residents wishing to enjoy the outdoors.



Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout our Village ensures that everyone can get around without entering streets or yards. Sidewalks blocked by vehicles or other obstructions are hazardous to pedestrians, strollers, young cyclists, and people who rely on wheelchairs or motorized scooters to get around.



All pedestrians, especially our children, are safest when utilizing sidewalks throughout the Village. Deviations into streets and yards can prove to be hazardous with uneven surfaces, curbs, and vehicle movement.

Your courtesy and cooperation is greatly appreciated by your neighbors.

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