

# Discover *Channahon*





## Upcoming Meetings

The Village of Channahon Board of Trustees meets twice each month. The Planning & Zoning Commission meets once per month. All meetings are held at Village Hall at 6 PM, unless otherwise noted.

### June

Board of Trustees  
Monday, June 3 • 6:00 PM  
Monday, June 17 • 6:00 PM

Planning & Zoning  
Monday, June 10 • 6:00 PM

## Village Hall

24555 S. Navajo Drive  
Channahon, IL 60410

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,  
Monday-Friday

Phone: (815) 467-6644

Email: [info@channahon.org](mailto:info@channahon.org)

## Upcoming Closures

Independence Day:  
Thursday, July 4



## Elected Officials

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## Message from the Mayor

Happy Spring, Channahon!

The change in seasons always brings about evolution - gray skies of winter return to blue, the plants and flowers begin to bloom anew, the air gets warmer and the days grow longer. This year, we decided it was time for a little spring evolution of our own, in the form of our Discover Channahon newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that, as of May 1, 2024, Discover Channahon will now be published quarterly - and mailed directly to the doorsteps of our residents.

In a world where nearly everything is digital, sometimes it's worthwhile to do things the old-fashioned way. While our newsletters will still be available on our website and social media channels, we want to provide yet another avenue for our residents to receive news in the ways that work best for them. Additionally, moving from a monthly newsletter to a quarterly newsletter will allow us to bring you longer format, seasonal news.

In each issue, you can expect to see a full calendar of community events for that quarter, along with meeting dates for the Village Board of Trustees and Planning & Zoning Commission. Leaders from our Administration, Police, Finance, Community Development, and Public Works departments will provide a range of updates, including helpful tips and tricks, important notices, construction project news, and much, much more.

We're excited about the changes to the Discover Channahon newsletter, and we think you will be, too.

Best wishes,  
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher



Special thanks to Honest Abe for visiting Village Hall in April!

## Village Directory

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## Special Events

The first quarter of 2024 was filled with fun!

In February, the Village hosted a Coffee & Company event in partnership with the Grundy County Chamber. March saw two of our favorite events - Shadow Day with members of the Channahon Junior High School Student Council, and the State of the Village Address at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Check out the exciting Village events coming up in Q2 2024!



## Upcoming Events

### July 3

Independence Day Celebration  
6:00PM  
Ronald D. Lehman Community Park  
23304 W. McClintock Road

Concert in the Park: 6-9:15PM  
Fireworks Show: 9:15PM

### August 7-11

Three Rivers Festival  
Central Park  
24856 W. Eames Street

Visit [www.threeriversfest.info](http://www.threeriversfest.info) for up-to-date information on the 2024 Three Rivers Festival!

### September 14

Rock On Channahon  
3-8:00PM  
Central Park  
24856 W. Eames Street

Join us as we put a rockin' new spin on the fan-favorite Potato Festival!

More information on these events and others can be found on the Village's website ([www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org)) or our social media pages.

## Admin Updates

### Welcome New Residents!

If you are new to the Village of Channahon, we extend a hearty welcome! Please pick up your copy of our "Welcome to Channahon" packet at the Village Hall. This publication is packed with noteworthy information about Village services.



Village Administrator  
Tom Durkin



At the 2024 State of the Village Address, Mayor Missey had the honor of presenting our Business, Citizen and Police Officer of the Year Awards.

- Officer of the Year: Ofc. Steven Cerovac
- Citizen of the Year: Dianna Martin
- Business of the Year: Brieser Construction

These award winners were selected for their commitment to being upstanding members of the community who go above and beyond in their dedication to the Village.

Please join us in congratulating all of our 2024 award winners!

## PD Pointers

The Channahon Police Department would like to remind everyone the operation of golf carts and utility task vehicles is subject to the ordinances of the Village. All golf carts and UTVs must be registered with the Village, drivers must have a valid driver's license, carts and UTVs are subject to mandatory liability insurance requirements. Additionally, all must be equipped with brakes, a steering wheel, tires, rear view mirror, windshield, horn or warning device, **seat belts for all occupants**, red reflective warning devices in front and rear, an approved slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear, and visible headlights and tail lights. All carts and UTVs can only be operated between sunrise and sunset. Golf carts and UTVs may not be operated on sidewalks or other public property not accessible to or authorized for vehicular traffic.

Before purchasing or operating a golf cart or UTV on Village streets, please visit [www.channahon.org](http://www.channahon.org) and learn more about the ordinance governing their use in Channahon.



Police Chief  
Adam Bogart

## Finance Facts

### Yard Waste

Yard Waste pickup began the week of March 11th. This service is provided on a weekly basis through December 13th. Residents are allowed to place yard waste in biodegradable Kraft type bags or use the 95-gallon yard waste cart provided.

Yard waste consists of grass trimmings, leaves, twigs, branches, shrubbery cuttings, outdoor plants and flowers. Tree limbs are also acceptable and should be less than four inches in diameter bundled a maximum of two feet in diameter and three feet in length.

Unacceptable items include plastic bags, animal waste, cardboard, concrete, rock, fruits, vegetables, dirt, stone, indoor plants,

tree roots and stumps larger than three inches.

Place carts and/or bags at the curb with the wheels against the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection days and remove the same day. Keep carts at least four feet from parked cars, mailboxes and other obstacles that may prevent Environmental Recycling & Disposal / LRS from picking it up.

To request a cart or report a missed pickup, contact Environmental Recycling & Disposal / LRS at 815-725-4555 during normal business hours.



Finance Director  
Heather Wagonblott

## Development Details

### Summer Spruce Ups: Planning Tips to Know

Dreaming of a summer oasis in your own backyard? Before you grab the shovel, here are some helpful tips to ensure your project goes smoothly.

**Permits:** Many summer projects require a permit, including fences, decks, sheds, pools, and gazebos. Poured concrete and asphalt flatwork also need permits, but paver stones don't. Unsure if your project needs a permit? Just call the Building Department during the planning phase.

**Shed & Garage Regulations:** Thinking of adding a shed? They can't be larger than 180 square feet and must sit on a concrete pad. Make sure to place it at least 10 feet from your property lines, with special considerations for corner lots. Detached garages aren't allowed in R-1 or R-3 residential zoning districts, but are okay in A-2,

R-2, RE-1, and RE-2 residential zones. Find your zone at [www.channahon.org/zoningmap](http://www.channahon.org/zoningmap).

#### Drainage Do's and Don'ts:

Planning a berm or changing your yard's slope? Be mindful of drainage paths between properties. The Public Works department can help with any drainage questions. If you have a septic system, consider how the roots of trees or shrubs might impact the system.

**Call Before You Dig!** Always remember to call JULIE at 8-1-1 before digging to avoid underground utilities. Some utilities, especially TV/internet services, are very close to the surface and can be easily cut.

With a little planning, your summer yard improvement project can become a reality!



Community Development Director  
Michael Petrick

## Reminder:

No Refuse Service on Memorial Day  
Refuse service will be delayed by a day due to the observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th.

## Annual Utility Rate Increases

The Village of Channahon is committed to managing the utility costs by being efficient and upholding the Village's commitment to a sustainable future. In 2030, the Village's water source will transfer to Lake Michigan water in order to provide reliable, high-quality water service to residents and businesses. In 2010 and 2022, the Village established annual sewer and water 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 Village's water, sewer and refuse rates will increase, **effective May 1, 2024**, as indicated in this chart.

Water/Sewer	New Rate
Water	\$7.64/1,000 gallons
Sewer	\$8.89/1,000 gallons
Refuse	New Rate
Monthly Refuse	\$22.32
Senior/Disabled Veteran Monthly	\$20.32

## Public Works Pro-Tips

### Natural Lawn Care Tips

Lawn care doesn't have to involve the use of chemicals. Consider these tips for a healthy lawn and to limit your impact on local rivers and streams:

- **Choose a grass better suited to our area.** If you're seeding new grass, select a hardier grass that requires less watering and fertilizer.
- **Don't mow too low.** Mowing a lawn too short exposes surface roots and dries out the soil faster. As a general rule, try not to mow more than 1/3 of the height of the grass at a time.
- **Focus on improving the health of your grass and soil over time** instead of using large amounts of fertilizer as a quick fix.
- **Use a mulching mower to help naturally fertilize lawns.** Mulching mowers leave behind shredded grass clippings that act as compost to fertilize your lawn without adding chemicals.
- **Dispose of lawn clippings and other yard**

#### waste properly.

Do not dump anything along streams, wetlands, or in other natural areas.

- **Consider native plant landscaping.** This will reduce the amount of lawn on your property, requiring less fertilizer, watering and mowing. As another benefit to nearby streams, native plants filter out pollutants in runoff and infiltrate the water into the soil. Native plants also improve the local ecosystem by providing habitat for birds and butterflies.
- **Have tolerance.** "Weeds" like clover are actually good for your lawn as they help to fix nitrogen in the soil making it available for your grass to easily use. The clover flowers also provide food for native pollinators.



Public Works Director  
Ed Dolezal

The poster features a dark grey background with vibrant red and white elements. At the top, two stylized red guitars are positioned on either side of a central white circle. Two white lightning bolts strike downwards from the top corners towards the circle. Inside the circle, the words "ROCK ON CHANNAHON" are written in a bold, white, blocky font. Below the circle is a white hand making the "rock on" gesture. The year "2024" is printed in large, bold, white numbers in the center. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text: "SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 3-8 P.M." followed by a small white star and "CENTRAL PARK 24856 W. EAMES ST., CHANNAHON".

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