

JULY 2020

DISCOVER CHANNAHON

Information & News for the Channahon Community



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well, the first half of 2020 has certainly shaped up to be interesting. While we are all working toward getting back to normal, and redefining what "normal" might be, I want to take a few moments to point out some of the highlights of the past few months.

We have an incredible community!

The Channahon community came together to support not just our local businesses, but each other as well. New social media groups popped up to provide information on businesses, offer help, and motivate each other with ways to stay fit and healthy. Businesses got creative with new ways to serve customers. Neighbors got creative with ways to support one another.

Our community came together to support first responders and healthcare workers in myriad ways from making face coverings to providing meals. Our educators came together quickly to create online learning lessons and make e-learning accessible to our students.

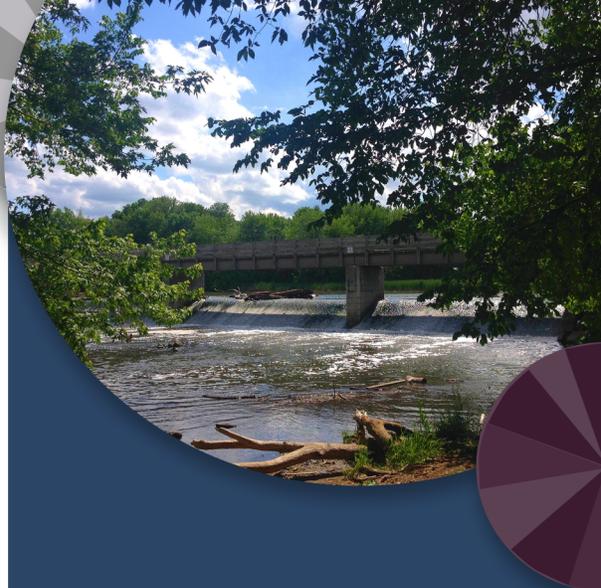
At the Village of Channahon, we scrambled to create procedures, policies, schedules and work capabilities to keep staff, work crews and officers safe and healthy so that we could continue to provide Village services to our residents. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, new home building continued, the expansion of our waste water treatment plant progressed, construction on the Bridge Street Multi-Use Path began, summer road maintenance projects began, numerous

other projects continue to progress, grant applications have been submitted with an eye toward future improvements, and recent storms have kept our public works crews busy with clean up.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our community for all that you have done to help and support this community, your neighbors, our businesses and our essential personnel. You all, and that sense of community you all display especially in the face of adversity, are what makes Channahon a wonderful place to live and operate a business.

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Congratulations to our 2020 Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year & Officer of the Year Winners!



Local Business
SPOTLIGHT

Business Name: Von Holten Eyecare



Business Address: 25824 W. Eames Street

Owner: Ryan Von Holten, OD

Founded/Established: 2006

Product/Service Offered: Glasses, contact lenses, sunglasses, eye disease treatment, eye emergencies, Lasik consultations

Slogan/Motto: A Brighter Vision Today

What makes your business unique to the Channahon area? We have the highest technology equipment in eye care to ensure that you have the best vision possible.

What do you enjoy most about doing business in Channahon? We raise our family in Channahon and take pride in providing the best care in our area!

What would you like Channahon residents to know about your business? We strive to make sure that you and your family are truly cared for!



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VILLAGE HALL REOPENED TO PUBLIC

Channahon Village Hall (24555 S. Navajo Drive) is now open to the public during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM).

To protect the safety and wellbeing of our residents, visitors and staff, guests entering Village Hall will be required to follow CDC social distancing guidelines and face covering guidelines. Safety measures have also been implemented to limit the direct contact between visitors and Village Hall staff, and public areas are being regularly and thoroughly sanitized. Signage is posted throughout the common areas of the building to provide additional guidance.

Residents are encouraged to visit Village Hall only for essential business that must be transacted in person. Many services continue to be available via the Village website or over the phone, and payments are also accepted via mail or in the dropbox located outside of Village Hall.

We appreciate your understanding. Please call 815-467-6644 for any questions.

FALL VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES CANCELED

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Village has decided to cancel the Fall Village Wide Garage Sales (September 10-12). While we are disappointed that we are unable to hold this event, we know it is the right decision for the safety and wellbeing of our residents based on the information we have today.

While the Village Wide Garage Sales have been canceled, residents may still host their own individual garage sales. We encourage residents to take the following precautions for themselves and potential customers should you choose to host your own garage sale:

- Display posters to remind customers about social distancing.
- Tables and chairs should be at least 6 feet apart.
- Use tape to direct visitors through the sale.
- Disinfect merchandise before putting it out for sale.
- Clean tables and chairs throughout the day.
- Supply hand sanitizer on tables and elsewhere for customers.
- Wear masks and disposable gloves.

CHANNAHON ESDA VOLUNTEER CORP

The Channahon ESDA Volunteer Corp is a new division of the Channahon Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) lead by the Emergency Services Coordinator for the Village of Channahon.

The ESDA Volunteer Corp is currently seeking applicants. Channahon ESDA will be engaging individuals in volunteer activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups and community safety organizations. Everyone can do something to support local law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, community public health efforts and the four stages of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, response and recovery efforts.

Applications and more information can be found on the Village's website (www.channahon.org). Applications must be returned by **August 15, 2020**.



Local Business SPOTLIGHT

Business Name: Precision Truck Center

Business Address: 24232 S. Northern Illinois Drive

Owner: Mark Pieroni

Founded/Established: 2016

Product/Service Offered: Truck repair, transmissions, differentials

Slogan/Motto: Built to last!

What makes your business unique to the Channahon area? We are the only rebuilders for transmissions and differentials in the area.

What do you enjoy most about doing business in Channahon? The small town feeling in a growing city. The people are friendly and everything is so well maintained!

What would you like Channahon residents to know about your business? We are very involved in the community. The business sponsors and participates in many community events. In 2019 alone we worked with schools, Catholic charities, organizations that help children, sponsored the Three Rivers Festival and 5k events. Our business loves to give back and support the people who help support us. We believe that any action, big or small, will make a difference.

Know of a Channahon business that should be featured in an upcoming spotlight? Email sthompson@channahon.org

RESIDENTIAL WATERING 101

Water your yard early in the morning and soak the ground thoroughly so that it penetrates to a depth of at least 3". While the amount of water needed will vary depending on the weather and the time of year, the general rule of thumb is to make sure your lawn receives 1" of water per week in dry conditions. To monitor the amount of water your lawn is receiving, put several containers on the ground while watering. Then use a ruler to measure the depth of the water in the containers. Remember, overwatering can significantly increase your monthly utility bill, waste vital resources and may damage your lawn by causing over-saturation.

The Village of Channahon's water restrictions are as follows: sprinkling of lawns is permitted on odd and even-numbered days corresponding to the last digit of the home address.

CALCULATING WATER USE

To provide your lawn with 1" of water it takes a little over a half a gallon per square foot (0.623 gallon to be more exact). This means that every 10'x10' area will require over 62 gallons of water to achieve appropriate saturation. That may not sound like much until you consider that a 100'x100' lawn uses approximately 6,230 gallons of water every time you turn on the sprinklers. To calculate the amount of water you use, multiply the width times the length of your yard in feet to get the total number of square feet. Then multiply that figure by 0.623 to come up with the number of gallons used. That amount should then be multiplied by the current utility rate charged (per 1,000 gallons of water).

ARE YOU STORM READY?

Outdoor Warning Sirens are designed to warn those who are **outside**. Sirens are not designed or intended to be used to warn those indoors. Outdoor Warning Sirens are not just for tornadoes. They are also used to warn of significant events that pose a threat to the health and safety of those outdoors. Examples include: tornado or tornado warning, severe weather, hail, high winds and chemical or radiological release.

- **Hearing a siren is a signal to move indoors and seek additional information, from your television, radio, computer or smart device. DO NOT CALL 911 to inquire about siren activation.**
- During a siren activation *you should assume that you need to take cover immediately.*
- It does not mean the hazard has ended when the siren stops sounding.

Indoor Warning Systems are methods that include cable television and alert radios. Cable television and alert radios are designed to interrupt normal broadcasting and alert and/or wake up indoor occupants. Schools, homes, churches and businesses should consider the capabilities of alert radios.

Personal Warning Systems include smart phone/device applications, text messages or priority email. The following website shows step-by-step instructions on how to set up your iPhone or Android device for direct, timely and accurate weather warnings from the National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/wm/mobile-phone>. Consider following Will or Grundy EMA on social media, or download their apps for your smart device.



UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, July 20, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Monday, September, 2020
6:00 p.m.

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