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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The promise of a new year brings renewed focus and new opportunities, and the Village of Channahon is excited to welcome 2023.

I am pleased to share that the Channahon Village Board once again voted to lower the tax rate levied by the Village of Channahon. In fact, over the past seven years, the Village Board has decreased the Village's portion of the property tax rate year-over-year, resulting in a more than 15.2% cumulative decrease since 2016. Less than seven cents of your property tax dollar goes to the Village.

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. Among our goals for this year is to continue that long-term stable and diverse tax base, along with ongoing careful budgeting, so that potential fluctuations in the national and global economies have a less dramatic impact on our residents.

Also near the top of our list of goals for Channahon in 2023 is to continue to identify, enhance, and promote the things that bring us together as a community. How do we take the things we love about this community, the things that make Channahon unique, and magnify that for both visitors and residents? We are committed to preserving and accentuating our natural amenities, with a focus on green space, water recreation, connections and events that serve to bring people together.

I am excited for what's in store for our community in 2023 and beyond - I hope you are, too.

Best wishes,

Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Board Meetings

- Monday, January 16, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, February 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Planning & Zoning

Commission Meetings

- Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

2023 State of the Village Address

- Thursday, March 16, 2023

**More details to be shared soon.*



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BANKING PAYMENTS MADE ONLINE

Many residents choose to pay utility bills from their online checking accounts (also known as bank checks). This payment method involves a resident requesting the banking institution to create and mail a paper check to a vendor for a specific amount, on a requested date. Though the banking institution allows the choice of a payment date, please be advised that the banking institution cannot control the length of time in which it takes the paper check to be processed, mailed and delivered to the Village.

Paying a time sensitive bill with a bank check includes a risk of the payment being received late and assessed a late fee and penalty. A common misconception is that when payments are made through online banking, the funds are sent directly to the intended vendor on the date requested. Many people do not realize that when a payment request is made through online banking, a paper check is produced and mailed by the bank to the Village. Bank checks do not contain a United States Post Office postmark date on the envelope in which it is mailed. Therefore, there is no way for Village staff to determine if the bank check was sent in a timely manner. If the Village of Channahon receives the bank check after the due date, a late fee will be assessed. If issuing a bank check is a resident's preferred payment method, the Village of Channahon recommends doing so 7-10 days before the due date to ensure timely receipt of the payment. The Village offers several alternate payment methods to avoid potential late fees: automatic utility bill payment (ACH withdrawal), credit card payments, or the drop box located in the Village Hall parking lot (24555 S. Navajo Drive).

ONLINE PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Village of Channahon continues to meet the needs of its residents in an ever-changing technological world. The Village provides a 24-hour payment option for utility bills, building permits or Administrative Compliance Tickets (ACT tickets) through the online payment portal found at www.channahon.org. Please have your utility bill, permit, or citation (ACT ticket) available when processing your transaction online. Debit or credit card payments are accepted online in the following forms: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. Please allow up to three (3) days for the payment to be processed.

If a utility payment is being made to avoid termination of utility services, please contact the Finance Department at 815-467-6644 to alert Village staff of the payment. Please note that convenience fee is charged by the credit card processing vendor for each credit card transaction.

2023 ANIMAL TAGS NOW 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 at www.channahon.org/PetTags, or stop 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.

TOOLS FOR CLEARING SNOW AT HOME

The right tool for the job makes clearing snow much easier. Before you grab the salt, pick up the shovel or wheel out the snow blower.

Shoveling snow is a winter ritual in the Chicago area - and likely not your favorite one. Yet, we take the trouble to clear snow and ice for safe driveways and walkways. Fortunately, the right tool for the job can make cleaning up easier.

(Courtesy of the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition)

WINTER CLEAN-UP TIPS

For easy clean-up, clear surfaces soon after it snows. Snow tends to compact and turn icy as it sits, especially if you walk or drive on it. Start by clearing as much snow and ice as possible. Next, take a moment to assess where you, your family, and neighbors walk over these surfaces. If these areas are still icy, scatter salt there. There's no need to put down salt where people never walk.

What's the best tool for clearing snow? It depends on the quality of the snow. Light, fluffy snowfall is obviously easier to clear than compacted, icy snow.

BROOM: FRESH, LIGHT SNOWFALL

When the snow is powdery and fluffy, it is usually easier to clear snow with a broom instead of a shovel. Use a hard-bristled push broom for larger areas like driveways and sidewalks and a smaller broom for your porch, steps, and smaller walkways. After a couple inches or when the snow starts to compact, it's time to switch to a shovel.

SHOVEL: HEAVIER SNOW

Shovels help manage deeper, dry to medium-wet snow. Know that there are many different shovel designs that can help you tackle different snow situations. Some are more suited to pushing snow. Others have an ergonomic handle to reduce back strain.

SALT: DIFFICULT, HIGH-TRAFFIC WALKWAYS

After you've cleared as much snow and ice as possible from your driveways and walkways, you can scatter salt over difficult, slippery areas. You actually don't need much salt to effectively melt the remaining ice! Scatter salt with space between granules. A thick layer of salt won't melt the ice any faster.

Because salt has an impact on the environment, infrastructure, and our pets, it's important to not overdo it. Salt hurts freshwater ecosystems in local waterways, kills vegetation along roads and paths, corrodes cars, bridges, and buildings, and is a potential safety hazard to pets.

Salt is an important tool for maintaining safe paths and driveways in the winter, but it isn't the only tool. Clearing snow and ice first with a broom, shovel, scraper, or snowblower is more effective, preserves infrastructure, and protects clean water in local rivers and streams.

SCRAPER: ICY PATCHES

After you sweep or shovel snow, you may be left with a few icy patches. Ice scrapers, sometimes called ice choppers or ice breakers, can help break up patches of ice. Use this tool to get under an edge of the ice, or ram it downward to smash the ice into pieces.

SNOW BLOWER: HEAVIER SNOWFALL AND LARGE AREAS

Snow blowers, while a much more expensive option, can save you hours of work through the winter. Single-stage snow blowers can remove up to 8-inches of snow on paved surfaces. Two-stage snow blowers are more powerful and can handle deep, wet snow on pavement, gravel, or dirt.

CHANNAHON PD GIVES BACK FOR HOLIDAYS



For the second year, members of the Channahon Police Department took part in Grundy County Heroes & Helpers Inc. "Shop with a Hero" event. Channahon officers joined more than 70 other heroes and 150 helpers from all over Grundy County to ensure each child has a joyful Christmas and positive interaction with local first responders. In 2022, the organization was able to bring Christmas to 155 kids throughout Grundy County. During the event, children ages 3-15 are paired with first responders to shop for necessities such as coats, hats, gloves, boots, shoes, and clothes. After shopping, the children also get the opportunity to shop for toys in Santa's toy shop. For more information on Grundy County Heroes & Helpers and how you can get involved, please visit <https://gchhinc.org/>.



In addition to participating in the 2022 Heroes and Helpers event, Channahon Police Department officers from Sergeant Blough's night shift - along with their counterparts from the Minooka Police Department - came together in support of Chanooka Wish's "Adopt-a-Family" program. Together, the officers provided toys and other gifts to local children in-need for Christmas. For more information on Chanooka Wish and how you can get involved, please visit <https://chanookawf.org>.

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