

MARCH 2020

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Information & News for the Channahon Community



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Let's talk trash!

But seriously, some changes are coming to our residential solid waste pick up.

Our current contract with Waste Management is set to expire on April 30. After several years with this hauler, the Village Board thought it prudent to see what all refuse hauling companies had to offer. Our goal was to secure the most comprehensive service for our residents at the best price.

After receiving a number of proposals, staff and elected officials interviewed three companies. On March 2, the Village Board approved a contract with Environmental Recycling & Disposal for the pick up and

disposal of residential trash, recycling and yard waste. The most significant increase in service is the elimination of all stickers for yard waste and extra trash, along with unlimited yard waste pick up utilizing an optional toter or biodegradable yard waste bags.

More detailed information on the expected transition time frame is on the forthcoming pages, and updates will be available on our website and social media outlets. In addition, both the Village of Channahon and Environmental Recycling & Disposal will be sending direct mailings to Channahon residents. To sign up to receive alerts from the Village directly to your email, please visit www.channahon.org/list.aspx.



Environmental
Recycling & Disposal

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Environmental Recycling & Disposal Transition Timeline & FAQ

A change in waste collection providers is coming for all Village of Channahon residents. Environmental Recycling & Disposal will be the new service provider for weekly refuse, recycling and yard waste collection beginning May 1, 2020.

New Cart Delivery & Old Cart Removal

In the days ahead, you will receive a mailing from Environmental Recycling & Disposal introducing the vendor. At the bottom of that letter is a form to select cart sizes. On the form, please indicate which size cart you would like for refuse and recyclables; there is also an option to opt-out of the included yard waste cart. **It is important that the form is returned to Environmental no later than March 20, 2020.**

Residents can either fill out the form at www.envrd.com or mail it with the return envelope provided with the letter from Environmental.

Environmental will begin delivering refuse, recycling and yard waste carts starting April 20. The new carts will be green with lids colored to indicate their designated purpose: **dark green for refuse**, **tan for recycling** and **light green for yard waste**. All of the new carts are expected to be delivered by April 27.

Environmental will continue accepting requests from those who wish to exchange the initial carts for different sizes until July 1, 2020. After that date, fees may apply for cart size exchange requests.

The last day of service with Waste Management is April 27. After this date, Waste Management will retrieve carts from your home. The Village and Waste Management are developing a transition plan outlining the timing for cart removal that will be shared with residents as soon as it is available.

Pickup Day Changes

While a portion of Village refuse collection remains on Monday, Environmental has also added refuse pickup on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. When your new refuse carts are delivered by Environmental in April, you will receive a notice advising which day is your new refuse pickup day. A map is also available on the reverse side of this letter.

Transition Timeline



Cart size selection forms for refuse and recyclable carts are due back to Environmental. This form can either be returned via mail or online at www.envrd.com.

3/20/2020



Environmental Recycling & Disposal begins delivering new refuse, recycling and yard waste carts to residential customers.

4/20/2020



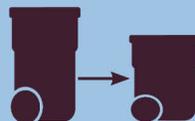
Last day of service with Waste Management. Waste Management will retrieve carts at a date to be announced soon.

4/27/2020



First day of services with Environmental Recycling & Disposal - **use the new Environmental carts.**

5/4-5/7/2020



Last day to request new cart sizes (fees may apply after 7/1/2020).

7/1/2020



Environmental
Recycling & Disposal

CONTACT INFORMATION

Customer Service: (815) 725-4555

Email: channahon@envrd.com

Website: www.envrd.com

Refuse Vendor Transition: Frequently Asked Questions

Q Is my refuse pickup day going to change when Environmental takes over?

A While a portion of Village collection will remain on Monday, Environmental has also added refuse pickup days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. When your new refuse carts are delivered by Environmental in April, you will receive a notice advising which day is your new refuse pickup day. See the adjacent map as well.

Q What should I do with my Waste Management carts?

A After Waste Management's last day of service on April 27, they will retrieve their carts from your home. The Village and Waste Management are developing a transition plan outlining the timing for cart removal that will be shared with residents as soon as it is available. Please visit our website and/or social media pages for updates. Sign up to receive alerts via email at www.channahon.org.

Q What cart sizes does Environmental Recycling & Disposal offer? Are there different prices for different cart sizes?

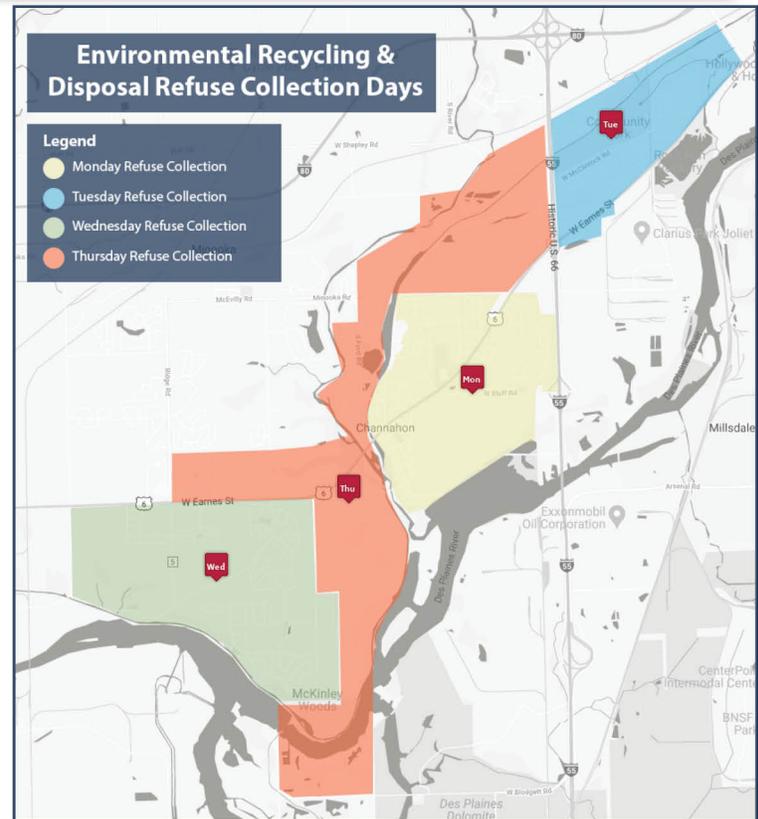
A Refuse cart sizes are 95-, 65- and 35-gallon. Recyclables cart sizes are 95- and 65- gallon. Yard waste carts are only available in the 95-gallon size. There are not different prices for different cart sizes. The first year rate for all refuse services is \$20.64. Please contact Melissa Timm with the Village's Finance Department at (815) 467-6644 with any billing questions.

Q How does the new yard waste program work with Environmental?

A A 95-gallon cart for yard waste pickup is included in Environmental's services to all Village residents. Yard waste pickup will occur annually from the week of March 15 through the week of December 15. During the months in which yard waste pickup does not occur, residents may use the yard waste cart as an extra refuse cart at no additional charge. Yard waste may also be disposed of in biodegradable paper bags. **NO STICKERS ARE REQUIRED.**

Q Can I still use yard waste stickers that I have left over from last year?

A You may use the Waste Management yard waste stickers purchased last year through April 30, 2020. From May 1-May 31, 2020, the Village will issue an account credit to residents that bring their unused yard waste stickers to Village Hall at the rate of \$1.75 per sticker.



Q Are there any discounts available for senior citizens or disabled US military veterans?

A Residents over 65 or 100% disabled US military veterans can receive a \$2.00 per month discount on refuse services. Please contact the Village's Finance Department to see if you qualify for the discounted rate at (815) 467-6644.

Q What color are the new carts from Environmental?

A Environmental's carts are green, with lids colored to indicate their designated purpose: **dark green for refuse**, **tan for recycling** and **light green for yard waste**.

Q Will I be billed by Environmental Recycling & Disposal or the Village of Channahon for refuse?

A Refuse service billing will still go through the Village of Channahon. For questions related to your billing, please contact the Village's Finance Department at (815) 467-6644.

Q Who do I contact for questions about my refuse service?

A You can call Environmental Recycling & Disposal at (815) 725-4555, or you can email channahon@envrd.com. You can also visit them online at www.envrd.com.

CHANNAHON TOPS LIST OF SAFEST CITIES

Channahon is proud to announce it has been named the **2nd Safest City in Illinois!**

Read more about the ranking from the National Council for Home Safety and Security at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2SZaD98>



6TH ANNUAL PINK HEALS MOTHER'S DAY WALK

The 6th annual Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk will take place on Sunday, May 10, 2020. Each participant will receive a 2020 Pink Heals Joliet Area Chapter 6th Annual Mother's Day Walk t-shirt.

Route and parking information is displayed to the right. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/36Q6usl>.



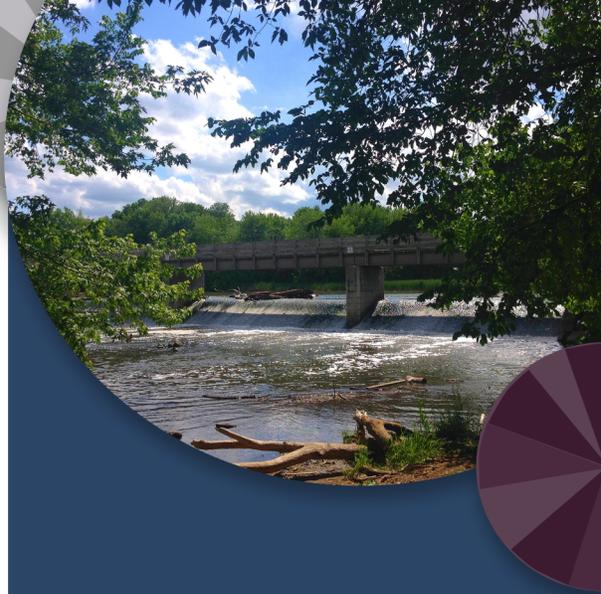
2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!

An accurate census helps ensure fair representation at all levels of government. The primary constitutional purpose for the decennial census is to determine how many congressional representatives each state will have for the next decade and to ensure equal representation in the redistricting process.

The census also directly impacts the funding Channahon will receive over the next decade. Population counts and statistics derived from both the decennial census and other surveys determine the annual allocation of more than \$800 billion in federal investment across states, counties and cities.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.

There are three options for responding to this year's census: by mail using a paper questionnaire, over the phone or online. Please visit 2020census.gov for more information.



2020 State of the Village Address

Registration is now open for the 2020 State of the Village Address!

Please join us Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 8 a.m. for the Annual State of the Village Address over breakfast with Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher. Hear the Village's accomplishments from 2019 and learn what is in the works for 2020.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/SOV/tickets>



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UNUSUALLY HIGH UTILITY BILLS?

Could a leaking toilet be running up your utility bill? One of the most common causes of an unusually high utility bill is a leaking toilet. A leaking toilet may be deceptive since you may not see or hear the leak. Below are several situations that can contribute to a costly situation with a toilet leak:

Stuck/Open Flapper: The chain that connects the flush handle to the flapper can get stuck in the down position, causing usage up to 4,800 gallons per day or roughly **200 gallons per hour**.

Worn/Warped Flapper (or silent leak): Normal wear and/or mineral buildup on the flapper over time can cause accumulated levels of chemicals that will destroy the flappers quickly (typically chemicals that purify the water or in-tank cleaners).

Fill Valve's Float: A cracked/misaligned float will take on water and cause the fill valve to run slowly and continuously, causing water usage.

Failed Fill Valve: Normal wear and mineral deposit buildup prevents the valve's ability to shut off completely.

Fractured/Broken Toilet Tank: Caused by stress/impact, will cause the fill valve to continuously replenish the tank, leading to a total collapse and the potential for massive flooding to your residence/property.

Ruptured/Leaking Supply Line: Rubber lining or fitting joint can break down.

What should you do if you suspect a toilet is leaking? Add 5-10 drops of food coloring to the tank or pick up tablets at the Village Hall. If the color shows up in your bowl after a few minutes, you have a leaking toilet and should take the necessary steps to have the leak repaired.

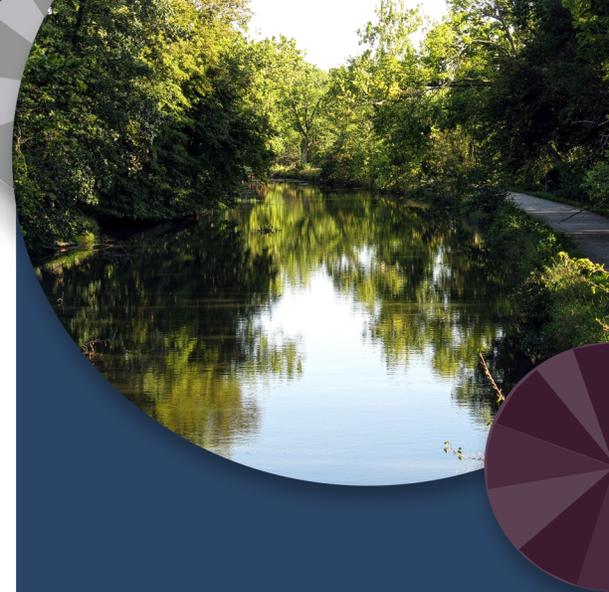


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- ✓ Lock Your Cars
- ✓ Lock Your Garage
- ✓ Lock Your Home
- ✓ Remove Property from Cars
- ✓ Exterior Lights On
- ✓ Activate Alarm Systems
- ✓ Take Your Keys
- ✓ Call 911 for emergencies

"If you see something, say something."

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO CHANNAHON POLICE



Local Business SPOTLIGHT

Business Name: Aspire-Center for Positive Change

Business Address: 24735 W. Eames, Unit 11

Owner: Nancy Nelson, LCSW and Courtney Doyle-O'Brien, LPC

Founded/Established: June 2017

Product/Service Offered: Behavioral/mental health counseling

Slogan/Motto: Your Story Matters

What makes your business unique to the Channahon area? The intricacies of life can be challenging, but we're here to help guide you throughout. Your story needs to be heard. We want to hear your story.

What do you enjoy most about doing business in Channahon? Channahon is a small, friendly and family oriented community. They are open to addressing the challenges that mental health can bring. Channahon has helped this community to overcome some of the stigma of mental health by allowing us to bring our services to the community.

What would you like Channahon residents to know about your business? We provide a safe, understanding environment dedicated to the overall health and well-being of the individual. We focus on building a therapeutic relationship which values each individual and their story.

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



UPCOMING CHANNAHON EVENTS

2020 General Primary Election

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Early voting is March 2-13. Voting hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Channahon Village Hall. Sample ballots are available through Will and Grundy County's websites.

Friends of Three Rivers Library Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m. @ St. Mary's Parish Hall in Minooka

Includes silent auctions, raffles, costume contest and a cash bar (21+)

\$100 per team of 8

Register at the Minooka or Channahon library by Friday, March 27th

All donations benefit the Friends of the Three Rivers Library, a 501(c)(3) organization

Contact friends@trpld.org for more information

Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ Channahon Village Hall

Includes Touch-a-Truck, Arbor Day-themed learning opportunities, giveaways and more

Village-Wide Garage Sales

Spring: April 30, May 1, May 2

Fall: September 10, September 11, September 12

*If you are interested in participating, the Village will start taking names on April 1.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

With tornado season quickly approaching, it's time to brush up on your severe weather preparedness. Keep in mind these tips for staying safe when a tornado threatens.

Prepare Now

- Pay attention to weather reports and know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud; an approaching cloud of debris; or a loud roar - similar to a freight train. Take time to identify a safe shelter spot ahead of any severe weather.
- Sign up for emergency alerts from the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.

Survive During

- Immediately go to the safe location that you identified. Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.
- If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building for shelter, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

Be Safe After

- Save your phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Be careful during clean-up. Wear thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves.

Remember: You and your family's safety is most important during a tornado!



UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:30 a.m.

*Special budget workshop meeting

Monday, March 16, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 6, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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