

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MISSEY MOORMAN SCHUMACHER

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Dear residents,

The Village of Channahon recently hosted our annual Job Shadow Day. During my time as Mayor, this day has quickly become one of my favorite events – this year was no exception.

Eight 8th graders from Channahon Junior High School Student Council joined Village staff for a day of learning about and hands-on experience with local government. The students participated in our staff meeting first thing in the morning, where they learned about various positions at the Village. Later in the day, each student was paired with a member of Village staff to learn about how each person's expertise plays a vital part in both maintaining and progressing our Village. That evening, the students attended the Village Board Meeting where they were paired with elected officials to put forward and approve a resolution to recognize and support Job Shadow Day.

Job Shadow Day holds a special place in my heart because of the excitement it brings about the future. The students are always eager to participate, understand, and, most importantly, make an impact. While they have years of further education and experience ahead of them, it is clear that the students have bright futures. It is so important to get young people to take an interest in and get involved with their local community. They are our future, and it's our responsibility to foster that curiosity and relationship with the Village. You never know – one of the students we've host for Job Shadow Day over the years could be Village President one day.

Special thank you to Mr. Ted Martin, teacher and student council sponsor for CJHS, who works with us to make sure Job Shadow Day takes place each year.

Best wishes,

Missey Moorman Schumacher