

the CRACKER BARREL

Honoring the age-old tradition of when early German settlers of Schaumburg shared the day's stories and news with one another while sitting around the cracker barrel.

SCHAUMBURG NOW 12TH LARGEST ILLINOIS COMMUNITY

According to recent data released by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Village of Schaumburg's population increased by 6% between the 2010 and 2020 Censuses. This population increase is also much more

substantial than each of our municipal neighbors, as shown in the chart at left. With a total population of 78,723 people, Schaumburg is now the 12th largest community in Illinois.

Along with the total population increase, Schaumburg continues to become more diverse with a wide range of ethnicities and cultures settling into the community. Offering excellent schools, a superb park district and library, numerous houses of worship, and superior village services, Schaumburg is proud to be a welcoming and inclusive community that is home to more than 25,900 immigrants. In addition to premier shopping destinations like Woodfield Mall, Schaumburg boasts more than 90 miles of bike paths, dozens of parks, and recreational facilities, over 200 restaurants, the 135-acre Spring Valley Nature Center and Historic Farm site, and our beautiful 5,000+ seat Wintrust Field – home of the Frontier League Champion Schaumburg Boomers. These are just a few of the many reasons why Schaumburg continues to be a great place to live, work and enjoy. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/demographics or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

TOTAL POPULATION CHANGE SINCE 2010

Municipality	Population Gain/(Loss)	% Change
Schaumburg	4,496	6.1%
Hoffman Estates	635	1.2%
Roselle	134	0.6%
Rolling Meadows	101	0.4%
Streamwood	(281)	-0.7%
Elk Grove Village	(315)	-1.0%
Palatine	(649)	-1.0%
Hanover Park	(503)	-1.3%

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED

Schaumburg's Village Board voted unanimously to approve a \$205 million multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The plan includes \$47 million in improvements slated for the next fiscal year that begins May 1. The CIP is updated annually and represents the village's commitment to sustaining its roadways, infrastructure, and community facilities in an appropriate state of repair.

The plan reinforces the village's commitment to improving vital infrastructure with 59% of the plan (\$120 million) dedicated to roadway improvements and 21% of the plan (\$42 million) dedicated to water and sewer improvements. More importantly, the village is continuing its efforts to secure a variety of grants to minimize the financial burden on local residents and taxpayers. The 5-year program anticipates \$53 million in funding from external sources.

In FY 2022/23, the village is planning to spend approximately \$10 million on street improvements; \$8 million is allocated for residential street repair of which \$2 million will go toward



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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)

reconstruction of those streets in poor condition. The remaining will be used for streets identified in need of repair through the village's Pavement Management Plan. The village will be allocating an additional \$1.8 million in State of Illinois funding to reconstruct commercial and industrial streets that are not eligible for federal funding. The list of streets included in the 2022 street improvement program is available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/budget.

The village continues to seek federal grants on major roadways to reduce the use of local funds. Of the \$10 million that is budgeted for FY 2022/23, the village anticipates securing \$6.5 million in grants. Significant projects for the upcoming fiscal year include resurfacing of the following streets: Bode Road (Barrington to Springinsguth); Meacham Road (Higgins to Golf); National Parkway (Higgins to Woodfield); Springinsguth Road (Bode to Schaumburg);

Summit Drive (Weathersfield to Schaumburg); and Weathersfield Way (Braintree to Salem).

The CIP invests \$7.3 million in the 90 North District. Projects include continued construction of 90 North Park, which began in 2021, and design of a multi-purpose street along the west side of 90 North Park from Progress Parkway to Landmark Drive. The street will be designed to function as a roadway and event space. Intersection improvements will also continue at Meacham and Algonquin Roads with the project anticipated to be substantially completed by August 2022. For more information on plans for 90 North, visit the website at www.90northschaumburg.com.

For more information and to view the complete CIP that was approved at the Jan. 11 Village Board meeting, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/budget. For questions, contact Clayton Black at cblack@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

WOODFIELD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WIN ACEC MERIT AWARD

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Illinois has recognized the Village of Schaumburg with a Merit Award in recognition of the recent Woodfield Road Improvement Projects from Meacham Road to Martingale Road and from Martingale Road to Interstate 290/ Illinois Route 53 Frontage Road.

The project, which was split into two projects over two years, involved removing and replacing the existing pavement, replacing and interconnecting trac signal systems, replacing about 4,400 feet of bike path, and adding a second right and left turn lane on West Frontage Road and a dedicated left turn lane on East Frontage Road.

The project will be formally recognized at the 2022 Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala this month. For questions, contact Michael Hall at mhall@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Village's Asset Management Program Wins Project of the Year

The Village of Schaumburg's Asset Management Program has been selected as a 2022 Public Works Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter Suburban Branch in the Asset Management category. The award recognizes the village's Engineering and Public Works Department which uses state-of-the-art asset management software to track the condition of and work performed on all village assets including streets, watermain, trees, sewers, facilities, etc. The department then uses this information to make data-driven decisions regarding operational activities, budgeting, and capital improvement programming. The village will be recognized with a plaque as part of the 2022 APWA Suburban Branch Awards Luncheon later this month. For more information about the Asset Management Program, contact Margaret Tinberg at mtinberg@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



SCHAUMBURG'S FINANCIAL STABILITY

Highest Credit Rating Maintained

The Village of Schaumburg is pleased to announce that the financial services firm S&P Global Ratings (S&P) has reaffirmed the village's AAA bond rating, which is the highest rating a municipality can obtain.

The rating is a result of the village's preemptive actions to stabilize the budget through the COVID-19 pandemic, which were largely successful and allowed the village to maintain consistent reserves and liquidity. Previously, S&P changed the rating outlook to negative due to the impact of the pandemic on economically sensitive tax revenue. However, due to strong financial flexibility and a stabilizing local economy, the rating outlook was changed from negative to stable.

At the onset of the pandemic, the village immediately took action to reduce expenditures by more than \$23 million and has continued to closely monitor its budget while the economy has gradually stabilized.

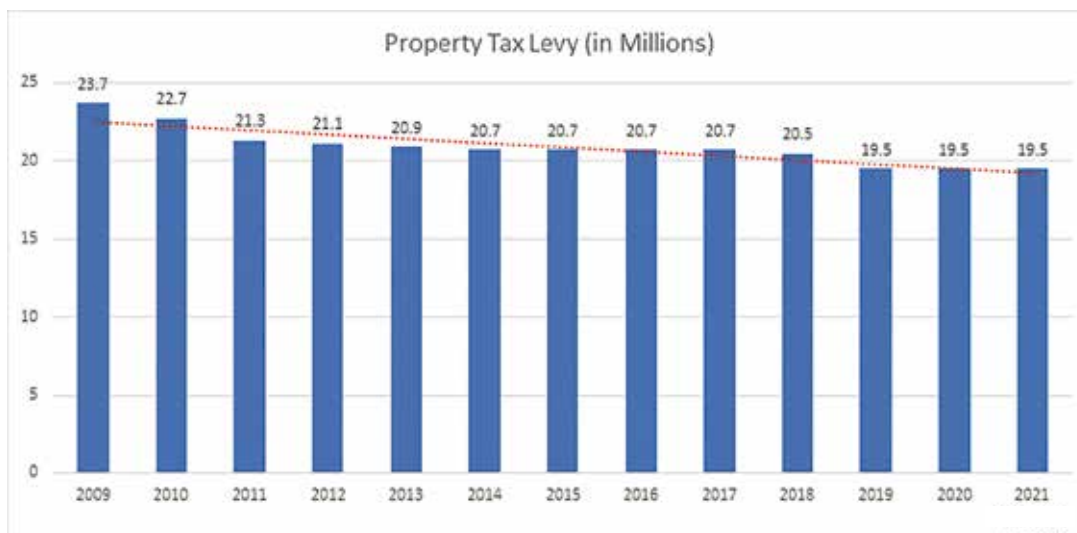
Property Tax Levy Held

In fall 2021, village officials approved a measure to maintain the village's property tax levy at the same amount that was levied in 2019 and 2020. The total amount of the levy is \$19,479,582.

Since 2009, the village has had a property tax levy that has been reduced or maintained every year. The levy is used to fund costs associated with police and fire operations (including required pension fund contributions) and principal and interest payments on one outstanding bond issue – which was paid in full in 2019, thereby reducing the levy by \$1 million. Each year the village's fiscal condition is assessed to determine if the levy can be reduced further. Due to a \$570,000 increase in required police and fire pension contributions and continued pandemic-related impacts on certain village revenues, the village decided to maintain its property tax levy at the same amount that was levied in 2020.

View the Property Tax Levy graph below for a visual of historical trends to date.

For more information about the village's finances, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/finance, contact Lisa Petersen at lpetersen@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Mulch Delivery

Residents interested in having the village deliver mulch to their homes are required to prepay before delivery can be scheduled. The cost of mulch is \$50 per 3-cubic-yard load. Payments with a credit card can be made using WebPay at www.schaumburg.com/webpay or in-person with a check at the Finance Department, 101 Schaumburg Ct. Delivery of mulch is anticipated to begin in April, pending the availability of the product. Same-day delivery requests cannot be made and priority of delivery will go by the date of order. WebPay orders will take priority over orders that are paid in person. If mulch

runs out before a delivery can be made, the resident will receive a refund. Residents may also pick up mulch free of charge at the Engineering and Public Works complex. Residents are asked to enter at the traffic light located at 714 S. Plum Grove Rd. and proceed beyond Fire Station 55 to the wood bin designated for mulch pickup. This service is intended for non-commercial residential use only. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/mulch, contact Laurie Walter at lwalter@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

2022 BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The village's 2022 brush collection program will begin at the end of April and will offer two collection cycles for each zone until the program ends in September. The collection zones are rotated in the pickup schedule each year.

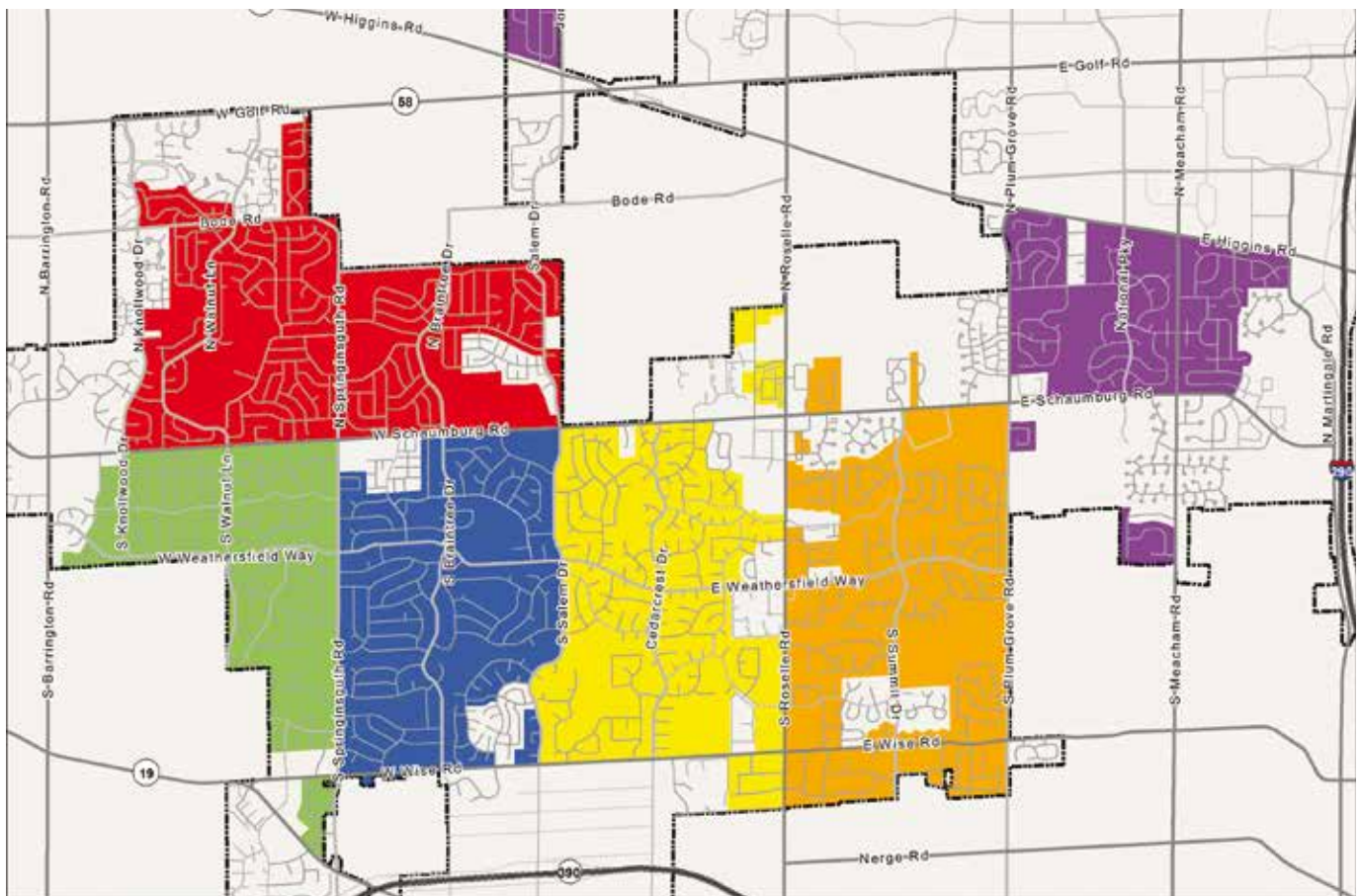
Residents are asked to follow the collection schedule listed here and on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/brush; no appointments are necessary. This program is open to single family residences only; contractor-generated brush will not be collected.

Brush must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. Please note that no brush will be collected on Monday, May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection will begin on Tuesday, May 31.

It may take crews up to five days to complete collection in each zone. Branches cannot have root material attached and are to be neatly placed curbside with the cut ends toward the street.

Unorganized or tangled brush piles will not be collected. Residents are asked to follow the brush preparation guidelines listed on the village's website to ensure their material is collected as part of the program. For more information, contact Laurie Walter at lwalter@schaumburg.com or dial 311 within Schaumburg.

Yard waste pickup will resume the first week of April and materials should be placed out on your regular garbage collection day. Smaller brush and yard waste can be placed into biodegradable bags not to exceed 30 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight. Larger brush piles must be bundled using garden string or twine. The bundle size is restricted to 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and no heavier than 50 pounds. Branches cannot exceed 3 inches in diameter. For more information or to inquire about a special pickup, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/brush or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Spring

Monday, April 25

Monday, May 2

Monday, May 9

Monday, May 16

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 31

Summer

Monday, August 1

Monday, August 8

Monday, August 15

Fall

Monday, September 12

Monday, September 19

Monday, September 26

PUBLIC SAFETY



Spring Home Safety

As spring arrives, the elements of the weather and the traditions of the season leave us with new safety precautions and tips to consider. Below are some helpful spring safety tips to keep yourself and your family safe at home:

- Remove old paint cans and paint thinners. Visit a hazardous material drop-off to dispose of these chemicals safely. A list of nearby facilities is available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/hazardouswaste.
- Dispose of unwanted newspapers and magazines.
- Evaluate the number of smoke alarms in your residence. Install smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom. Remember to change smoke alarm batteries each spring.
- Clean the dust covers of carbon monoxide detectors. Please see the carbon monoxide article at right for additional safety information.
- Create or review your emergency escape plan with each member of the family in case there is a fire.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter.
- Clean your stove hood as grease can accumulate on it over time.
- Check all fire extinguisher needle indicators and dates to ensure they are current and functioning.
- Clean around your dryer and its lint trap. Pay close attention to any ducts or dampers to be sure that lint has not accumulated and blocked this space. Accumulation of lint can lead to a fire.
- Check all electrical cords to prevent an electrical fire. Make sure they are not frayed and that wires are not visible.

For more information, contact Peter Dyer at pdyer@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Carbon Monoxide Reminders

Carbon monoxide (CO) is called the invisible killer because you cannot see it or smell it. This poisonous gas is created when fossil fuels (such as kerosene, gasoline, coal, natural gas, propane, methane or wood) do not burn completely. The only way to detect CO is with a working CO alarm.

Laws and Codes

- In Illinois, homeowners and landlords are required to install CO alarms within 15 feet of rooms used for sleeping if the homes use fossil fuels or are connected to an enclosed garage. Alarms must meet the standards of a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- In a rental unit, it is the landlord's responsibility to supply and install required CO alarms and the tenant's responsibility to replace batteries when necessary. Please contact your landlord if your home is lacking a CO alarm.

Safety Tips

- Test all CO alarms at least once a month. Change batteries twice a year. Replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions (usually every 7-10 years).
- If your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, get everyone out of the house and call 911.
- In and around the home, things such as your stove, fireplace, furnace, water heater, dryer, vehicle, generator, lawnmower, snow blower, and grill may become sources of CO if they are used incorrectly, are not vented properly or have mechanical problems.
- To help prevent CO poisoning in the home:
 - Have furnaces and chimneys inspected by a professional annually.
 - Never run a vehicle with the garage door closed. Warm up a vehicle in the driveway instead.
 - Make sure the flue is open when using your fireplace.
 - Never use an oven or stove to heat your home.
 - Always use generators outdoors, away from windows and doors.
 - Always grill outdoors.

For more information, contact Michael Rons at mrons@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVE FIRE TRAININGS



Recently, the Schaumburg Fire Department, in cooperation with the Elk Grove Village Fire Department, participated in live fire trainings at Elk Grove Village's training facility. The training facility is a newly constructed building that provides invaluable training opportunities for fire department personnel. The building is constructed with cinder block walls and has two designated burn rooms that are outfitted with natural gas lines that are ignited to create a live fire environment. Additionally, the building is lined with piping to allow smoke in designated areas. This facility provides members the opportunity to practice repeated live fire evolutions.

During these training sessions, department members practiced search techniques, assessing a downed firefighter, and ways to remove unconscious firefighters. This training, also known as Rapid Intervention Team training, aids members in maintaining situational readiness in the unlikely event of a firefighter mayday (firefighter in distress). According to The Mayday Project, 28% of maydays are due to a firefighter either being lost or separated from their crew, or from a firefighter being trapped or entangled. Most of these situations occur with the first arriving engine company.

The fire department plans to continue conducting live fire training at the Elk Grove Village training facility on a quarterly basis in 2022. Additional training topics will include fire suppression, ventilation, and search and rescue operations. For more information, contact Capt. Fabio Puccini at fpuccini@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Crisis Intervention Team Training for Police Officers

Since 2013, the Schaumburg Police Department has been actively training police officers in crisis intervention. This 40-hour Illinois state certification course teaches officers how to recognize a mental illness or behavioral health crisis and how to best deal with the situation, both in terms of getting the person the help they need and reducing or eliminating the need to engage in any sort of physical confrontation. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority estimates between 7-10% of police-citizen encounters nationwide involve a citizen with a mental health condition, and officers are approximately twice as likely to use force during these encounters compared with encounters involving citizens without mental health conditions. An individual suffering from a mental health crisis may engage in behaviors easily perceived as threatening to responding officers, other citizens, or themselves. Crisis Intervention Team training gives officers the tools needed to better discern between an actual threat and an opportunity to de-escalate a situation, reach the person in crisis and facilitate the individual receiving the help they need. As of today, more than 90% of all sworn Schaumburg police officers and supervisors are certified as Crisis Intervention Team members.

The Village of Schaumburg is committed to the overall health of its community. Licensed social workers and therapists are available to Schaumburg residents. If you, a family member, or someone you know is in crisis, struggling emotionally or needs the guidance of a licensed professional, please dial 311 and ask to be connected with a social worker or contact the Schaumburg Family Counseling Center at (847) 524-1505.

Spring Citizen Police Academy

Meet and interact on a personal level with members of the Schaumburg Police Department by participating in the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). Typically, two sessions are held each year – one in the spring and one in the fall. Each CPA session meets once a week for 10 weeks with classes held



from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Participants must attend 75% of the sessions to be eligible for graduation and to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association of Schaumburg. Schaumburg residents and employees of Schaumburg businesses, ages 18 and older, are eligible to participate.

Interactive sessions offer an inside look at the police department functions. Highlights include a virtual visit of Northwest Central Dispatch System, conducting a mock traffic stop, and the opportunity to ask questions of police personnel. The next session begins on March 9. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. Current state/county health guidelines will be followed. For more information and to apply, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/cpa, email Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Last November, the Village of Schaumburg Emergency Management and the village's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) hosted a winter weather preparedness workshop. The workshop was attended by more than 30 residents who learned about various village services including snow plowing, 311 services and the police department's emergency crash plan. Members of the MRC shared information regarding winter health concerns and preparedness for homes and vehicles. To view a replay of the workshop, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/emergencypreparedness.

As a follow-up, the village will be hosting a spring community severe weather workshop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. Various speakers, including a guest speaker from the National Weather Service, will provide information on severe weather safety, including:

- Weather watches vs. warnings
- Outdoor warning siren and lightning detector information
- Severe weather safety (indoors and outdoors)
- Power outages and generators

The event is free and open to Schaumburg residents. Participants are asked to register online at <https://bit.ly/33T5w22> or by calling the Nursing and Senior Services Division at (847) 923-3766. Each registered household will receive a free severe weather radio (while supplies last). For questions, contact Tracy Raimondo at traimondo@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Fire Alarm Monitoring Enhancements Benefit the Community

In an effort to provide greater reliability of alarm systems and improve fire department response times, the Village of Schaumburg approved an ordinance in 2016 that requires all fire alarm systems in the village to be monitored by the 911 center at Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS). NWCDS is a regional emergency communication center that serves the Village of Schaumburg and 10 neighboring communities. Since the ordinance revision, more than 1,200 commercial fire alarm systems have completed the conversion and are now monitored by NWCDS.

Prior to the ordinance revision when most fire alarms were connected through a third-party vendor, the average dispatch time for the Schaumburg Fire Department to respond to alarms

was 2:57. Since implementing direct connections to NWCDS, initial testing indicated a significant reduction of dispatch time to 1:07 with some results as low as 47 seconds – time that could be critical in the event of a true emergency.

Businesses are also experiencing the benefit of a reduced fee as a result of a new contract for the installation/maintenance of the fire alarm system that was recently accepted by NWCDS. Johnson Controls was selected as NWCDS' fire alarm vendor, and the new monthly fee for direct connect alarm monitoring has been reduced from \$81 to \$73 a month under the new contract, which represents a savings to businesses. Additional benefits to businesses from this conversion process include elimination of the need and expense of dedicated telephone lines; reduction in the number of false alarms; and the ability to maintain a secure, direct and immediate transmission of the alarm signal to the 911 center.

The greater Schaumburg community is also experiencing a benefit from this new process. The Village of Schaumburg receives a credit for each alarm directly connected to NWCDS, resulting in an amount of \$212,523 toward annual 911 dispatch fees. The savings that have been realized in the General Fund are being applied to the Capital Fund to support the residential street improvement program.

For more information, contact Michael Rons at mrons@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

New Businesses



bb.q Chicken

247 W. Golf Rd.

(630) 635-2198

www.bbqchickeneats.com/schaumburg



Blooming Minds Early Learning Center

653 Windsor Dr.

(224) 520-8440

www.facebook.com/BloomingmindsELC



Charles Schwab

1160 N. Plaza Dr.

(847) 706-4825

www.schwab.com



Pho Day

756 E. Schaumburg Rd.

(815) 458-8888

www.phodayroi.com



Snelling Staffing



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1821 Walden Office Square, Ste. 120

(224) 539-8668

www.snelling.com



X-Golf

1100 American Ln.

(847) 380-1848

www.playxgolf.com



Education



Financial Services



Professional Services



Restaurant



Entertainment

Schaumburg Job Fair Connects Workforce and Employers

In partnership with the Schaumburg Business Association (SBA), the Village of Schaumburg conducted a job fair in December on the site of the former Art Van Furniture Store. The job fair attracted more than 300 job seekers who were able to connect with 120 local employers and participate in educational breakout sessions. The village thanks the SBA as well as all of the businesses and job seekers for participating. For more information about networking opportunities and local job openings, visit the SBA website at www.schaumburgbusiness.com.



Help Your Business Thrive

Next Level Northwest is accepting applications from Schaumburg companies to help accelerate their business. This free program is a public-private partnership to support local businesses through collaborative and innovative initiatives to help grow local economies. Fifteen businesses have gone through the program and have seen job retention, revenue growth and many other benefits. CraftedWild Cabinetry, DJ's Auto Service, Pilot Pete's, Relish Catering and Xtra Mile Running have all experienced the benefits of the accelerator program. For more information about Next Level Northwest, visit www.nextlevelnorthwest.org, contact Matt Frank at mfrank@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

GREEN CORNER

CELEBRATE MONARCH MONTH IN MAY



Did you know May is Monarch Month? In recent years, both the western and eastern monarch butterfly populations have declined significantly. The Village of Schaumburg signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and has officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect monarchs - the state insect of Illinois. Schaumburg residents can make a difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants in their yards to create a habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Native planting of this kind reduces stormwater, emissions and pesticide/fertilizer runoff and provides wildlife corridors that are permitted by the village's landscape and screening code. For more information on how to get involved with monarch conservation efforts in Schaumburg, visit the Spring Valley Nature Center website at www.parkfun.com/springvalley or call (847) 985-2100. For questions, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Subscribe to Community Solar

Last fall, village residents received a postcard announcing the launch of Schaumburg's Community Solar Program. The program is supported by the village and administered by MC Squared (mc²) Energy Services. Residents and small business owners that subscribe to the program will be supporting clean energy generation in Illinois and save about \$100 per year on the supply portion of their ComEd bill. All residential accounts and small commercial accounts with a peak demand of less than 100kW are eligible to participate. There is no enrollment fee and participants do not need to invest in solar panels for their rooftop. If you participate in the village's Electrical Aggregation Program, you must opt out of that program to participate. To opt out of the Electrical Aggregation Program, contact Eligo Energy at (847) 534-7509. For more information about the Community Solar Program, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/communitysolar, contact mc² at (833) 970-3552 or email solar@mc2energyservices.com. For questions, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



GETTING AROUND TOWN

Schaumburg Regional Airport's Economic Impact Increases

According to a recent Economic Impact Study conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Schaumburg Regional Airport, 905 W. Irving Park Rd., is estimated to have an annual economic impact of \$33.9 million, up from \$18.9 million cited in a 2014 study. The total economic impact consists of \$28.1 million in on-airport activity, including administration, tenants, and capital improvements, and \$5.8 million in off-airport visitor spending in Illinois. Additionally, IDOT determined that the airport brings about 202 jobs and generates labor income/total employment compensation of \$12.4 million.

The airport supports numerous businesses, people who fly aircraft for personal or business transportation, enthusiasts, and visitors, all of whom contribute in turn to the local economy. An estimated 60% of the flights in and out of the airport are for business purposes. The village is also home to the Schaumburg Municipal Heliport, located at 1050 E. American Ln., which accounts for an additional \$414,000 in total economic impact. For more information about the Schaumburg Regional Airport and Heliport, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/airport, contact Erik Trydal at etrydal@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Woodfield Trolley Now Operating Under Regular Schedule

Schaumburg's free Woodfield Trolley is now operating under its regular Friday through Sunday weekend service schedule until the day before Memorial Day. Stay warm while shopping with convenient drop-off service to Schaumburg destinations, including Woodfield Mall, Streets of Woodfield, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, and more. Due to construction at IKEA, the Woodfield Trolley will be unable to enter the IKEA parking lot. While this detour is in effect, southbound trips will remain on McConnor Pkwy., and northbound trips will operate via McConnor Pkwy. and Roosevelt Blvd. Temporary Trolley stops will be at the intersection of McConnor Pkwy. and Roosevelt Blvd. This detour is anticipated to be in effect through the summer. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/woodfieldtrolley or call the Trolley Hotline at (847) 923-3880. For questions, contact David Powe at dpowe@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



NEWS BRIEFS

SUBMIT YOUR SPRING SNAPSHOTS

Do you enjoy photography? Submit your favorite spring-themed photos of Schaumburg to the village's Schaumburg Snapshot photo submission program. In 2021, the program received more than 140 photos of people, places, architecture and scenery celebrating life in Schaumburg. Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit their favorite photos taken within the Village of Schaumburg by uploading their images online to the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/schaumburgsnapshot. All photo orientations are accepted, including panoramic. Additionally, your images may be selected to appear in village publications, social media channels and on the village's website. For more information, contact Becky Wyskochil at rwyskochil@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

This edition's cover page photo was submitted by Ana Serrano.



Submitted by Carla Khan



Submitted by Mary Strybel

Schaumburg Receives Powering Safe Communities Grant

The Village of Schaumburg is pleased to announce it is the recipient of an \$8,765 grant from ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Powering Safe Communities program. The grant will be used to help offset the costs of upgrading the village's outdoor warning system sirens. The upgrade involves converting each siren to AC/DC power with battery backup, which allows them to operate more efficiently and without utility AC power during an outage. To date, the village has upgraded six out of nine outdoor sirens strategically located throughout Schaumburg. Each outdoor siren alerts people outdoors to seek shelter when inclement weather is detected nearby. Two more siren upgrades are budgeted for in Fiscal Year 2022/23 that begins May 1. For more information about the village's outdoor warning system, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/outdoorsirens, contact Tracy Raimondo at traimondo@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION PROGRAM REMINDER

Community Development Department inspectors are continuing to conduct walking inspections of neighborhoods to systematically inspect each Schaumburg home. Property owners are required to meet village property maintenance codes and regulations to keep Schaumburg looking its best. The codes and regulations are enforced by the village to preserve residential properties, provide a safe environment, and maintain property values. Schaumburg residents take pride in their homes and work hard to keep their property neat and attractive, resulting in well-maintained and beautiful neighborhoods. This program is ongoing with the next phase beginning in summer 2022. For more information, contact Deborah Parran at dparran@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Schaumburg Handyworker Program

Did you know the Village of Schaumburg provides a Handyworker Program to assist low and moderate-income seniors and persons with disabilities with minor repairs? Funds are provided through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which is allocated to the village by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Minor repairs include window/door repair, electrical work such as repair/replacement of light switches and outlets, accessibility improvements such as installing grab bars and handrails, and other miscellaneous work. This program is only available to Schaumburg residents and the applicant must own their home. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/handyworkerprogram, contact Parth Joshi at pjoshi@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Electrical Aggregation Program Mailing

The village recently approved a new agreement with Eligo Energy for the Electrical Aggregation Program which will run through November 2022 at a rate that will match the monthly ComEd Price-to-Compare. A select number of residents were automatically enrolled in the new program when it took effect in December. This spring, Eligo will be mailing letters to enroll additional accounts that were recently reenrolled with ComEd. Residents who receive the letter from Eligo can choose to be enrolled in the Electrical Aggregation Program or return the enclosed opt out card to remain with ComEd. All residents will pay the same rate regardless of whether they are supplied by Eligo or by ComEd. For more information about the program, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/electricalaggregation, contact Clayton Black at cblack@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR DONATION TO RESIDENTS

Do you need medical equipment long-term? In addition to offering a medical equipment lending program, the Nursing and Senior Services Division is now offering a limited stock of medical equipment for donation to residents of Schaumburg and the Schaumburg Township. Current items available include commodes, wheelchairs, companion wheelchairs and walkers. The program is first-come, first-serve and you will be asked to sign a waiver form to take possession of any items. The division also accepts some donations of medical equipment that is clean and in good working order. Currently accepted items include seat risers, transfer benches and wheelchairs. To inquire about available items for donation or to donate equipment, contact Michelle Avila at mavila@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Contactless Methods of Doing Business with Schaumburg

The Village of Schaumburg continues to offer many contactless methods of doing business with the village, such as paying bills online through WebPay, by phone, or by using the drive-up dropbox by the west entrance to the Municipal Center; submitting permit applications and plans online; and emailing business license inquiries. For additional questions regarding how to safely conduct business with the village, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE SCHAUMBURG COMMUNITY

Are you interested in getting more involved in your community? Consider joining one of the village's Boards and Commissions that are open to the public. Village Boards and Commissions offer a unique opportunity for those who are passionate about community service to interact directly with residents and other stakeholders. Volunteers in this position play an integral role in making recommendations to assist the Village Board in decision making and policy implementation. To inquire about a potential opening to serve on a board or commission, contact the Mayor's office at cselke@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Arts & Culture

- Cultural Commission
- Septemberfest Committee
- Sister Cities Commission

Health & Wellness

- Blood Program Committee
- Board of Health

Transportation & Planning

- Bikeways Advisory Committee
- Plan Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Teens & Seniors

- Committee on Aging
- Peer Jury Oversight Committee

Aviation

- Pilot's Technical Advisory Committee

Police & Fire

- Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Trades & Business

- Electrical Commission
- Schaumburg Business Development Commission

Environment & Sustainability

- Environmental Committee

Book an Outreach Presentation for Your Next Meeting

The village is seeking local service clubs, homeowners associations, places of worship, or social and cultural organizations that are interested in hosting an outreach presentation led by village staff. The purpose of the meetings is to educate residents about village programs, services and other trending topics. Presentations can be conducted in person or via Zoom, and discussion topics can be customized to the group's needs. For more information and to schedule an outreach presentation for your Schaumburg organization's next meeting, contact Jason Pawlowski at jpawlowski@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Educational Series for Older Adults



The Village of Schaumburg Support Our Seniors Council is made up of village and township employees as well as representatives from community agencies serving area seniors. The group is dedicated to providing education and life-enhancing information to older adults in the Schaumburg area. Plans for the spring include a 3-part Senior Resources Series as follows:

Personal Safety Tuesday, March 22 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Representatives from the community will offer tips for seniors on protecting themselves, their health, and their assets. Speakers will be from the Schaumburg Police and Fire Departments, Nursing Division, financial institutions, and social service organizations.

Preparing for Challenges Tuesday, April 12 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

A panel of speakers will share information to help seniors navigate possible future challenges. Topics include ways to maintain independence in the home, assisted living and long-term care options.

Public Safety Fashion Show Tuesday, May 24 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Public safety, utility and delivery workers provide safety information in a fun fashion show forum.

All events will be held at the Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd. Registration is required on the library's website at www.schaumburglibrary.org/events or by calling (847) 923-3347.

2022 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVES

Help save lives by donating blood at one of the village's 2022 Community Blood Drives. All events are held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr. Upcoming blood drives will be held on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, June 8. To schedule an appointment, call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or visit www.vitalant.org and use group code OR0SH98. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/blooddrives, contact Michelle Avila at mavila@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

The Schaumburg Blood Program Committee would like to extend its appreciation to the community's loyal donors and looks forward to welcoming new donors this year.



Pictured: Village of Schaumburg Blood Program Committee Volunteers

Textile Recycling Program Updates

The village is working with recycling partner Simple Recycling on new updates to its free textile recycling program. Textile recycling is now available through scheduled pickups. Free pickups can be scheduled online through Simple Recycling's website at www.simplerecycling.com or by phone at (866) 835-5068. For the latest program updates and information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/textilerecycling or subscribe to the village's weekly Progress Report e-newsletter at www.schaumburg.com/e-newsletters. For questions, contact Margaret Tinberg at mtinberg@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Do you know an adult, teen or Schaumburg organization that gives back to the Schaumburg community by volunteering and should be commended for their contributions? If so, please nominate the person and/or organization that you think deserves recognition by completing a volunteer nomination form. Available categories include Adult Volunteer, Organization, and Youth Volunteer. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, April 1. The 34th Volunteer of the Year event is expected to take place this year. For more information and the nomination form, visit www.schaumburg.com, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com, or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL

Information for upcoming events is tentative and subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com for the most up-to-date event information or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

APRIL

5 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Barn
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

9 DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts
Parking Lot
9 a.m. to Noon
(Drive-up event open to Schaumburg residents only. IDs required. State/county health guidelines will be followed.)

23 RECYCLING EVENT

Wintrust Field West Parking Lot
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Community-wide drive-up event. State/county health guidelines will be followed. For more information, visit www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent.)

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recently announced the launch of the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), a new water bill assistance program to assist low-income Illinois families experiencing economic hardship with paying their water and wastewater bills. Customers may receive a benefit of up to \$1,500 for reconnection assistance, disconnection prevention, past due balances, or disconnection and late fees. Qualifying residents can apply for LIHWAP through the Township of Schaumburg. For more information about LIHWAP eligibility or to apply, contact the township at (847) 884-0030. For questions, contact Juan Garcia at jlgarcia@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

PRAIRIE CENTER PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY-APRIL 2022

For tickets, call (847) 895-3600 or visit www.prairiecenter.org.

Lorraine

Presented by B-Side Studios

Saturday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door
In the midst of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a young interracial couple faces disapproval from their parents.



The McCartney Years

Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$45 / \$40 students and seniors
This period-true, technically stunning show performs the music of Paul McCartney, spanning two decades from The Beatles to Wings.

Diane Schuur

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$65 / \$55 students and seniors
Two-time Grammy® award-winning jazz vocalist and pianist Diane Schuur delivers an evening of music in her trademark style -- simultaneously romantic and mischievous, radiating soulful passion.



CATAPULT: Magic Shadows!

Sunday, March 20, 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 / \$48 students and seniors
Magical storytelling and silhouette transformations from the shadow dance company seen on America's Got Talent.



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15th Annual Screen Test Student Fest

FREE EVENT

Screen Test Local Fest

Friday, April 8, 7 p.m.

A night of short films by area students.

ONLINE EVENT

Screen Test Jr.

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.

Short works by students in grades K-8.

ONLINE EVENT

International High School Competition

Saturday, April 9, 7 p.m.

The best of the best by high school students here and abroad.

More information is available at www.screenteststudentfest.org.



Schaumburg Choral Programs Spring Concert

Sunday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Schaumburg's vocal ensembles perform a concert of classical and popular vocal works. For complete details, visit www.schaumburgyouthchoir.org.

Schaumburg Youth Orchestra Spring Concerts

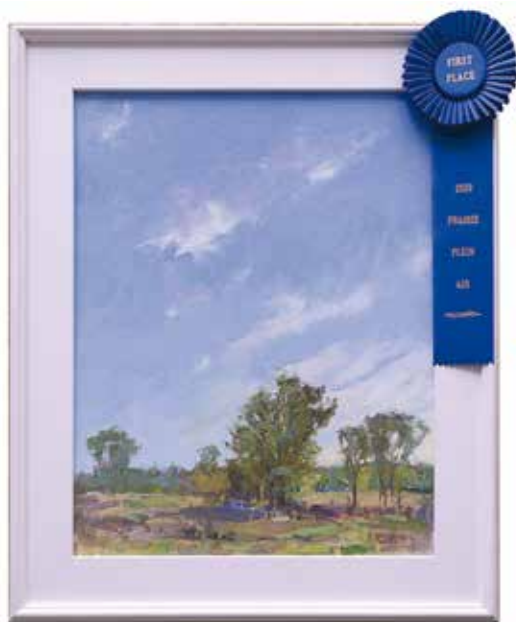
Music abounds with four concerts featuring bright young talent from the northwest suburbs. Concerts begin May 1. For complete details, visit www.schaumburgyouthorchestra.org.



11TH PRAIRIE PLEIN AIR COMPETITION AND SHOW RETURNS

Sponsored by the Village of Schaumburg in conjunction with Blick Art Materials

Artists are invited to participate in the 2022 Plein Air Competition and Show by creating an original plein air painting or drawing of any location within the Village of Schaumburg. Submitted work will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts in conjunction with Schaumburg's Prairie Arts Festival and through June 24. This event is open to all plein air artists (artists do not need to be participants in the Prairie Arts Festival to register).



Show Details:

What: Plein Air painting or drawing in any medium (i.e., outdoors, from direct observation of the subject matter)

Where: Onsite at any location in Schaumburg, IL

When: April 29 - May 13 (artist painting/drawing days)

Prizes: All submitted work will be judged prior to the show. Prizes include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place and three Honorable Mentions.

Show: Art will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 17 through June 24, and will coincide with the 33rd Prairie Arts Festival.

Sale: Artists may make their work available for sale - no commission will be taken

Entry fee: \$35

Entry deadline: April 15

Registration: The 2022 prospectus and registration form is available at www.prairiecenter.org. For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

The 33rd Prairie Arts Festival Returns

Talented artists from around the country, live entertainers and food trucks will participate in the 33rd Prairie Arts Festival. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 28-29 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct. Approximately 140 artists from throughout the nation will feature digital art, drawings, fiber, furniture, glass, graphics, jewelry, leather, mixed media 2D & 3D, paintings (including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel), paper, photography, pottery, printmaking, sculpture, and woodworking all crafted by the artist as part of the juried exhibition and sale that is open to the public. The event will also offer children's art activities.

Support the Arts

Place an advertisement in this year's program book; it's an excellent way of advertising your business and supporting the community. For more information, visit www.prairiecenter.org, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



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Non-Emergency in Schaumburg311

Non-Emergency

Outside Schaumburg(847) 895-4500

Police and Fire911

Main Municipal Facilities

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am - 5pm

Municipal Center

101 Schaumburg Court
(847) 895-4500

Police

1000 W. Schaumburg Road
(847) 882-3586

Fire

1601 N. Roselle Road
(847) 885-6300

Engineering & Public Works

714 S. Plum Grove Road
(847) 895-7100

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

201 Schaumburg Court
(847) 895-3600

Family Counseling Center

17 E. Schaumburg Road
(847) 524-1505

The Barn

(Schaumburg Senior Center)

231 S. Civic Drive
(847) 524-7496

Nursing & Senior Services

746 E. Schaumburg Road
(847) 923-3766

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SCHAUMBURG SeptemberFest



Get Involved in the 51st Septemberfest

The Village of Schaumburg is busy preparing for the 51st Septemberfest that will be held Sept. 3-5 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct.

Volunteer

The Septemberfest Committee is seeking volunteers for the morning, afternoon and evening hours of the festival. Shifts are four to five hours and all volunteers receive a complimentary T-shirt, a Septemberfest grounds parking pass for the day they volunteer, and a chance to meet people from in and around their community. For additional information, contact the Septemberfest Volunteer Hotline at (847) 923-3637. Registration will be available online in the spring.

Sponsor

Septemberfest is one of the largest festivals in Illinois, offering quality family entertainment. Companies can get recognized by thousands of people by participating as a sponsor of the three-day festival. For advertising information, visit www.septemberfest.org in the spring, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



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PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

The Cracker Barrel is prepared quarterly by the village's Communications & Outreach Department. Questions? Contact Communications Specialist Becky Wyskochil at rwyskochil@schaumburg.com.