

Summer 2022

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 REMAINS AN EXCEPTIONAL PLACE TO LIVE, RAISE A FAMILY SAFELY

The Village of Schaumburg remains an exceptional place to live and raise a family safely, according to the most recent results from residents who participated in the National Community Survey™ (NCS). Key statistics showed 95% of respondents rate the village as an excellent or good place to live and 94% would recommend Schaumburg as a place to raise a family.

This is the fourth time the survey has been implemented in the village, and respondents rated several village services more positively in 2021 than in 2018. Some of these services included economic development, traffic signal timing, street repair, sidewalk maintenance, garbage collection, drinking water, and overall customer service by Schaumburg employees.

For the first time this year, the NCS contained several questions on diversity and inclusion. Schaumburg received positive ratings in this area for its ability to take care of vulnerable residents (84%), valuing and respecting residents from diverse backgrounds (87%), and attracting people from diverse backgrounds (85%), all of which exceeded national benchmarks. (See page 4 for an update on the village's diversity efforts.) In addition, the village exceeded national benchmarks for the quality of businesses and services, economic development, business and service variety, the vibrancy of commercial areas, and as a place to work.

To read the full press release on the NCS survey results, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/pressreleases. For questions, contact Clayton Black at cblack@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center Grounds, 101 Schaumburg Ct.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MAY 28 & 29, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

Featuring nearly 100 artists, entertainment, a food truck court, children's activities and more!

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For the most up-to-date information regarding village programs, services and events, visit www.schaumburg.com.



VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 BUDGET APPROVED

The Village of Schaumburg's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 budget was approved on April 26. This year's "Return to Normal" budget restores operations and programs that were reduced due to the pandemic while moving forward with goals developed with feedback from the 2021 National Community Survey (NCS).

The FY 22/23 budget has projected total revenues and other financing sources of \$265 million and total expenditures and other financing uses of \$283 million for the fiscal year that began May 1, 2022 and ends April 30, 2023.

The General Fund reflects a \$2.6 million surplus with revenue and other financing sources of \$114.1 million and expenditures and other financing uses of \$111.5 million. No new increases in property tax or other taxes are included in the budget.

The FY 22/23 budget will restore staffing; support for facilities, vehicles, and technology; funding for the full operation of the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, including the return of a 3-day Septemberfest; and funding for transit services such as DART and Woodfield Trolley to pre-pandemic levels.

Some of the projects highlighted in the budget that connect to the NCS goals include:

- Redevelopment of Tony's Finer Foods to fill the vacant Dominick's in Town Square
- New permitting and inspection software to improve customer experience

General Fund: Where the Money Comes From



1. Sales Tax	\$52.0 million (45.6%)
2. Property Tax	\$19.5 million (17.1%)
3. State Income Tax	\$10.4 million (9.1%)
4. Other	\$9.5 million (8.4%)
5. Charges for Services	\$8.0 million (7.0%)
6. Food and Beverage Tax	\$5.3 million (4.6%)
7. Licenses and Permits	\$4.2 million (3.6%)
8. Hotel Tax	\$2.3 million (2.0%)
9. Fines	\$1.7 million (1.4%)
10. Transfers	\$1.3 million (1.2%)

General Fund: Where the Money Goes



1. Police Protection	\$26.5 million (23.7%)
2. Fire/EMS	\$23.9 million (21.4%)
3. General Government	\$14.3 million (12.8%)
4. Engineering & Public Works	\$12.4 million (11.1%)
5. Pension Contributions	\$11.8 million (10.6%)
6. Capital Projects	\$9.7 million (8.7%)
7. Refuse Disposal	\$5.0 million (4.5%)
8. Health and Human Services	\$3.9 million (3.5%)
9. Culture and Recreation	\$2.5 million (2.2%)
10. Transit Services	\$1.5 million (1.4%)

- Proposed construction of the 90 North Entertainment District
- Tools to detect leaks and water loss in village infrastructure
- Continued focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion to better serve the community
- Enhancements to fire station alerting equipment to improve response times
- Continued grant opportunities to assist small businesses affected by the pandemic

The FY 22/23 budget allocates \$21 million across all funds for repair of village streets. This includes \$8 million for residential street repair, resurfacing, and reconstruction.

For more information about the approved FY 22/23 Annual Budget, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/budget, contact Lisa Petersen at lpetersen@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Entertainment and Community Programming Return to Farmers Market

Schaumburg's 2022 Farmers Market returns Friday, June 3 and will feature locally grown fruits and vegetables, seafood, meats, flowers, plants, gourmet cheeses, decadent baked goods, knife sharpening services and much more. The market is held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday through Oct. 28 in the parking lot of Trickster Cultural Center, 190 S. Roselle Rd. in Town Square.

Entertainment, music and community programming will return this year so patrons can once again visit with their favorite musicians and community groups while shopping. Pets, bikes, skateboards and scooters are not permitted.

The village will follow all CDC and Illinois Farmers Market Association safety protocols which may change during the farmers market season. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/farmersmarket, contact Martha Dooley at mndooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



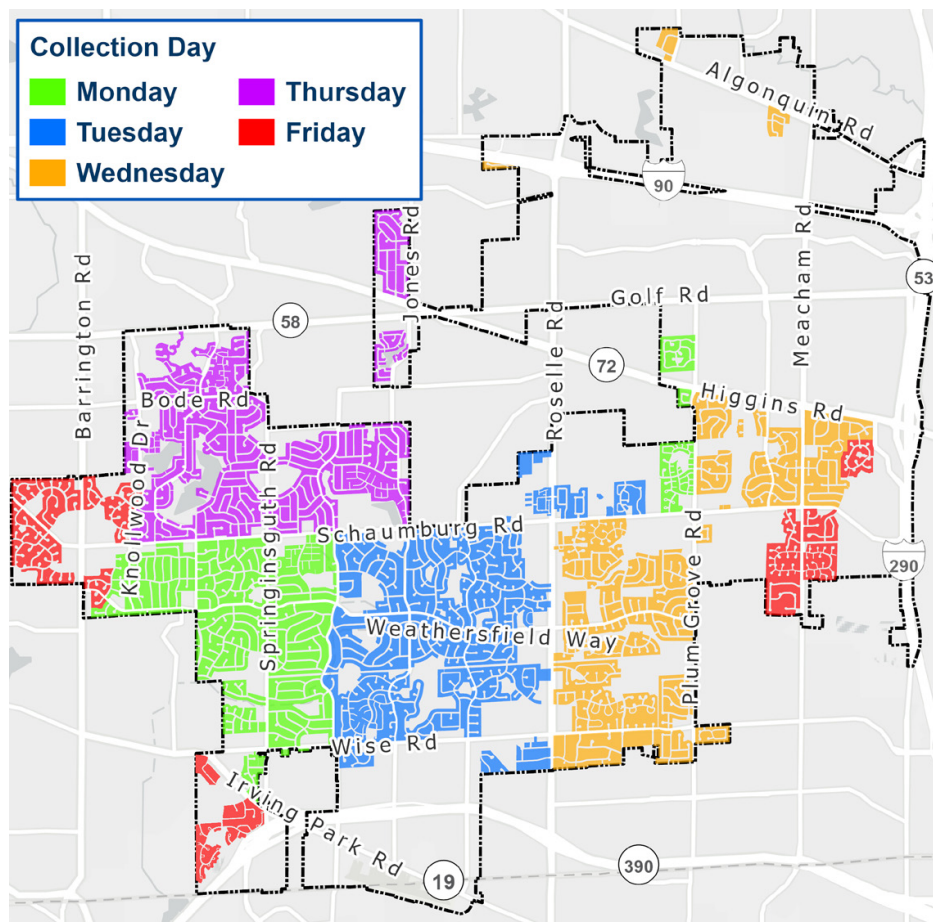
LRS SERVICE BEGINS IN SCHAUMBURG

This month, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) took over as the village's new provider of curbside waste, recycling and yard waste for Schaumburg homes. As part of the change, LRS is now operating on a new 5-day service schedule. The service map is shown on this page and the interactive map is available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/servicemap. The interactive map allows residents to enter an address in the search bar to conveniently access their scheduled service day.

Reminder: garbage, recycling and landscape waste shall be placed curbside on the day of collection no later than 7 a.m.



Scan Here With Smartphone



LRS Recycling Guidelines

Residents may place out as many recyclable items as they wish each week for collection. Recyclable material that won't fit in recycling carts may be placed at the side of the cart. Larger or bulky boxes must be broken down before collection. Please utilize the list below to distinguish what you can or cannot put in your recycling cart.

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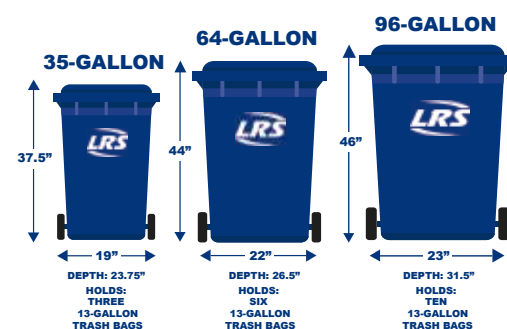
- Metal – steel and aluminum containers and foil
- Paper – cardboard (flattened), office paper, newspaper or magazines
- Glass – containers: bottles and jars only
- Plastic (codes 1-5 and 7) – bottles, tubs, jugs and jars only
- Cartons

NO

- Plastic bags – no product wrap (return clean to retailer)
- Big items – electronics, wood, propane tanks, scrap metal or styrofoam
- Tanglers – shredded paper, hangers, hoses, wire, cords, ropes or chains
- Clothing – textiles or shoes (donate)
- Food, liquid, diapers, batteries or needles

Make sure items are clean and empty. Replace lids and caps. Put all recyclable material in loose; not in bags.

These guidelines represent the most common items accepted and not accepted in recycling programs. For detailed information on acceptable recyclables, visit www.lrsrecycles.com/schaumburg. Additional information on garbage and recycling is also available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/garbage-recycling. For questions, dial 311 in Schaumburg or contact LRS customer service at service@lrsrecycles.com or (844) 633-3577.



Residential Cart Change Out Information

If your home received the standard size/default carts and you requested something larger or smaller after the March 18 cart ordering deadline, please know that LRS will still happily exchange your delivered carts. Please continue using the carts provided to you while waiting for your preferred size(s) to arrive. To request a different cart size, visit the cart selection portal at www.lrsrecycles.com/schaumburg or contact LRS customer service at service@lrsrecycles.com or (844) 633-3577.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Village of Schaumburg reaffirms its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Recent DEI initiatives include:

- The Human Resources Department continues to embrace the four pillars of its DEI program: language, recruiting, selection and culture.
- The Communications and Outreach Department created the new "Embracing Schaumburg's Diversity" wall at Village Hall so visitors can learn about Schaumburg's German heritage and join the village in celebrating the community's diversity.
- The village administered its third employee engagement survey. This survey will further assist with enhancing DEI efforts since it allowed employees to provide feedback on workplace culture and employee engagement. Survey results will be used to shape future initiatives surrounding organizational culture.
- The employee VOICE committee has spent time testing various on-demand translation apps available on mobile devices that employees can use during customer interactions. The committee is also working on translating frequently used forms and documents into the most spoken languages by Schaumburg residents. These resources will greatly help interactions between employees and customers with limited English proficiency. For Fiscal Year 2022/23, the VOICE committee is launching a new quarterly education series that will provide employees with helpful information on various languages, customs and cultures represented in the 2020 report on immigration trends in Schaumburg.

For more information about the village's DEI efforts, contact Ann Everhart at aeverhart@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Residential Electronic Permitting Process

Now that summer weather is almost here, the village's Community Development Department offers a friendly reminder that permits are required for work to add or alter features to your property such as fences, patios, decks, sidewalks, driveways, and sheds. For a list of work that requires a permit and what each permit will require at the time of submittal, review the Residential Permit Resource Guide on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/permitservices.

The online residential application allows the user to conveniently submit the required project information electronically for each permit type. The applicant can also attach all necessary plans and documents directly to the form.

The village has also designed an online express permit for the following residential projects: roofing, siding, air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, sewer repair, plumbing, and temporary storage pods.

For more information on residential permits or to apply, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/permitservices. For questions, dial 311 in Schaumburg.



EXPERIOR TRANSPORT UPDATE



At its April 12 meeting, the Schaumburg Village Board approved Exporior Transport's use of the 55 acres of vacant property near the southwest corner of Irving Park and Rodenburg Roads. Exporior Transport, a freight logistics company, will purchase the site from the village for \$7.5 million and develop a \$40+ million logistics facility. As part of the development, Exporior will also construct a public access road and bike path through the property that connects the Schaumburg Metra Station to Rodenburg Road.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer. Once complete, the development is projected to create more than 200 jobs and generate more than \$425,000 in annual tax revenue for the village.

For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/exporior, contact Matt Frank at mfrank@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMMERS

The Schaumburg Police Department often receives reports from citizens who have become victims of financial scams via phone, email and social media. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these scammers are located overseas and are typically beyond the reach of U.S. law enforcement. Recently, scammers have become more sophisticated and now every population group is vulnerable to them. Please keep the following tips in mind to protect yourself from scammers.

- **Federal agencies do not call.** It is unusual for any federal agency to call you regarding any fine, debt, or violation of the law. The federal government will first contact you by mail to initiate any legitimate business.
- **Make direct contact before providing information or funds.** An unusual request from a friend or coworker via email or social media may not be real. If you encounter a suspicious request, make contact with that person face to face or by phone using a verified phone number (not contained within the suspicious email or social media message) to confirm. Never provide sensitive information such as your Social Security Number or bank account numbers to unknown or unverified persons.

- **Know red flag payment types – gift card, money order, wire transfer, or cash by mail.** No unit of government or debt collector accepts payment in the form of gift cards. The vast majority of legitimate payments/transactions occur via credit card, check, or electronic transfer to known entities. Avoid sending money orders, wire transfers, or cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin to any unverified receiver. These payment types are typically not traceable. If you are directed to send cash through the mail or via any parcel service, it is a scam.
- **Seek a second opinion.** Scammers are often very persuasive and insist that actions be taken immediately and in secrecy. Hang up and call someone for a second opinion if you are suspicious.

If you suspect that you may be the target of a telephone or electronic scam, call the police department by dialing 311 in Schaumburg prior to providing any financial information or payment. An officer will speak to you by phone or respond to your address if needed. For more information, contact Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Fire Department Trains at Former Macy's Building

Recently, the Schaumburg Fire Department utilized the former Macy's building for training purposes. Structures, such as this site, allow fire department members an opportunity to run realistic training scenarios in buildings not commonly available in a formal training facility.

Department members were able to hone their skills in proper ladder selection and placement. These drills were meant to challenge their abilities to place ladders as a single rescuer as well as a two-person team. Other ladder drills included the use of the aerial truck, where members were given a target on the building where they needed to properly set up and access that point with the aerial ladder.

In addition to ladder training, members practiced their skills for self-rescue by breaching walls. Wall breach is a method taught to provide firefighters a possible escape route if and when necessary. The unique open floor plan of this building will also allow the fire department to practice rope assisted search procedures. This system of searching uses a rope of predetermined length to serve as a guideline so members can search large open areas more effectively and efficiently.

The fire department is planning additional training that includes escalators, public elevators, freight elevators and hose advancement. For more information, contact Capt. Fabio Puccini at fpuccini@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Bites, Burns and Breathing Easy

Summer brings warmth, fun and sunshine, but it can also bring safety hazards. With the right safety tips, summertime can be a relaxing and safe time for you and your family. Please review the following safety tips from the Schaumburg Fire Department:

- Human or animal bites often become infected and can transmit illnesses such as rabies. Medical evaluation is necessary for thorough cleansing and treatment, and a tetanus shot may be required if you have not had one within five years.
- Insect bites or stings that cause severe swelling at the site of the bite, a generalized rash, and any swelling of the face or difficulty breathing require immediate medical evaluation. Remove stingers from bee or wasp stings by scraping (the edge of a credit card works well). Refrain from using tweezers or fingernails.
- Minor swelling and itching can be treated with cool compresses, over-the-counter oral antihistamines or hydrocortisone creams. (Use only as directed.)

- Minor burns are treated with cool (not cold or ice) compresses. After cleansing, a mild antibiotic ointment and bandage may be applied. Take care not to break any blisters.
 - If there is significant blistering or charring, or if the burn involves the palms, soles, face or groin area, or a large area of skin, seek immediate physician evaluation.
- Sunburns with extensive blistering or general symptoms of nausea, vomiting, weakness or chills, are more serious and need physician evaluation.
- For those with allergies: try to avoid the outdoors on windy days or when you start to notice allergy symptoms, as the wind stirs up pollen and carries it through the air.
 - Do not cut grass or be near someone mowing their lawn. Avoid high pollen exposure times at dawn and dusk.
 - Use air conditioners at home, close windows when you drive, and avoid hanging laundry out to dry as pollen and mold collect on sheets and clothes.

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

Nursing and Senior Services Speaking Opportunities

Did you know nurses from the village's Nursing and Senior Services Division are available to speak at community meetings and events? Nurses are happy to present health and safety information as well as discuss services available to Schaumburg residents at the Nursing and Senior Services facility, 746 E. Schaumburg Rd., and the Schaumburg Barn Senior Center, 231 S. Civic Dr. To schedule an outreach presentation, contact Kathy Henkelman at khenkelman@schaumburg.com. For more information about the Nursing and Senior Services Division, visit www.schaumburg.com/nursing or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

In addition, nurses are regularly scheduled to present a variety of health topics each quarter at The Barn. The Senior Center welcomes residents ages 60 years and older as well as disabled adults for hot meals, community markets and fun activities. For more information about The Barn and its programming, visit

www.schaumburg.com/thebarn, contact Marina Lvovich at mlvovich@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Recently, Kathy Henkelman, Nursing and Senior Services Supervisor, and Nancy Reese, nurse and Medical Reserve Corps member, presented at the St. Peter's Young at Heart group. Topics included heart disease prevention, high blood pressure and signs of a heart attack.

Protect Your Car From Catalytic Converter Theft

There is a nationwide increase in catalytic converter thefts due to the valuable precious metals contained inside. The Schaumburg Police Department has responded to increased thefts in our community and reminds residents to be alert.

A catalytic converter is a device that attaches to a vehicle's exhaust system and is designed to convert environmentally hazardous exhaust to less harmful gases. A skilled thief can remove a catalytic converter in less than 90 seconds with a few simple tools, including an electric saw. The estimated cost to replace a catalytic converter can be more than \$1,500.

Consider these steps to help protect your car:

- If possible, park your vehicle in a secure garage
- Park in well-lit areas with high visibility
- Park near security cameras or a motion-sensing light
- Install an anti-theft device such as an alarm, steel shield, or cable locking device (available at auto repair shops and online)
- Engrave your license plate or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the catalytic converter

Please report any suspicious activity by dialing 911 immediately. For more information, contact Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

MT Balloons – 881 S. Roselle Rd.

MT Balloons, located at 881 S. Roselle Rd. in the Kingsport Plaza, opened in 2021. Owner Mirtha Thomas is a party decorator and florist extraordinaire. A native of Peru, Mirtha attended the Institute of Wedding and Event Design in Deerfield Beach, FL. It was there she grew her talent for decorating. Mirtha has years of experience creating centerpieces, sweet tables, photography backdrops, and fabulous table settings. She can bring her talent and inspirationally designed balloon pieces or floral arrangements to any event space to make any occasion special. For more information about MT Balloons, call (847) 668-4101.



New Businesses



Belong Gaming

601 N. Martingale Rd., Ste. 173
<https://us.belong.gg>



Burrito Parrilla Mexicana

720 E. Higgins Rd.
www.burritopm.com



Physicians Immediate Care

405 W. Golf Rd.
www.physiciansimmediatecare.com



Planet Fitness

590 E. Golf Rd.
www.planetfitness.com



Predicine

1314 N. Plum Grove Rd.
www.predicine.com



Schaumburg Public House

1551 N. Thoreau Dr.
www.schaumburgpublichouse.com



TE'AMO Boba Bar

601 N. Martingale Rd., Ste. 320
www.teamobobabar.com



The Cheer Shoppe

5 Woodfield Mall
www.cheershoppe.com



Coming Soon

Carvana

1717 Penny Ln.
www.carvana.com

Holiday Inn Express

40 N. Martingale Rd.
www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress

Kiddie Academy

1121 E. Higgins Rd.
www.kiddieacademy.com

Take 5 Oil Change

2 W. Golf Rd.
www.take5oilchange.com



Entertainment



Medical



Restaurant



Sports/Fitness

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Recently, Schaumburg's Village Board approved a resolution to proceed with Phase 1 of the development of the village's 23-acre Entertainment District adjacent to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel on the east side of Meacham Road.

Phase 1 of the project is anchored by Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, which will offer multilevel karting tracks for different age groups, virtual reality attractions, video arcade, bowling, two-level laser tag arena, and a full restaurant and bar. Andretti Indoor Karting and Games will pay \$6 million for the development-ready pad site and invest nearly \$20 million to construct its 80,000 square foot facility. The Village of Schaumburg will benefit from new amusement tax, sales tax, and food and beverage tax revenue from Andretti Racing which is estimated to be \$955,000 annually based on \$16 million in annual sales.



Phase 1 of the Entertainment District also includes a 900-space parking structure with a pedestrian bridge into the Renaissance hotel, building pads for other entertainment and restaurant users, and digital signage for the Convention Center and Entertainment District. For more information, contact Matt Frank at mfrank@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

GETTING AROUND TOWN

Summer Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety

Summer is the perfect time to take advantage of the beautiful weather with a bike ride or walk. The Schaumburg Police Department would like to remind cyclists and pedestrians to stay alert and be mindful of motorists. Please follow these basic safety protocols to help prevent accidents from occurring:

- Know and follow all traffic safety laws. Please review the 2022 Illinois Rules of the Road at <https://bit.ly/3Ng2qay>.
- Follow crosswalk regulations. Wait until all vehicle traffic is stopped prior to crossing.
- Never assume a motorist, pedestrian or cyclist can hear or see you. Proceed with caution. Cyclists should use horns, whistles and bells to signal to others they are approaching.
- Cyclists should ride in designated bike lanes or on bike paths. If riding on the roadway, always travel with the flow of traffic and ride on the right side of the road, as far to the right as practical and safe.

- If you bicycle or walk on the sidewalk, be careful as you pass driveways and other roadway openings and intersections. Watch for vehicles pulling out or turning.
- Watch for obstacles such as potholes, debris and/or parked cars.
- Consider wearing neon or fluorescent colors, traffic safety vests or other lighted items to remain visible.
- Carry a flashlight or a cellular phone with flashlight capability if you are walking.
- Install reflectors and/or lights on your bicycle and avoid riding at night.
- For everyone's safety, do not text, wear earbuds or headphones, or use any device that reduces your situational awareness while walking or riding a bike.
- Cyclists should state their intentions by using hand signals (see graphic below).

For more information, contact Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Left-turn Signal



Right-turn Signal
(using left arm)



Right-turn Signal
(using right arm)



Stop Signal

Image courtesy of the Illinois Secretary of State

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION



2022 Street Improvement Program

This year's improvements include 19.1 miles of preventative maintenance, 3.02 miles of corrective resurfacing, 5.40 miles of reconstruction/modified reconstruction, bike path resurfacing/reconstruction, parking lot improvements, and pedestrian enhancements. The program began in May and will run through the end of November. For a list of roadways included in this year's program, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/streetprogram. For questions, contact Jim Vincolese at jvincolese@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

Water Main Replacement Program

The village's Water Main Replacement Program runs in conjunction with the Street Improvement Program and includes the replacement of approximately 9,437 linear feet of water main, as well as all related valves and appurtenances. Project areas include Cottonwood Lane, Hinkle Lane, Boxwood Drive and Cheltenham Place. This program will also include the replacement of inoperable water valves village-wide. The program began in March and will run through the end of August. For questions, contact Jim Vincolese at jvincolese@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

Bode Road and Springinsguth Road Resurfacing

The project has been split into two sections: Bode Road from Barrington Road to Springinsguth Road and Springinsguth Road from Bode Road to Schaumburg Road. Resurfacing improvements are expected to begin on both sections in July and be complete this November. The improvements on both streets include roadway resurfacing, selective curb and sidewalk replacement, pavement striping, and improvements to the traffic signal at the Bode/Springinsguth intersection. For questions, contact Scott Shirley at sshirley@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

Summit Drive Resurfacing

The second half of the Summit Drive Resurfacing project – from Weathersfield Way to Schaumburg Road – will begin after the District 54 school year concludes at the end of May. Improvements include repairs to sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and resurfacing of the driving surface. The project is expected to be complete by the beginning of August. For questions, contact John Welch at jwelch@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

Weatherfield Way Resurfacing

Weathersfield Way will be resurfaced between Braintree Drive and Salem Drive and is adjacent to several residential properties as well as Campanelli Park. Additional improvements include repairs to sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm sewer repairs, a new shared path along the north side of the street and new street lights. The program began in April and is expected to be largely complete by the end of August. The remaining lighting work is expected to continue through the end of 2022. For questions, contact John Welch at jwelch@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

Plaza Renovations

Renovations are nearing completion on the 27,000 square foot Jack Siegel Memorial Plaza located between the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center and the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts. Concrete walkways, benches, shade trees and the pergola have been installed for the public to gather and enjoy. Final landscaping and any remaining work will occur this summer. For questions, contact Yasmin Rodriguez at yrodriguez@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

More information on these projects can be found on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/cip-dashboard. The public is encouraged to sign up for the weekly Progress Report e-newsletter at www.schaumburg.com/e-newsletters to obtain updates on these projects.

On-Street, Accessible Parking at Six Schaumburg Park District Facilities

Recently, the Village Board approved an ordinance to allow one to two accessible, on-street parking spaces at six Schaumburg Park District (SPD) park facilities. Since not all SPD facilities provide accessible parking in an off-street parking lot, village staff worked with the park district to identify locations where on-street, accessible parking could be provided for facilities with programmed activities that do not have an existing parking lot near the field. These

on-street, accessible parking spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible vehicles with an appropriately displayed handicap placard or license plate. Motorists are reminded that these on-street parking spaces are for accessible parking users only. As a reminder, the village-wide ordinance prohibiting on-street parking adjacent to recreational parks remains in effect. For more information, contact Rachel Benson at rbenson@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Celebrate Bike Month This June

The village is planning to celebrate Bike Month this June with a continued focus on safely-distanced bike events and activities.

- The Business Bike Classic returns for the fourth year and is a competition that encourages businesses and organizations within the village to form virtual teams to achieve the highest cumulative mileage. A new prize structure will be in place this year with prizes awarded to the top teams and individuals as well as to the second tier of riders.
- The Fahrrad Tour von Schaumburg, a family-friendly bike ride, will return on Sunday, June 5 and features a 5-mile bike ride followed by a picnic. This free, community event is sponsored by the village and the Schaumburg Park District. Pre-registration is required and helmets are encouraged.

More details about these events and activities are available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/bikeevents. For questions, contact the Transportation Department at vostransportation@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



GREEN CORNER

SCHAUMBURG EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR 2021 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

At its Feb. 8 meeting, Schaumburg's Village Board adopted a resolution expressing support for the goals and objectives of the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region proposed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The plan identifies several science-based goals and objectives for the region and identifies strategies for municipalities to take measurable and meaningful action to both dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop resiliency to climate-related hazards that threaten the community, economic health and the natural environment. By endorsing the Climate Action Plan, the village joins other communities and councils of government that are working toward taking strategic action to achieve many aspects of the plan for a more resilient, equitable and healthy future. To view the full plan on the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus website, visit <https://bit.ly/35oMx0x>. For questions, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

CFL Bulbs, Cell Phone and Battery Recycling

Did you know the Village of Schaumburg provides a CFL bulb, Cell Phone and Household Battery drop-off program to prevent mercury and toxic chemicals from batteries from contaminating water supplies? See below for drop box locations:

- Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center - 101 Schaumburg Ct.
- Engineering and Public Works - 714 S. Plum Grove Rd.
- Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts - 201 Schaumburg Ct.

For more information, contact Laurie Walter at lwalter@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Schaumburg Environmental Fair – Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine!

Mark your calendars to attend the Schaumburg Environmental Committee's conservation and sustainability fair that will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. The free, all-ages event will be held at Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd. Visitors will learn about recycling opportunities and explore innovative ways to reduce their household waste stream. Connections between waste reduction, water quality and water conservation will be discussed.

Exhibitors representing local environmental organizations will be on hand to share information and answer questions about their

programs and projects. Crafts and activities will be set up for children to enjoy, and a garbage/recycling truck will be available for a Touch-a-Truck opportunity. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/environmentalfair, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

The event is offered in partnership with the Schaumburg Park District and the Schaumburg Township District Library.

Did you know Spring Valley is a living museum that puts conservation into action? While there, be sure to learn about the nature center's efforts to offer zero-waste special events.

2021 Landscape Award Winners

Since 2005, the Schaumburg Environmental Committee's Annual Landscape Award Program has recognized commercial, retail and residential developments that exhibit excellence in their landscape improvements and maintenance. The 2021 Landscape Award recipients were recognized at the Feb. 8 Village Board meeting and include:

Most Improved Commercial:

U.S. Waterproofing, 81 Remington Rd.

Most Improved Retail:

Patrick Cadillac, 526 Mall Dr.

Most Improved Planned Unit Development (PUD):

Meribel PUD, southwest corner of Barrington and Old Church roads

Best Maintained Commercial:

Pita House, 300 W. Higgins Rd.



Best Maintained Retail:

Meacham Point, 1018-1022 N. Meacham Rd.

Best Maintained Planned Unit Development (PUD):

Friendship Village, 350 W. Schaumburg Rd.

Best Natural Landscaping:

Hidden Pond PUD, southwest corner of S. Old Plum Grove and Old Plum Grove roads

For more information, contact Martha Dooley at mndooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

RESTORED PARKWAY CARE REMINDERS

When the village plants a new parkway tree or completes parkway restoration at your residence, your assistance is needed to ensure healthy growth and the establishment of the restoration site. This includes care such as the weekly filling of tree bags and watering grass seed and sod so they remain moist at all times. As a reminder, when the village completes

restorations, arrangements are made to waive the sprinkling restriction for the following 30 days. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/trees, scan the QR code at right with your mobile device, contact Justin Briski at jbriski@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



NEWS BRIEFS

Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Village of Schaumburg offers a Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program to assist eligible residents with necessary home improvements. This program is funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which are provided to the village from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Priority is given to homeowners who are seniors or disabled.

Projects within the rehabilitation program may include the correction of code violations, substandard living conditions, health or safety hazards, and deficiencies in the home. Examples of eligible projects include the replacement of roofing, windows, siding and HVAC.

Loans are provided at 0% interest and are due in 30 years or upon sale or change of title of the home, whichever occurs first. Eligibility is determined by applicants' income, assets and home equity.

The village is partnering with North West Housing Partnership to administer the program. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/rrlp, email Michelle Hill at michellehill@nwph.net or call (847) 969-0561. For questions, contact Marisa Krawiec at mkrwiec@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Club Schaumburg Teen Center



Did you know the Boys & Girls Club operates the Club Schaumburg Teen Center located on the lower level of The Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr.? Club Schaumburg serves teenagers in grades 7-12 and provides them with a safe and fun place to go after school. Daily programs and activities focus on leadership, career development, character, citizenship and healthy lifestyles. For more information and to apply for free membership, visit the Boys & Girls Club website at www.bgcelgin.org/schaumburg or call (331) 235-1353.

SEASONAL WATER USAGE

Residents often see higher water bills in the summer months due to increased water usage. Outdoor activities such as gardening, watering the lawn, filling swimming pools, children's water activities, car washing, and power washing will increase your water bills. With the summer months quickly approaching, there are some things you can do to keep your water usage down:

- Water your lawns, flowers, and gardens first thing in the morning to help avoid the effects of the heat and save on water. Rain barrels can also help ease the cost of watering.
- Make sure your water spigot is completely turned off after watering; even a steady drip can increase your bill.
- Check automated irrigation systems to ensure they are functioning properly and have no leaks or broken sprinkler heads.

For more information, email waterbilling@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Residential Pool, Hot Tub Permit Requirements

Summer days spent poolside are almost here. As a reminder, a pool permit is required for all permanently installed and temporary/seasonal pools. The Village of Schaumburg has adopted the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as well as a few local ordinance items for the installation of a swimming pool or hot tub. Several factors including placement, lot coverage, setbacks, and pool barriers (fencing/alarms) are required by code to improve safety. The village has prepared a resource guide to highlight several of the requirements for the installation of pools and hot tubs. The Pool Permit and Barrier Checklist is a good place to start in order to develop a general understanding of the multiple requirements which are required by code and are reviewed and inspected as part of the permit process. The guide and checklist are available on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/pool-hottub.

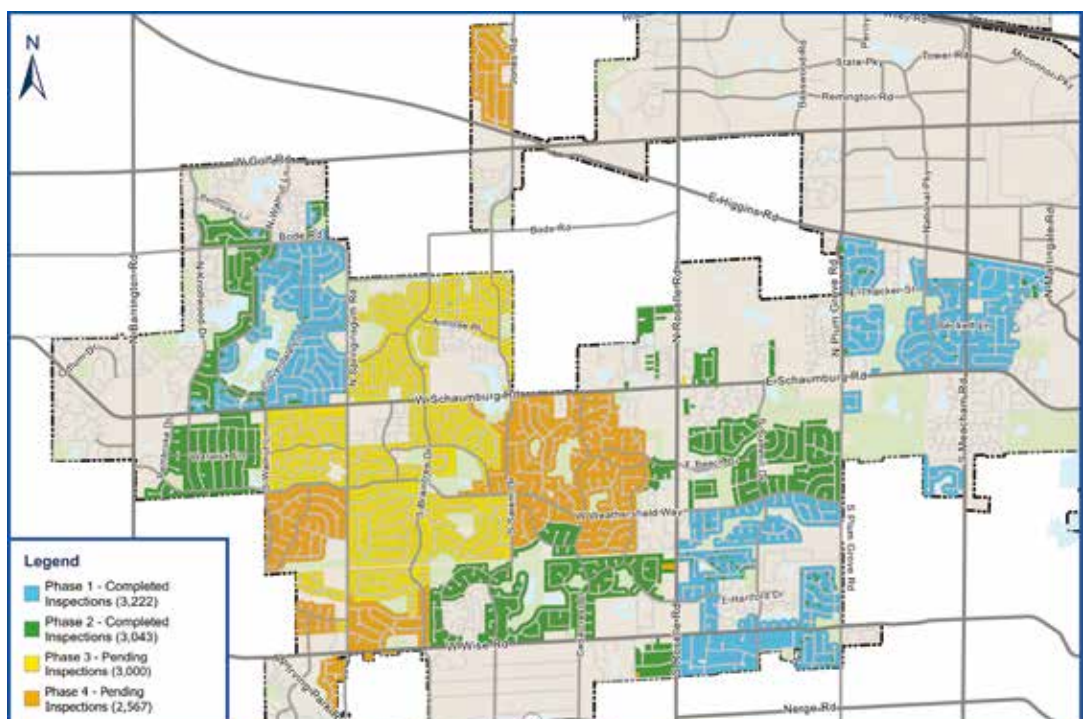
Other existing site conditions such as slopes/grading, utilities and other accessory structures within your yard may have an impact on the review and approval process. The process and requirements may seem overwhelming, so the village offers an option to schedule a pre-planning or pre-construction meeting at your home. If you are interested in meeting with a Building Division staff member, contact Scott Flanagan at sflanagan@schaumburg.com to schedule this optional consultation at your home. For questions, dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Water Bill EFT Option

Did you know the Village of Schaumburg offers an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) water bill payment option to residents and businesses? This payment option is free and convenient to use, prevents late fees and service disconnections, and saves on postage and credit card fees. Account holders will still receive a monthly water bill and the village will auto draft your payment on the 20th of every month. For more information and to complete an authorization form, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/waterbilling, contact waterbilling@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Residential Inspection Program

Community Development Department inspectors have completed walking inspections of over half the single-family homes in the village. The next group of homes in Phase 3 will be inspected this summer and fall and are noted in yellow on the map at right. As a reminder, property owners are required to meet village property maintenance codes and regulations to keep Schaumburg looking its best. For more information, contact Deborah Parran at dparran@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



UPCOMING EVENTS: MAY - JUNE

Information for upcoming events is tentative and subject to change. Please visit www.schaumburg.com and www.prairiecenter.org for the most up-to-date information or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

MAY

28-29

PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL

Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center Grounds

30

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Hoffman Estates Veterans Memorial Site & St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery

JUNE

3

SCHAUMBURG FARMERS MARKET OPENS

Town Square

(Held every Friday through the end of October from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.schaumburg.com/farmersmarket for details.)

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FLAG DAY EVENT - SENIORS 60+

Chandler's

(Visit www.schaumburg.com/thebarn for registration details.)

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FAHRRAD TOUR VON SCHAUMBURG

Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center Grounds

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Barn

(Visit www.schaumburg.com/blooddrives for details.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Spring Valley Nature Center

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FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Schaumburg Regional Airport

(Visit <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea153> for details.)

PRAIRIE CENTER PROGRAMS

FREE SUMMER BREEZE CONCERT SERIES

June-August 2022

Sponsored by the Village of Schaumburg and Schaumburg Park District

Held select Saturdays at 7 p.m. on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center.

Pets are not permitted on the grounds during concerts.



Thursday, June 23 – SAVE THE DATE!

Details coming soon for this special concert.

July 9 – SHINING STAR

Ten highly talented vocalists and musicians join forces in this celebration of Earth, Wind and Fire.

July 16 – BILLY ELTON

A timeless journey through the catalogs of two of the greatest singers, pianists, and songwriters in pop music history: Billy Joel and Elton John.

July 23 – SEMPLE

One of the city's most prominent lead singers and the band's namesake, Keith Semple, delivers 70s rock to modern pop songs and everything in between.

Aug. 13 – THE FLAT CATS

Vintage and modern music rooted in the hottest swinging jazz and blues, contemporary classics and timeless standards.



Aug. 20 – HEARTACHE TONIGHT

A true Eagles experience, capturing the excitement of one of the world's super bands.

Aug. 27 – THE CHICAGO EXPERIENCE

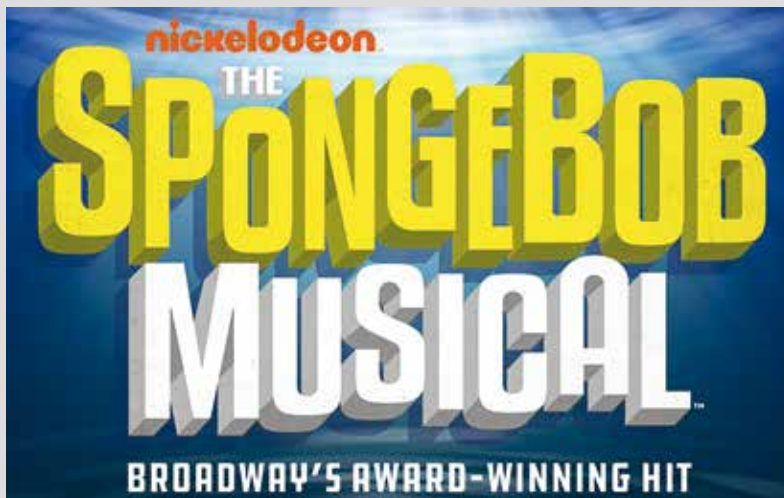
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Additional Music by Tom Kitt

Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau

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Performances: Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.

Adapted from the iconic Nickelodeon series!

Schaumburg Summer Theatre's 32nd production, featuring the talents of high school and college students, finds SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy, Squidward and all of Bikini Bottom facing total annihilation—until a most unexpected hero rises to take center stage.

Tickets (\$24 adults/\$18 seniors and students) are available at www.prairiecenter.org or by calling (847) 895-3600.

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com.

SCHAUMBURG SeptemberFest

51st Septemberfest – All 3 Days Return!

September 3-5

Septemberfest 2022 will be held Saturday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 5 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, at the intersection of Schaumburg Road and Summit Drive. The event will feature an arts and crafts show, craft beer and wine, carnival, local and national entertainment on three stages, Bingo, Taste of Schaumburg, Not-for-Profit Day, free pony rides, fireworks, Labor Day parade, and free shuttle service. The Septemberfest website continues to be updated as information becomes available and more details will be included in the fall edition of the Cracker Barrel. For more information, visit www.septemberfest.org or call the Septemberfest Hotline at (847) 923-3636.

Become a Septemberfest Sponsor

Businesses and organizations are invited to participate in Septemberfest by making donations to continue the success of Schaumburg's popular festival. It is anticipated that up to 250,000 people will attend the festival. Businesses that provide sponsorships receive excellent exposure and contribute substantially to the



success of Schaumburg's premier event. Several donation options are available with each offering a variety of benefits for both corporate and local small business sponsors. For more information and the sponsor application, visit www.septemberfest.org, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Want Free Parking at Septemberfest?

Volunteers are being sought for morning, afternoon and evening shifts at Septemberfest. Each volunteer will receive a complimentary T-shirt and a Septemberfest parking pass for the day they volunteer. For more information, visit www.septemberfest.org, call the volunteer hotline at (847) 923-3637 or contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com. New for 2022! Volunteer registration will be available online on the Septemberfest website soon.

Celebrate the 33rd Prairie Arts Festival

May 28-29

Memorial Day weekend's popular Prairie Arts Festival returns Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 to the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center located at the intersection of Schaumburg Road and Summit Drive. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days, rain or shine. Admission is free and the event will feature approximately 100 fine artists, including jewelers, painters, photographers, potters, sculptors, and woodcarvers from coast to coast.

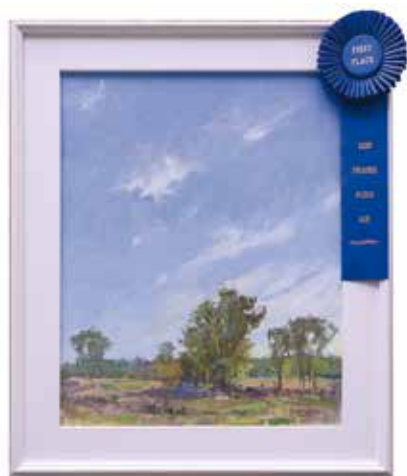
This festival continues to draw patrons from Chicago, the northwest suburbs and outlying areas. Many shoppers return year after year to purchase art, listen to the various musical acts featured hourly and enjoy the food offered by the food truck vendors. The festival also features a children's activity tent sponsored by the Schaumburg Park District for the event's younger artists.

For more information, visit www.prairiecenter.org, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg. While at the festival, make sure to check out the submitted work from the 11th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show. *See the article below for more information.*



11th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show

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



Submitted art from this year's Prairie Plein Air Competition will be featured on display in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts building from May 17 through June 24 and will coincide with the 33rd Prairie Arts Festival. Artists who participated in the competition used their vision and talent to capture picturesque vistas of Schaumburg's diverse, award-winning lifestyle with artwork submitted. Schaumburg offers a myriad of inspirations for plein air artists, from modern skyscrapers to quaint 19th-century buildings, cozy suburban homes to log cabins, bustling commercial street scenes to the stately Veterans Gateway Memorial clock tower, beautifully landscaped public parks and gardens to the wild flora of Spring Valley Nature Center, a majestically 'steeped' mid-19th-century church to a 21st-century minor league baseball park, suburbanites sitting pond side watching swans at the municipal center grounds to docents dressed in traditional costume harnessing draft horses at Heritage Farm, and much more. For more information, visit www.prairiecenter.org, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors for Their Support of the Arts in Schaumburg

Much appreciation is due to the Schaumburg Blick Art Materials store for their sponsorship and support of the Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show. The Prairie Arts Festival staff extends appreciation to the Schaumburg Park District for sponsoring the Children's Art Activity tent.

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Fire Administration

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
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FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER – MEET OUR THERAPISTS

Did you know counseling services are available to Schaumburg residents in need through the village's Family Counseling Center (FCC), 17 E. Schaumburg Rd.? Since 1975, the FCC has served thousands of residents with family, individual, marital/couples, pre-marital and couples therapy. Some insurance is accepted. All services are offered at highly affordable rates, and fees are determined based on each individual's financial situation. Learn more about our therapists below:

Patrick Dahmen, LMFT

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Master's degree in clinical psychology
- Practicing at the FCC for more than 33 years
- Builds on the strengths of individuals, couples, and family members of all ages to help people find wellness
- Utilizes healthy family systems frameworks and mindfulness practices to help his clients filter out unhealthy thinking and behaviors and learn new ways of focusing on things they can control
- Patrick is a father, friend, son, brother, family man, dog-loving four seasons outdoorsman, bowler, bicyclist, gardener, and hunter of a life well-lived



Linda Young, LCSW

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Master's degree in social work
- Practicing as a social worker for 25 years
- Specializes in anxiety, depression, domestic violence, and relationship issues
- Philosophy: change is possible, often it is a matter of thinking about things in a different way
- Most rewarding part of the job: seeing the strength and resilience of her clients, and their ability to laugh, even in the face of adversity
- Linda enjoys yoga, cycling, reading, spending time with friends and family, and volunteering at a dog shelter



For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.schaumburg.com/fcc, email fcc@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



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