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2022 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season's Greetings!

It's that time of year again when the air becomes a little colder, the leaves have fallen, and we feel a sense of warmth as we think about spending precious time with family, friends and loved ones this holiday season. This year has gone by quickly and what a year it has been!

Thank you to the Septemberfest Committee and all the staff and volunteers who worked to bring back the full 3-day festival that was held over Labor Day weekend. It was great to see the return of the arts and crafts show, Septemberfest parade, and additional entertainment acts that filled the schedule each day. We were also pleased to bring back the Prairie Arts Festival and kick off a full season of great programming at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts.

We learned this year that Schaumburg is now the 12th largest community in Illinois; census data indicated a 6% increase between the 2010 and 2020 censuses, which is a far more substantial increase than any of our neighbors. We also received high marks from data received from our 2021 National Community Survey. 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. With such positive feedback, it's no surprise that people want to make Schaumburg their home.

While we're a great place to live, we're also a great place for just about everything else! As we head into the holiday season, please show your support for Schaumburg businesses by shopping local. We thank all the new establishments that opened this year, including Pho Day, X-Golf, bb.q Chicken, Belong Gaming, Burrito Parrilla Mexicana, Planet Fitness, TE'AMO Boba Bar, Schaumburg Public House, and many others for their investment in our community. We also eagerly await the opening of both Tony's Fresh Market and Hopscotch in Town Square, which is anticipated in 2023.

You'll have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the holidays in Schaumburg. Our festive lights will soon be up in Town Square and around town. Look for additional details on The Nutcracker and our Tree Lighting Ceremony on page 16 of this edition.

I am proud to continue serving as Schaumburg's Village President. Thank you to the Village Board: Brian Bieschke, Jamie



Village officials prepare to cut the ribbon to open the 3-day Septemberfest festival.

Clar, George Dunham, Frank Kozak, Mark Madej, Jack Sullivan, and Clerk Marilyn Karr, for another year of continued dedication in serving the public. I also want to thank all our essential employees for continuing to provide high-quality service to the Schaumburg community. Your efforts in serving our village are very much appreciated.

Best Wishes this Holiday Season,

Tom Dailly

Tom Dailly
Schaumburg Village President



Enjoy the holiday lights in Town Square and at the Municipal Center grounds this winter. Please see pages 16-17 for information on holiday happenings in Schaumburg.



SNOW AND ICE SEASON REMINDERS

Snow and Ice Q&A

With winter weather approaching, the Village of Schaumburg would like to provide answers to some of the most commonly asked snow and ice-related questions.

Q: Why hasn't the village plowed this street yet?

A: The village is responsible for clearing village-owned streets and parking lots only during inclement weather. Many of Schaumburg's roadways are the responsibility of other agencies. This includes some of the most well traveled roads and thoroughfares. For a list of roadways controlled by other agencies, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/roadresponsibilities.

Q: How do I find the status of plowing operations in my neighborhood?

A: Residents and travelers can view the village's interactive snow map available online at www.schaumburg.com/snowstat to receive near real-time status of plowing and salting operations during snow and ice events. As a reminder, the map only applies to village-maintained roadways.

Q: Who is responsible for clearing sidewalks?

A: Residents are encouraged to clear public sidewalks that are located in front of or near their properties to provide safe passage for pedestrians.

Q: Whom should I contact if my mailbox or parkway has been damaged during plowing efforts?

A: If your mailbox or parkway has been damaged by village snow and ice equipment, please dial 311 in Schaumburg or create an online Customer Service Request (CSR) at www.schaumburg.com/csr so that it can be addressed by staff.



Q: Can I blow or shovel snow into the street?

A: Blowing or shoveling snow into the street causes dangerous ice patches while prolonging snow and ice removal efforts. It is also a violation of village code. In addition, please make sure fire hydrants are accessible at all times and a 3-foot area of clear space is maintained.

For more information regarding Snow Command efforts, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/snow-ice, contact Noel Rodriguez at nrodriguez@schaumburg.com, or dial 311 in Schaumburg with any non-emergency questions or concerns. For emergencies, please dial 911.

Village Prepared for Snow and Ice Season

Earlier this year, the village received the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) which promotes excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, while minimizing environmental impacts. The Village of Schaumburg is one of five agencies in the nation that was selected to receive this distinction in 2022. Categories evaluated for this award included materials/handling, equipment, training, community outreach, technical and environmental.

Every fall, the Engineering and Public Works Department performs its annual Snow and Ice Inspection to ensure its equipment and personnel are ready for the upcoming winter season. Vehicles and equipment are cleaned, inspected and prepped for the plowing and de-icing season. A line-up of all equipment is conducted by



supervisors who review each unit with the drivers to ensure that required safety and snow equipment is performing properly. This year, 40 trucks and eight pieces of equipment will be put into service to help clear roads and sidewalks in Schaumburg. For more information, dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Refuse and Recycling Cart Reminders

The Village of Schaumburg would like to remind residents of ordinances regarding refuse and recycling collection.

- On pick-up day, refuse and recycling carts should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. Carts should never be placed in the street.
- Between Oct. 1 and March 31, refuse and recycling may be placed at the curb no earlier than 4 p.m. the day preceding the established pick-up day.
- When putting carts out at the curb, handles should be facing the property with the lid opening toward the street.

Arrows are marked on each cart's lid to remind residents which way the cart should face so LRS trucks can easily pick up the carts to dispose of their contents. During winter, it is important to maintain a cleared driveway with accessible cart spacing. Please be mindful of the plows and refrain from placing carts on snow banks. For more information, contact Deborah Parran at dparran@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Demolition Efforts Underway to Expand Entertainment District

As part of the redevelopment plan for 90 North, the village purchased two commercial office buildings located at 1920/1930 Thoreau Dr. and helped relocate all tenants. Demolition efforts are underway on both vacant buildings so the space can be repurposed for Phase 2 of the Entertainment District. The demolition project is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Temporarily, the existing parking lot and exterior pole lighting remain to accommodate overflow parking for the convention center while Phase 1 is under construction.

The first phase of the village's 23-acre Entertainment District welcomes Andretti Indoor Karting & Games, located near the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel and Meacham Road. The entertainment/event destination will feature high-speed electric Superkarts on multi-level tracks, an arcade, virtual reality, simulators, laser tag, bowling, and mini golf, along with a full restaurant/bar and event spaces. Village staff continues to work on securing prospective users and businesses to enhance the district's amenities. For more information, see page 7.

Schaumburg Places First in Digital Cities Survey

The Village of Schaumburg's Information Technology Department was awarded first place in the category of municipalities with populations up to 75,000 in the 2022 Digital Cities Survey held by the Center for Digital Government. A first-place ranking is a recognition of the village's long-standing efforts to provide robust technical solutions that enhance the services and offerings of the village while being fiscally responsible. The village has participated in the survey every year since 2003. Prior to this year, the highest ranking achieved was third place. The competition evaluates municipalities across the country and ranks their performance on a variety of technical fronts such as strategic planning, constituent engagement, transparency, innovation, project management, network infrastructure, network security and more. This award demonstrates the village's commitment to using technology to improve operations and better serve the residents, visitors and businesses of Schaumburg.

Communications & Outreach Department

Branding & Marketing Efforts Continue

The village continues to implement marketing efforts aimed at reinforcing the village's position as a premier community of Chicago's northwest suburbs. Staff continues to work with an advertising firm that is promoting Schaumburg to residents and visitors as a place that is "Carefully Planned and Creatively Imagined." Digital ad campaigns are running throughout the year targeting a variety of audiences to raise awareness of Schaumburg's various amenities. In addition, Schaumburg is using its high marks achieved in the 2021 National Community Survey to promote why it is a community to live, work and play.

Another component of the marketing efforts underway is the replacement of gateway signs. Twelve existing signs will be replaced and a new sign will be located at Roselle and Central roads where one does not currently exist. All signs are anticipated to be placed this year with landscaping taking place next spring.



Promoting Diversity

In 2020, the Communications Department began recognizing and celebrating the wide variety of immigrant populations that have played a part in Schaumburg's success. Through this effort, staff helps educate employees as well as the public so that there is a better shared understanding of the different populations represented in Schaumburg. Staff has been working with all departments in the village to highlight diverse individuals, celebrate important cultural days that are observed in native countries, and determine opportunities to create positive connections with diverse audiences. Every month on its social media channels, the village recognizes various initiatives related to this effort, much of which has been met with positive comments from the public. Staff will continue to work with departments to highlight unique individuals and businesses by telling their stories in village communication channels and through short videos.

Connecting Through Outreach & Video

The Communications Department continues to support all village departments by promoting events and information to the public using a variety of communication channels. Staff is continuing to host outreach events with interested organizations and groups. The village met with the Schaumburg Garden Club this summer to present information on general village initiatives; nursing and senior services; and landscaping and tree replacement information. For more information on the village's outreach program, or if you are a group that is interested in having an outreach presentation, please contact Allison Albrecht at aalbrecht@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Embracing Video Communications

With video being such a popular way to interact with audiences, the village has been increasing its efforts to offer short video segments – both live and produced – to share information about projects, services, events, and other village information.

Videos have been featured on Facebook Live to provide the community with important information related to the village's new garbage and recycling provider; and the promotion of events, such as National Night Out, Farmers Market, and Septemberfest. The department has featured information on a variety of topics such as snow and ice operations, the Older Adult Market, Nursing services, Recycling Event, construction projects, Farmers Market, Coffee for Champions, Hops & Props, and more. Continue to look for these videos in the weekly e-newsletter, The Progress Report, as well as on the village's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SchaumburgIL.

The village is also using produced videos to showcase employees and the important roles they play in the village that are being shared on various communication channels. To learn more about how to stay connected with the village, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/communications or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Community Development Department

Golf Road Overlay District

The village approved the creation of an overlay zoning district along the Golf Road Corridor, which is the village's highest traveled corridor and has been a premier retail location for decades. An overlay district is an area where additional requirements are created to address special land use circumstances or to distinguish special areas that have distinctive characteristics from other areas of a community. The new overlay district provides regulations to match the village's future vision for this retail corridor, which will be divided into subdistricts. The eastern end of the corridor is reserved for retail, restaurant, and entertainment-oriented uses. Generally, more service-oriented uses are allowed on the western end of the corridor. The project was completed in partnership with the Economic Development Department and is part of an initiative to address vacancy concerns and evolving trends in the retail industry.

Permitting Study Implementation Plan

The village retained the services of a consultant to complete an operational study of the permitting and inspection services within the department to identify opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services provided to external customers. Seven recommendations were prioritized and most of the initial recommendations focus on improving work consistency and customer communication. The most notable recommendation is to evaluate the purchase of a new permitting software system. If implemented, it will provide a significant improvement for customer service including a new customer interface and improved customer communication.



90 North District Development

Public and private investment continues in the 90 North District. Phase 1 of the 90 North District Park is almost complete and includes grading, pathways, and infrastructure that will create a "framework" for future enhancements to this public space. Additional items include the "Hammock Grove", as well as additional seating along the main walkway, plantings within the park, and an entrance sign. The entry sign, which measures almost 8 feet tall and 15 feet long, was installed at the southeast corner of the park and serves as a colorful, large, and iconic feature of the park. Construction continues on the 260-unit Northgate at Veridian Rowhomes and the 373-unit The Quin Apartments. Both of these developments are expected to be completed in 2023.

Farmers Market Expansion

Several enhancements were included in the 2022 expanded Schaumburg Farmers Market. Since 2000, the number of vendors has grown from 15 to 33, offering a variety of products and services. The expanded plan allowed for additional vendors, provided additional ADA parking, provided a booth for Town Square businesses to promote services or sell products, and better accommodated public service agency participation. Other objectives of the expanded market were to increase the use of the Town Square pond and generate more customer trips to Town Square.

Cultural Services Department

Schaumburg Choral Artists

The Schaumburg Choral Program (formerly the Schaumburg Youth Choir) expanded its base this year to include an exciting new ensemble featuring formally trained singers. The 35-member Schaumburg Choral Artists (SCA) led by Director Tim Koll combines the talents of high school and college students, as well as adult singers. The ensemble was created out of a growing need for a performance outlet for graduates who wanted to continue their singing after college.

The SCA made its public debut at a Schaumburg Village Board meeting in April, followed by two more performances at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts and in Carol Stream. For its 2022-23 season, the ensemble performed Brahms' choral masterwork "Schicksalslied" with the Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and will appear again in December with the orchestra and the Schaumburg Choral Program's younger Prelude and Cantabile ensembles.

Return of Full-Scale Festivals

The Prairie Arts Festival returned after a two-year hiatus to the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center grounds for two days over Memorial Day weekend. The event drew thousands of visitors who enjoyed browsing and buying art from 80 fine artists. Awards were given to seven artists in the juried show, including a new award sponsored by former Cultural Services Director Betsy Armistead, honoring late former Cultural Commission member and School District 54 art instructor, John Latko. The grounds were filled with live music from three stages, and festivalgoers sampled a variety of refreshments from six food trucks.

The Labor Day weekend Septemberfest also made a grand comeback after 2021's reduced two-day event. The arts and crafts show made its highly anticipated return, and residents celebrated the 50th Labor Day Parade, marshaled by Village Trustee Frank Kozak. Visitors enjoyed festival favorites including the food and beverage tents, carnival, musical acts on three stages, fireworks, pony rides and Bingo. As one of the region's largest festivals, drawing an



estimated 250,000 visitors, the festival requires a massive effort from the Special Events office, the 23-member Septemberfest committee, volunteers and village employees. The Schaumburg Village Board, fest sponsors, participants, and merchants are also acknowledged for making the event an annual success.

Full Season of Arts & Entertainment

Both the Schaumburg Youth Orchestra and Choral Program completed their first full season since the reopening of the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts in 2021 and are back in full swing with a new season that continues into 2023. In April, the Prairie Center's Screen Test Student Fest put a spotlight on young filmmaking talent, showing films from throughout the U.S., China, Germany, and the U.K. Best in Show honors went to Cameron Staley and Shvnil Lal of Modesto, CA, for their Pixar-inspired animated short, "Grizz."

Schaumburg Summer Theatre, featuring top area high school and college performers, returned with "The SpongeBob Musical" for five performances in July and August. The musical, based on Nickelodeon's popular animated show, drew raves from audiences, calling the production "a must-see." The Schaumburg Dance Ensemble, featuring a cast of over 130 student and professional dancers, anticipates full houses for its upcoming holiday production of The Nutcracker in December. *See page 16 for details.*

A triumphant return to the Prairie Center's season of arts and entertainment was marked by a sold-out performance of comedian Josh Blue in September. Strong early ticket sales for fall programs including Beatles vs. Stones, the McCartney Years, and Delmark Records 70th Anniversary Blues Revue

proved that audiences were ready and eager to enjoy live entertainment once again. The Prairie Center's 2022-23 season continues in February with crossover string trio Simply Three.

Other acts include the McNulty Irish Dancers, Mutts Gone Nuts (a staff favorite) and the mesmerizing illusions of Mike Super. Tickets sell out fast, so order now at www.prairiecenter.org.



Economic Development Department

Small Business Grants

In response to the pandemic and its effects on small businesses, the Village of Schaumburg rolled out three forgivable loan programs totaling \$649,976 to assist 44 businesses. The grants helped spur over \$594,311 of investment in marketing campaigns, technological improvements, outdoor dining opportunities, and safety measures, as well as retain 295 jobs.

The Village of Schaumburg recently rolled out the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Small Business Grant Program which is targeted to businesses that are U.S. Veteran owned, disproportionately impacted industries, and low-to-moderate income owners. This additional \$220,000 will provide need-based forgivable loans to small businesses. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/arpa.

Exporior Transport

The Village of Schaumburg approved the development of a transport and logistics facility by Exporior Transport on the 55-acre property located at Irving Park and Rodenburg roads. A TIF District was approved to assist with the nearly \$60 million logistics campus development that will employ over 200 people and features a 40,000 square foot (SF) Class A office headquarters, an 80,000 SF high-cube warehouse space, a 15,000 SF maintenance facility, a corporate truck sales dealership, and a gas station with a restaurant. In addition, Exporior will construct a new access road connecting the Schaumburg Metra Station to Rodenburg Road. Site prep work has begun, and vertical construction is estimated to begin in 2023 with an anticipated opening in 2024. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/exporior.

Town Square: Tony's Fresh Market & Hopscotch

The Village of Schaumburg has been working to find a user to reoccupy the former grocery store in Town Square for over eight years. A deal with Tony's Fresh Market has been made that will include an investment of \$10 million, create 200 jobs, generate traffic and economic activity for Town Square, and enhance the Schaumburg tax base. The Village of Schaumburg will help support improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, façade, building, and signage to enable Tony's to proceed with opening a store in early 2023. Tony's plans on offering high-quality products at affordable prices, including prepared foods.



The Village of Schaumburg approved a redevelopment agreement with SD Construct LLC to purchase the vacant Town Square restaurant site next to Oberweis. SD Construct is proposing to open the Hopscotch restaurant on the 1.7-acre site. This would be a pub-style restaurant with a patio and rooftop deck overlooking the pond. Hopscotch will have a simple menu and provide an opportunity to highlight local artists and musicians. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/townsquare.



Entertainment District

Kensington Development Partners has been approved for Phase 1 development of the Entertainment District adjacent to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel. The Village of Schaumburg has a public-private partnership with Kensington Development Partners to move forward with the construction of an Andretti Indoor Karting & Games facility, a building pad for another entertainment user, a building pad for a restaurant user, and a 900-space parking structure. This development will kick off the Entertainment District and generate economic activity and tax revenue for the village to continue the investments and attract new business in 90 North Schaumburg. For more information, visit www.90northschaumburg.com.

Engineering & Public Works Department

New Refuse & Recycling Contract with LRS



In May 2022, the village entered into a refuse and recycling contract with new vendor Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS). Every 5 years, the village goes out to bid for residential refuse and recycling services to ensure competitive pricing and the best value for residents. Thanks to lower service rates with LRS, the village was able to offer a new free service to residents – a Curbside Electronics Recycling Event. The event took place in October during the week leading up to the village's Fall Recycling Event. Approximately 1,000 households participated in this year's curbside event which is expected to be offered annually.

The Village of Schaumburg values sustainability as does LRS, a pioneer of the closed loop recycling model. LRS prides itself on producing usable recycled material that is then sold to manufacturers. The company continues to exceed its service and environmental goals by focusing on hiring the best people possible and investing the necessary resources and capital into state-of-the-art facilities. In 2021, LRS recycled 238,997 tons of recyclables from its Chicagoland facilities.

Stadium Improvements

Prior to the start of the 2022 Schaumburg Boomers baseball season, the village awarded a contract to F.H. Paschen to complete a series of projects that would improve and modernize Wintrust Field baseball stadium. The project included replacing the plaza and concourse level flooring, refreshing the suite level restrooms, replacing the Schaumburg Club window walls with accordion style windows, and replacing the Jim Beam Club window wall with awning style windows. These modifications improve the aesthetics and fan experience at the ballpark.



This year, the village is partnering with Lead Electric to leverage unprecedented ComEd incentives available to organizations to convert all ballpark lighting to LED. Through this program, a facility assessment determines the applicable incentives available.

The incentives are issued by ComEd in efforts to reduce the load needed from non-residential facilities and are paid directly to the contractor upon approval of completion by the village.

The lighting replacement, while at a zero cost to the village due to ComEd incentives, has a value of over \$220,000 due to the fixtures, bulbs, equipment, and labor that will be provided. After installation, the village will have an immediate return on investment. It is estimated that the building will experience a savings of more than \$600,000 over the next 20 years due to these improvements in the form of reduced utility bills, repairs, maintenance, and re-lamping.

Village Water System

A consistent issue that all public water systems face is water loss through aging or damaged infrastructure. Recently, the village began a few pilot efforts aimed at improving the identification and response time for leaking pipes, valves, hydrants and other water assets. Public Works contracted ASTERRA, a company specializing in locating water leaks using synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) data, to provide several satellite images. ASTERRA combines this data with the village's geographical information system (GIS) to reduce the amount of area needed for manual identification of each individual system leak, thereby saving labor time and reducing exploratory digging. Additionally, staff entered into an agreement with M.E. Simpson to install 165 acoustical sensors on fire hydrants in the northwestern section of the village. These sensors "listen" for vibrations characteristic of a water leak and alert staff immediately when a potential leak is found. Hydrant operation is not affected by sensor installation. By improving the water loss response, the village prevents additional damage to roadways and other public infrastructure while reducing operating costs.

Street Improvements

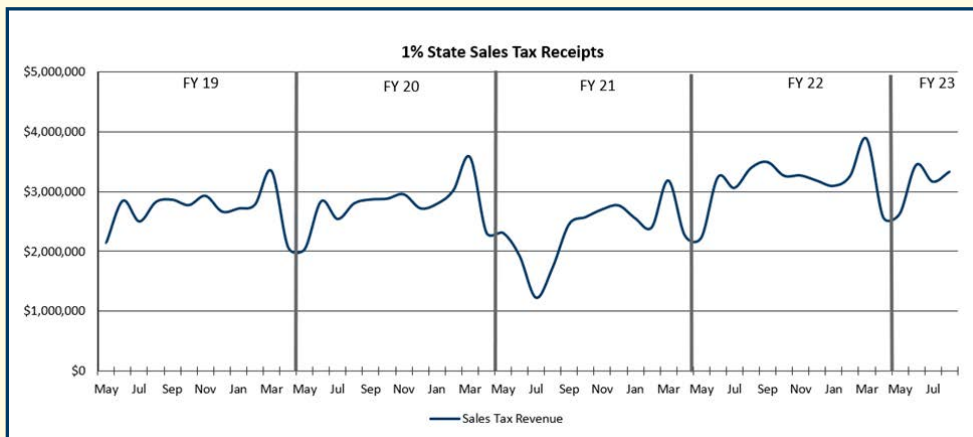
The village's Annual Street Program includes residential street repairs and resurfacing and is a cornerstone of the Capital Improvement Plan. This year's annual program maintained the \$8 million scope focusing on areas in most critical need of repair. The local street repair program included 5.4 miles of reconstruction, 3.02 miles of corrective resurfacing and 19.1 miles of preventative maintenance. The state authorized a \$1.5 billion grant program using proceeds from a transportation bond identified as Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds, which provided the village a disbursement of over \$4 million to use toward street reconstruction. This year, \$1.92 million in Rebuild Illinois Funds (RBI) was used to reconstruct Albion Avenue (0.81 miles), Remington Circle (0.58 miles) and Commons Drive (0.13 miles) for a total 1.52 miles of streets reconstructed with RBI funds.

Finance Department

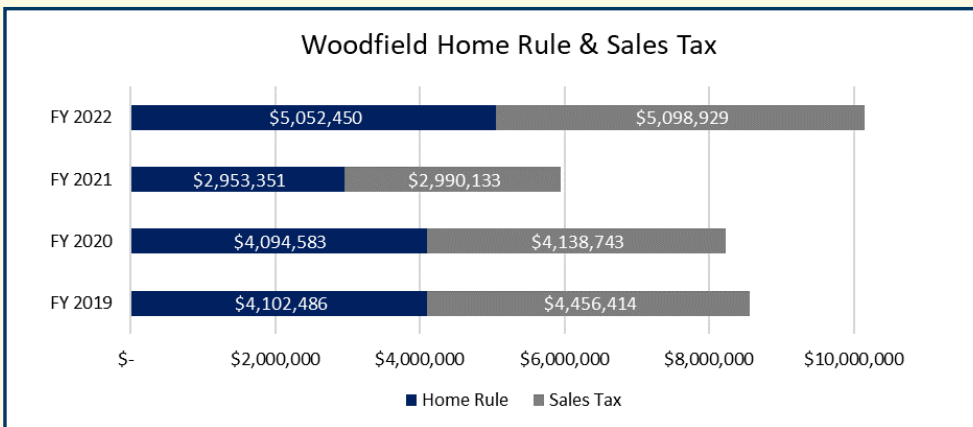
Revenue Recovery – Sales Tax, Inflation & Woodfield Mall

Sales tax is a good indicator of economic activity as it applies to almost all purchases made in Schaumburg. Below is a snapshot of the impact that the pandemic had on village sales taxes. The village is now firmly above pandemic sales tax revenues. Several factors, including inflation and pent-up consumer demand, account for the majority of these gains. The consumer price index (CPI), a broad measure of the price for everyday goods including gasoline, groceries and rent, rose 9.1% year-over-year for June 2022, the largest increase in 40 years. Overall, state sales tax revenues grew by \$1.2 billion in the fiscal year that concluded on June 30, 2022, exceeding \$10 billion for the first time in Illinois' history.

Due to these historic highs, Illinois suspended the 1% sales tax on groceries from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. However, the 1% sales tax on groceries is distributed to the municipalities in which the groceries are sold, not to the state. As such, the plan is structured so that retailers will continue to report total grocery sales, but not collect the sales tax and the state will make up the difference by remitting equivalent distributions to municipalities. Therefore, the village should not see any reduction in sales tax due to this tax holiday.



Shown below is a historical view of Sales and Home Rule Sales taxes at Woodfield Mall where the impact of pandemic-related closures is evident.



GFOA Awards

The Village of Schaumburg received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 budget plan including special recognition for reporting performance measures. The Distinguished Budget Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the 8th consecutive year the village has won this award, and 21st overall.

The village also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the FY 2020/21 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This is the 37th consecutive year the village has received this distinguished recognition.

Schaumburg Maintains AAA Credit Rating

In August, the village participated in a rating review with Standard & Poor's Rating Service (S&P) regarding the 2012 General Obligation Bonds, which were refunded in 2022 realizing a net savings of \$3.7 million without extending the life of the original bonds. S&P affirmed the village's AAA credit rating (the highest rating awarded) and "stable" outlook. Specifically, S&P highlighted the following reasons for the AAA affirmation:

- Resilient local economy that participates in Chicago's broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area with favorable prospects for continued residential, commercial, and industrial growth & development.
- Strong and proactive management, with good financial policies and practices under S&P's Financial Management Assessment methodology and strong institutional framework score.
- Positive financial operations due to management's pre-emptive efforts to stabilize the budget, resulting in what should be maintained very strong reserve levels and liquidity in fiscal year 2022 and in 2023.

Fire Department



Fire Department Strategic Plan

The calendar year 2022 has been busy and successful for the Schaumburg Fire Department. Beginning in late 2021, staff worked with Emergency Services Consulting International, an outside agency with extensive fire service experience, to develop a 5-year strategic plan that will guide the department's decisions and actions in the coming years. The plan was based on contributions from external customers, village leaders, and fire department personnel. Areas targeted include succession planning, recruiting, facility improvements, both internal and external communications, health and wellness, response standards and Nursing and Senior Services enhancements.

Nursing & Senior Services Provides Essential Support

The fire department's Nursing and Senior Services Division operates out of two locations and offers three service lines: senior programming, nursing services and the medical equipment loan closet. In late 2021, the Schaumburg Barn senior center resumed its daily hot meal and social program for its clients. In-person programming returned and included fitness programs, book club, themed parties, education presentations, picnics and theater trips. Older adults and individuals with disabilities are welcome to participate in The Barn's programming. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/thebarn.

Nurses and staff at the Nursing Office have continued seeing clients and the loan closet never stopped providing medical equipment. Over the past year, outreach and educational sessions resumed enhancing the public's knowledge and health literacy. Staff participated in various village events and met with schools, clubs and other religious and civic organizations. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/nursing.



Reaccreditation/ISO Review Process

The fire department staff has been preparing the agency to become reaccredited by the Center For Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). Accreditation status is reviewed every five years and is awarded to agencies that meet key performance indicators and community expectations while striving for continuous improvement in department operations and response to the community. The fire

department is also in process of an Insurance Services Organization (ISO) review. Both the reaccreditation process and ISO review require a detailed analysis of department operations, village water supply and system capabilities, training, and emergency dispatch and communications.



General Government

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Plan

The Village of Schaumburg has received \$9.9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) over the course of 2021 and 2022. This funding was provided by the federal government in response to lost revenues from the pandemic. The Village Board, after careful consideration, allocated \$2 million in funding for residential street repairs and resurfacing, \$1.25 million for a renovation project at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, \$500,000 for water/sewer improvements, \$120,000 for the village's Community Assistance Fund to provide emergency assistance to families in need, and \$120,000 for

the village's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program, which provides financial assistance to residents, landlords and businesses experiencing pandemic-related pressure to pay utility bills.

Next, the village will, in partnership with the Schaumburg Park District, use \$1.7 million to complete dredging and storm sewer upgrades at Gray Farm Marsh which will result in significant drainage improvements throughout the area, \$910,000 to replace 12 gateway signs around the village, \$73,000 for equipment and technological upgrades for the Boys & Girls Club, and \$75,000 to conduct a Health Services Needs Assessment to identify potential gaps in the availability of public health services within Schaumburg.

Village Continues Progress Toward Citizen Priorities

The Village of Schaumburg continued to make progress toward the priorities that were identified in the 2021 National Community Survey. Residents who participated in that survey provided the village with high marks for its quality of life, as a place to live and raise children, and for an overall image and reputation. This year, survey findings have been used to guide strategic goal setting and provide insights to departments regarding programs and services. Some of the areas that the village has focused on in 2022 include:

- Promote diversity and inclusion
- Ensure public safety
- Promote economic development
- Enhance community engagement
- Maintain transportation infrastructure

Progress toward these priorities can be found throughout each of the department sections in this edition. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/nationalcommunitysurvey, contact Andrew Buckwinkler at abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Sustainable Initiatives

In November 2021, the Village Board approved an agreement with Eligo Energy to provide a ComEd price match product for the village's electrical aggregation program. As part of the village's agreement, Eligo would purchase renewable power to offset a portion of the village's total electric consumption. As a result, the village is positioned to become an EPA Green Power Community and receive a civic grant of \$164,191 to be used for environmental programming.



Members of the Green Team, a group comprised of village staff members from each department, were asked to recommend environmental projects that could be funded through the Eligo civic grant. All project ideas were required to address components in the village's Comprehensive Green Action Plan and provide benefits related to sustainability. Through collaboration, staff identified three projects fulfilling these requirements:

- Create a Fleet Transition Plan
- Purchase an electric vehicle and provide training for the village's automotive technicians who will maintain and repair the electric vehicles in the fleet
- Install electric vehicle charging stations at the Metra Commuter Parking Lot

The Village Board unanimously approved the projects at its Oct. 12 meeting. Staff is expected to begin implementing these projects throughout 2023.

Human Resources Department

Supporting an Inclusive Workplace

The Human Resources Department continues to lead efforts to engage employees and encourage inclusion and belonging at the Village of Schaumburg. This dedication to creating an inclusive work environment for everyone allows us to embrace and celebrate the unique experiences, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds that each person brings to our workplace. The Village of Schaumburg strives to create and foster an environment where our employees feel respected, valued, and empowered, and our employees are at the forefront in helping to promote and sustain an inclusive workplace. Some highlights from 2022 include:

- Enhancements to the recruitment process including a reduction in the hiring cycle that includes real-time application review, streamlined assessments, and virtual and onsite interviewing.
- Continued emphasis to reach wider talent pools to attract those with valuable non-municipal experience in customer service, hospitality, business and military service. The results of these efforts have resulted in an increase in candidates being hired who reflect different work experiences but similar work values like the village's core values of trust, customer service, teamwork, respect, and integrity.
- Supporting youth and encouraging careers in public service. The village again celebrated National Intern Day in July by recognizing the nine summer interns who worked in the departments of Cultural Services, Engineering and Public Works, Finance, Fire (and Nursing), General Government, and Transportation. The village has been proud to continue to host paid, volunteer and for-credit internships for students to explore the richness of municipal careers.
- Dedicated organizational development for supervisors and managers allowing individual and strategic growth in their roles through the village's Supervisory Series and SuccessPath Leadership Development program.
- Innovative data collection and reporting of the village's efforts to increase candidate response and diversity and to attract a workforce that is reflective of the Schaumburg community. Since 2017, data indicates male and female employee numbers have remained consistent and employee race diversity has increased incrementally year over year - doubling from 7% to 16% in 2022. Current employee populations indicate increases of those who identify as Hispanic, Asian and Multi (two or more races).



Employee Committees Focus on Diversity



Work continues by the employee-based Committee on Language (VOICE), which promotes employees' voluntary participation as onsite interpreters and has identified several widely-used forms and processes for translation. The committee also conducted field research on technological resources for translation and interpretation.

A new employee-based UNITE committee (which stands for Understanding our Neighbors Individuality Through Education) was formed in May. The committee created a new culture and language education initiative that explores the various countries and cultures that comprise approximately 31% of the Village of Schaumburg's population. Each quarter in Fiscal Year 2022/23 focuses on a different country including India, Mexico, Poland and Japan. The committee regularly shares educational information on internal communication channels about each country's language, food, celebrations and customs, along with personal staff stories and perspectives.

Information Technology Department

Mass Emergency Notification Process

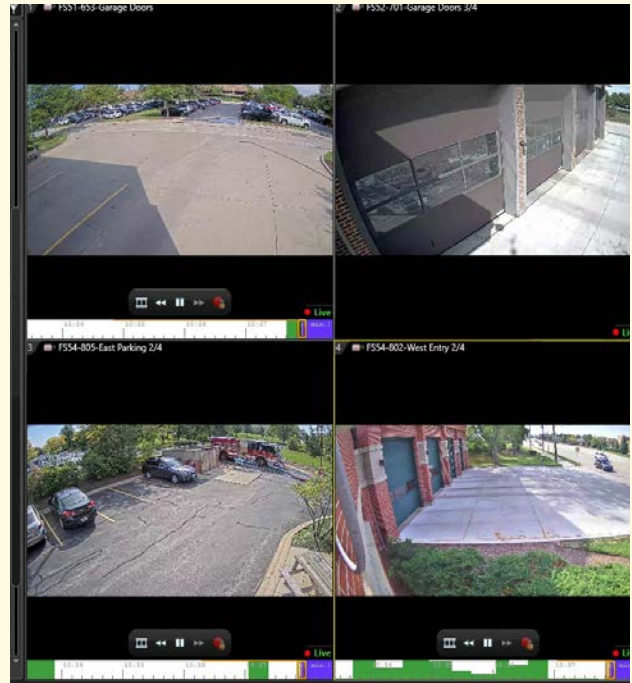


Information Technology developers created an emergency notification system for use during village festivals and events. A custom application was written leveraging the Everbridge mass notification system to allow fest and event attendees to quickly register their phone numbers allowing them to receive urgent notifications. Attendees can register prior to events on the village's website and onsite at

events by scanning a QR code at event entrances. The system will be used to alert attendees of dangerous weather conditions, event closures, and other emergency situations. The village launched the new emergency notification system at this year's Septemberfest. Several hundred phone numbers subscribed to receive Septemberfest emergency alerts.

Interactive Key Performance Indicators

Village departments track and report on a variety of critical functions and activities each month. These key performance indicators (KPIs) are updated and published in each individual department's monthly report. This year, Information Technology staff automated the collection and reporting to make the process more efficient and the data more current. A series of graphical reports are available as part of each department's monthly report found on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/government. Page visitors can review progress against these key factors of the village's operations.



Critical Systems Upgrades

A number of critical internal systems were added or upgraded this year by Information Technology staff to improve safety and ensure continued operations of essential functions including:

- Network infrastructure was replaced and migrated to next-generation hardware. The new solution includes advanced cybersecurity detection, prevention and remediation.
- The village's enterprise resource planning (ERP) application was upgraded. The new version modernized the user interface and introduced additional mobile-friendly functionality.
- The facility access control system in the public safety building was replaced. The new solution includes updated door access controls in administrative areas and the jail.
- The security camera system was expanded to include cameras at village fire stations. The new cameras leverage the same backend recording and management system.
- Security cameras were added along the Septemberfest parade route. The cameras provide a bird's eye view of the parade route and enhance security for attendees.
- Multi-factor authentication was implemented across the organization requiring anyone trying to access village systems to enter a password and provide a second form of authentication.

Police Department

Police Fundraising Events

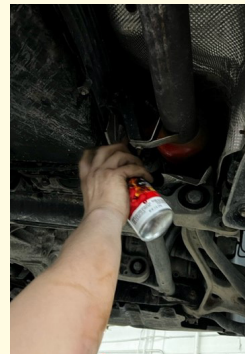
While the Schaumburg Police Department's primary focus is public safety, it also gives back to the community by supporting and participating in a number of charity events. This provides an opportunity for police officers and staff to interact with the public while providing aid and awareness to various charitable causes. Highlights include:

- Raising approximately \$8,700 participating in Special Olympics Illinois fundraising and awareness annual events, including the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Dunkin' Donuts' Cop on a Rooftop. Hundreds of generous customers made monetary donations and/or purchased merchandise to support this cause.
- Hosting the 3rd annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This food and fund drive began with the goal of ensuring all families enjoyed a holiday meal. A total of 442 food items along with \$600 in cash was donated, benefitting the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry and seven local families. The monetary donations allowed each family to receive a generous gift card to purchase groceries.
- Police officers and firefighters joined forces to participate in the 2nd annual Giving Group Kickball 4 Kids event to assist in raising funds for several Schaumburg charities including the Woodfield Area Children's Organization, District 54 Foundation, and the Schaumburg Park Foundation. Together, the Schaumburg First Responders and their sponsors generated \$575.
- The Social Services Division provided Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 25 Schaumburg families in need. The baskets were donated through Data Delivers in Schaumburg and included a gift card to purchase a turkey.
- Every year, Schaumburg social workers organize a giving program to collect holiday gifts for children in the community. In 2021, Village of Schaumburg employees, community members and local businesses donated enough gifts to make the holiday special for 60 children. *See page 17 of this edition to learn how you can help this holiday season.*

Task Force to Combat Catalytic Converter Thefts

In response to a nationwide increase in catalytic converter thefts, the Schaumburg Police Department created a Catalytic Converter Theft Task Force comprised of nearly 15 other law enforcement agencies to combat this crime. 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. The estimated cost to replace a catalytic converter can be more than \$1,500.

The police department regularly exchanges information with partnering agencies to conduct analysis of reported incidents, increased targeted patrol efforts, publicized crime prevention measures, and held two free public spray-painting events to help deter thieves from those vehicles. While the department has seen a slight decrease in reported incidents, theft of these devices continues to be problematic as a skilled thief can remove a catalytic converter in 90 seconds with a few simple tools, including an electric saw.



Certain vehicles are considered high-risk including Mitsubishi Outlander Sport SUVs, Toyota Prius, and many models of Toyota and Honda SUVs and minivans. Remain alert to this type of crime as you drive or walk in parking lots and promptly dial 911 to report any suspicious activity. In addition, consider these steps to protect your vehicle:

- If possible, park in a secure garage
- Park in a well-lit area 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

School Safety & Emergency Operations

Police Chief Bill Wolf and his staff kicked off the 2022-23 school year with a strong message to District 54 and Schaumburg High School District 211 administrators and principals, assuring them school safety is a top priority for all first responders in the Village of Schaumburg. The police department values the existing, strong partnership they have with both school districts and continues to foster regular communication and interaction to ensure students and staff are safe. Based on recent high-profile incidents of school violence across the country, Chief Wolf arranged to meet in advance of the new school year to provide an overview of the department, emergency response plans, training efforts and share his expectations of officers should they respond to a critical incident at one of the schools.

During informal sessions the Chief, police supervisors, and school resource officers (SROs) spent time exchanging thoughts and ideas with school officials. Throughout the first two weeks of school, Chief Wolf and various staff members visited every District 54 elementary and junior

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high school and Schaumburg High School. At each location, the Chief toured the facility and learned about any special programs, needs or considerations. Chief Wolf and the SROs also explained the department's commitment to ensuring all beat officers regularly patrol internally and externally at every school, familiarize themselves with staff and interact daily with the students. Officers will also be at or near the schools for arrival and dismissal times to assist with traffic and parking enforcement. The chief and his staff will also be meeting with authorities at private schools to tour facilities and continue to foster strong emergency response plans. Chief Wolf hopes that a regular presence of police officers will create a safe and welcoming environment for the students, staff, parents, and entire community.



Transportation Department

North Meacham Road Streetscape

In 2022, the village completed the preliminary design engineering for the first segment of the North Meacham Road streetscape. Building off the concept plan that was approved in 2020, the project will improve the streetscape within the Meacham Road right of way between Algonquin Road (IL 62) and the I-90 (Jane Addams) Tollway. The goal of the project is to develop Meacham Road as a multi-modal transportation corridor that provides a strong connection between the 90 North District East and West. The first phase of the project focused on the west side of Meacham Road between Progress Parkway and Algonquin Road. The project also completed a site evaluation and developed a concept for a future pedestrian bridge over Meacham Road. Developing the engineering plans for the streetscape will allow these improvements to be coordinated with the District at Veridian development project.



Higgins Road & National Parkway Pedestrian Signal Improvements

Cook County has awarded the village \$100,000 in Invest in Cook grant funding to complete pedestrian signal improvements at the intersection of Higgins Road (IL 72) and National Parkway. This intersection is used by pedestrians and bicyclists to access numerous destinations in the area including shopping, restaurants, residential homes and hotels. Improvements at the intersection will be constructed in 2024 and will include pedestrian countdown timers, crosswalks across all four legs of the intersection, and ADA ramp improvements.

Airport Improvements

2022 has brought a number of improvements to the Schaumburg Regional Airport. A new Fixed Base Operator, Revv Aviation, took over at the airport in early 2022. With the addition of Revv, the airport is now served by three flight schools that offer a variety of flight training options to pilots in the region. In addition to the flight school, Revv has also maintained mechanic services and reduced fuel prices at the airport.

Through the Rebuild Illinois Airport Capital Investment Program, the airport has been awarded two grants. One grant will be used to replace the self-serve fueling terminal to make fueling for pilots more convenient and the second grant was awarded to replace the pedestrian gates to the airfield. The new gates will improve the security of the airfield. Both of these improvements are expected to be completed in 2024. In the terminal building, new restrooms were constructed on the lower level which makes them more accessible to the lobby and provides updated amenities.

Canadian Pacific/Kansas City Southern Railroad Merger

The Village of Schaumburg joined seven other municipalities and DuPage County to form The Coalition to Stop CPKC, a coalition of communities opposed to the merger of Canadian Pacific with Kansas City Southern. As proposed, the merger would increase freight traffic along the Milwaukee District West railroad that runs along the southern border of the village by as much as 300% in three years. As part of the coalition, the village has documented the impacts of the proposed merger on our community, spoken against the merger at a public hearing regarding the environmental impacts of the merger, engaged our local legislators on the issue, and has advocated for appropriate mitigation to offset the impacts of the merger should the Surface Transportation Board approve it. The Surface Transportation Board is expected to make a final decision on the merger in early 2024. For more information on the coalition and its efforts, visit www.stopcpkc.com.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the holiday season by joining the Schaumburg Fire Department in officially welcoming Santa Claus to town on Friday, Nov. 25 for the annual tree lighting ceremony. Holiday carols will begin at 6 p.m. at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. The fire department will escort Santa on a fire truck that will arrive at 6:30 p.m. in the plaza area between the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center and the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts.

The plaza tree will be decorated with ornaments crafted by area youth groups and organizations. Santa will be greeted by village officials who will assist him with his lighting duties. After the tree lighting, Santa will meet with children in the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts' Maggie Atcher Theatre where parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their cameras or use their phones for photos. Seasonal entertainment will be featured, and refreshments will be served. The event is co-sponsored with the Schaumburg Jaycees.

Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food and household items to this event for the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. Requested items include canned meals, pasta, soup, juice, snacks, crackers, tomato products, tissues, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner. All items can be placed in the designated boxes located in the Prairie Center lobby. Items will also be accepted at the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday through Thursday, Dec. 29. For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Schedule of Events

6 to 6:30 p.m.	Caroling by the Schaumburg Choral Program, Village President, Village Board and Clerk in the Prairie Center's Maggie Atcher Theatre
6:30 p.m.	Santa arrives via fire truck to light the tree with the Village President
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Holiday balloon twisters and character appearances
6:45 to 8:30 p.m.	Santa meets with children in the Maggie Atcher Theatre



Senior Services' Holiday Extravaganza Party

For Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities

Join the village's Senior Services Division as they celebrate the holidays with a four-course lunch, live entertainment, special raffles, and Bingo. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1800 E. Golf Rd. The cost of the event is \$25. For more information and to register, contact Marina Lvovich at mlvovich@schaumburg.com or call The Barn at (847) 524-7496.

The Nutcracker

10 Performances: Dec. 2–11

Tickets: \$19-\$32

Schaumburg Dance Ensemble returns with its 27th annual production of Tchaikovsky's timeless holiday ballet. Featuring live narration, beautiful costumes, and a large cast of professional and student dancers, The Nutcracker follows the adventures of young Clara to a magical wonderland full of thrills and delights, where she encounters dueling mice, waltzing flowers, twirling snowflakes, and of course, the Sugar Plum Fairy!



Performances sell out quickly – so order now!

Presto! Holiday Concert

Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 / \$15 (seniors & students)

Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra, Kevan Kosobayashi, Director
Schaumburg Choral Artists and SCA2, Tim Koll, Director
Cantabile, Sarah Inendino, Director
Prelude, Erin Kozakis, Director

Schaumburg's award-winning youth orchestra teams up once again with the Schaumburg Choral Program's excellent ensembles for a heart-warming family concert. Classical compositions, holiday pops and contemporary works will help create a harmonious, welcome break to the busy season.

For tickets and more information on these performances, visit the Prairie Center's website at www.prairiecenter.org or call the box office at (847) 895-3600.



Social Services Division Seeking Donations for Holiday Sharing Event

Thanks to the many generous donors in our community, the Schaumburg Police Department's Social Services team will again be hosting a Holiday Sharing event in December for families in need. This event will allow parents to shop privately and safely for free unwrapped toys and other items for their children ages birth through 18. Interested in donating? Donations can be made to the program online through the department's Amazon Wish List or Walmart Registry. The deadline for donations is Dec. 20. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/socialservices, contact Kristin Jordan at kjordan@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Woodfield Trolley Service Expands for the Holidays

Enjoy holiday shopping without the parking hassles when you ride the free Woodfield Trolley. Service expands from weekend to daily service Nov. 25 through Jan. 1. Experience easy and convenient access to all of Greater Woodfield's shopping and entertainment destinations such as Woodfield Mall, Streets of Woodfield, Woodfield Village Green, IKEA and more. Trolleys will not be in service on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day. After New Year's Day, the trolley reverts back to Friday through Sunday weekend service. 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 Michael Lysicatos at mlysicatos@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

New Businesses

-  **Cilantro Taco Grill**
650 Mall Dr.
www.cilantrotacogrill.com
-  **Flawless Elite Kickz**
161 W. Golf Rd.
(815) 276-9385
-  **Hot and Cold Milk Tea**
751 W. Golf Rd.
www.facebook.com/hotandcoldmilktea
-  **In.nov8 Hair**
285 S. Roselle Rd.
www.innov8hair.co
-  **Kong Dog**
1098 S. Roselle Rd.
www.kongdog.us
-  **Lion's Beverage Express**
1722 W. Wise Rd.
(224) 353-6081
-  **Poke Bros.**
1560 E. Golf Rd.
www.eatpokebros.com
-  **Sushi Tsuki**
889 S. Roselle Rd.
www.sushi-tsuki.com
-  **The Local Kitchen and Tap**
1140 E. Higgins Rd.
<https://thelocalkitchentap.com>
-  **Turmerica**
140 E. Golf Rd.
www.turmericausa.com



Coming Soon

- Tony's Fresh Market**
200 S. Roselle Rd.
Grocery Store
- McAlister's Deli**
436 E. Golf Rd.
Fast Casual Restaurant
- Primark**
2 Woodfield Mall
Fashion Retailer

 Restaurant  Retail  Liquor & Spirits  Personal Services

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Mezé Méditerranéo

Mezé Méditerranéo, a restaurant located at 680 Mall Dr., offers innovative Greek fare and an expansive wine list. Mezé's inviting atmosphere and beautiful castle-like doors will transport you straight to Santorini no matter the season. Enjoy wonderful Mediterranean cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients on their newly renovated and captivating 3,000-square-foot heated patio or in their intimate dining room. Every Tuesday through Friday, a \$7 Happy Hour menu is featured including handcrafted cocktails, wine and appetizers. Live music is also offered every evening, Wednesday through Saturday. Mezé is open Tuesday through Sunday for delicious lunch specials and weekend chef specials are offered. For more information, visit the website at www.mezewine.com or call (847) 598-6393.



NEWS BRIEFS

Prairie Center 2022-23 Season Continues

Lecture Hall Series • Tickets: \$10

Becoming Queen Elizabeth II

Presented by Leslie Goddard

Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.

The Exoneration of Cate O'Leary

Presented by Ellie Carlson

Sunday, March 26 at 1 p.m.



The full schedule for the 2022-23 Season of Arts and Entertainment is available on Prairie Center's website at www.prairiecenter.org. Tickets to performances are available online or by calling the box office at (847) 895-3600.

Another Successful Blood Drive Program

Did you know the Village of Schaumburg maintains a Blood Program Committee? This dedicated group of volunteers plans, hosts and facilitates five community blood drives each year. Winter is often a difficult time of year to collect blood so please consider donating blood at an upcoming Schaumburg Community Blood Drive. The next blood drive is scheduled to be held in January at the Schaumburg Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr. Appointments are recommended and can be made online through Vitalant's website at www.vitalant.org using sponsor code ORD0SH98 or by calling (877) 258-4825. For a complete list of 2023 blood drive dates, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/blooddrives. For more information, contact Jordan Cannataro at jcannataro@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg. The village would like to thank all the blood donors and volunteers who helped make 2022 one of the most successful collection years yet. Just one donation can save up to three lives.

Schaumburg Medical Reserve Corps

Recently, disaster volunteers participated in a Red Cross Shelter Training hosted by the Village of Schaumburg Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). MRC volunteers, in addition to members of other local emergency management agencies and volunteer organizations, learned about what it takes to open and operate a shelter in times of emergency or disaster. The village's MRC volunteers include both medical and non-medical Schaumburg residents who are interested in emergency preparedness and assisting the community in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Interested in Joining the MRC?

The MRC is always looking for new volunteers to train, prepare and educate. For more information and to access the volunteer application, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/mrc. When applying, please select the fire department. For questions, contact Kathy Henkelman at khenkelman@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Older Adults Services in Schaumburg (OASIS) Program

When social interactions halted and healthcare became harder to access during the pandemic, reports of anxiety and depression increased in senior citizens. The OASIS Program is an upcoming initiative by the village to help provide social visits to the senior and disabled population via phone or in person to help create a sense of connection. The companionship (non-medical) will be provided by volunteers vetted by the Village of Schaumburg. The program is now seeking volunteers. If interested, please complete the Volunteer Application at www.schaumburg.com/volunteer, contact Kathy Henkelman at khenkelman@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Save the Dates!

12th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show

April 28 - May 12, 2023 (Artist painting/drawing days)

34th Prairie Arts Festival

May 27 & 28, 2023

Information will be available on www.prairiecenter.org in early 2023.

Free Textile Recycling

Did you know the Village of Schaumburg offers free textile recycling through Simple Recycling? Items accepted include all types of clothing, shoes, accessories, kitchenware and linens. Pickups can be scheduled online through Simple Recycling's website at www.simplerecycling.com or by phone at (866) 835-5068. An orange Simple Recycling bag is no longer provided or needed; simply fill any bag or box, label it "Simple Recycling" and place it outside your front door by 7:30 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/textilerecycling, contact Margaret Tinberg at mtinberg@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



One Book, One Community

This winter, the Schaumburg Township District Library invites the entire community to read the same book at the same time and unite in conversation about the book and its themes. This year's book is the best-selling historical fiction novel *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. It is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams and makes us whole. The library will host book discussions and programs centered on the themes of *This Tender Land*, including a visit from the book's author William Kent Krueger on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts. Kids can join in, too. The library has selected a picture book, chapter book and young adult novel with themes similar to *This Tender Land* so the entire family can celebrate the joy of reading together. For more information, visit the library's website at www.schaumburglibrary.org.



Water Bills Accessible on WebPay

Water bills can now be accessed from WebPay on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/webpay. This feature was made available as of the September 2022 billing period and provides users the option to view, download, or print their bills. The bill will be accessible as soon as water bills are processed by the village which is usually on or around the 20th of every month. This new feature offers greater convenience as residents and businesses no longer have to wait for their bills to arrive by mail. For questions, contact Laurie Rini at lrini@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Winter Emergency Preparedness Workshop

The Village of Schaumburg invites the public to attend a Winter Emergency Preparedness Workshop designed to provide participants with a variety of information and resources to remain safe this winter season. The workshop, which is offered by the fire department and village's Medical Reserve Corps, will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. The event is free and open to Schaumburg residents. Seating at the event is limited; participants are asked to register online at www.schaumburg.com/emergencypreparedness or by calling the Nursing and Senior Services Division at (847) 923-3766. Various speakers will provide information on how to prepare for winter emergencies, what supplies are needed at home and for your car, and winter health safety tips. Additional topics will cover snow and ice operations, police emergency crash plans, village contact information, and the special needs registry. For more information, contact Tracy Raimondo at traimondo@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Holiday Hazards

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments across the United States respond to an average of 900 home fires each year resulting from holiday decorations. While candles are the leading cause of these fires, faulty extension cords that power decorations are another common origin.

To help prevent fires, inspect cords prior to use by looking for unusual kinks or deformities as well as compromised casing or exposed wiring. Use cords that are the right length; plugging cords into one another can lead to overheating which could damage the cord's insulation. Finally, avoid overloading the power sources (i.e. outlets or power strips) with too many connections. While many think power strips make things safer, most power strips do not have a built-in surge protector that will trip and interrupt the flow of electricity if there is a problem. For more information, contact Tony Piccolo at apiccolo@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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 Fire Department Ice Safety Tips

As the temperatures drop and ice begins to form, it is important to familiarize yourself with ice safety information in the event you ever find yourself trapped on or below the surface.

Q: When is it safe to walk on the ice?

A: Clear ice formed from a body of water freezing over, four or more inches thick, is generally safe to walk on. This and black ice are the strongest types of ice. However, other forms can pose a hazard. White, opaque ice is one such example. This ice is formed when the surface of the ice begins to melt and mixes with falling snow before freezing over again. Gray and white ice are formed when the ice begins to break down, not long before the ice melts completely.

Q: What do I do if I fall through the ice?

A: If you fall through the ice, the most important thing to do is remain calm. Especially, if you are stuck beneath the surface. Control your breathing and begin to search for the point you fell through with your arms. Once found, do not lift yourself back onto the ice. Kick or pull yourself back to the surface to avoid breaking the ice. When on the surface, roll toward the direction you came from to maintain an even weight distribution and avoid breaking the ice further.

Q: What do the red and green flags I see posted at local bodies of water signify?

A: All bodies of water within Schaumburg Park District boundaries utilize a red/green flag system to signify ice safety. Red means the ice has been determined unsafe to walk on while green signifies the ice is thick enough to walk on. Despite systems like this, no ice is completely safe. If you do venture out on the ice, measure beforehand and always base your measurement on the amount of clear or black ice present.

With approximately 29 ponds and lakes throughout the village, the Schaumburg Fire Department's Dive Team and emergency responders have plenty of opportunities to conduct surface ice rescue drills. The team regularly runs drills throughout the winter months to ensure familiarity with local bodies of water and strengthen its water rescue skills. For more information, contact Lt. Joel Downing at jdowning@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



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