

State of Schaumburg Address

Village President Al Larson delivered his "State of Schaumburg Address" at the Schaumburg Business Association's Good Morning Schaumburg event. President Larson takes this opportunity to discuss current community projects and other issues affecting the village.

President Larson noted that as we head into 2014, the financial stability of the village remains strong, as evidenced by AAA credit ratings from both Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's. AAA-rated insti-



tutions are judged to be of the highest quality and subject to the lowest level of credit risk, as very few municipal governments receive AAA ratings. Being sensitive to the current economic climate, there were no tax increases imposed during 2013. The only significant increase in user charges was to water and sewer fees, which increased 12%; however, this was necessary due to the City of Chicago's 15% increase in the price charged for Lake Michigan water.

The Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center continues to be a key draw for Schaumburg as it hosted 72 conventions with over 300,000 attendees in 2013. Schaumburg was ranked in Cvent's list of the top 50 cities for meetings and events in the United States for the second consecutive year.

The village also proceeded with the establishment of the North Schaumburg Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in an area bounded roughly by I-90, Algonquin Road, Route 53, and Roselle Road. Creation of the TIF will allow the village to encourage private investment and redevelopment of this area to help address issues such as vacancy rates and declining assessed values. The village has already been able to attract two major businesses to the TIF area:

- Sunstar, an international manufacturer of oral hygiene products, is currently constructing a 300,000 square foot facility directly east of Medieval Times.
- Zurich Insurance announced its plans to move from the "Zurich Towers" on Meacham Road and construct a new North American Corporate Headquarters at the northwest corner of I-90 and Meacham Road. In total, over 2,900 jobs will be secured through these two projects.

Schaumburg welcomed a wide variety of new businesses, including 3D Exhibits, Bisi Restaurant, Cup & Vine, Hickory River Smokehouse, KOTRA, McGill Machine Works, Microsoft, Pancheros Mexican Grill, Pull'R Holding

311 — Schaumburg's Customer Service Center

Calling 311 from any phone, whether mobile or land line, while in Schaumburg will connect you with one of the knowledgeable Customer Service Representatives. These representatives are available 24/7/365 to assist with non-emergency requests.

How does 311 work? 311 serves as the point of entry for Schaumburg residents and business owners that need quick and easy access to village programs, services, and events. When you dial 311, a Customer Service Representative will answer your call. You will be asked for detailed information regarding your request. This information is immediately sent to the appropriate village department for action. 311 representatives understand the importance of providing quality customer service the first time you call.

Do not call 311 for emergency needs. If a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic is needed, dial 911.

For more information, please call 311 and ask for Service Center Supervisor Tom Lake or email him at tlake@ ci.schaumburg.il.us.



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Become a Purchase Award patron for the Prairie Arts Festival either personally or through a business.
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Village of Schaumburg Non-Emergency, in Schaumburg: 3-1-1

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Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts 847.895.3600

> Septemberfest Hotline 847.923.3636 www.septemberfest.org

Special Events Office (Volunteer of the Year/Prairie Arts Festival/ Septemberfest/Tree Lighting) 847.923.3605

Schaumburg Family Counseling Center 17 East Schaumburg Road 847.524.1505

> The Barn (Schaumburg Senior Center) 231 S. Civic Drive 847.524.7496

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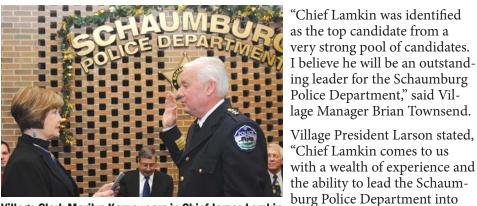


COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Appoints New Police Chief

James Lamkin was selected this past December as Schaumburg's Police Chief.

Lamkin's appointment serves as the successful conclusion of a six-month process that began after the village appointed Interim Chief Ken Bouche to manage the department while a permanent chief was selected.



Village Clerk Marilyn Karr swears in Chief James Lamkin

the future." Lamkin previously worked for the City of St. Charles in the position of Police Chief since 2003. Prior to that time, Lamkin worked for the Elgin Police Department, where he served for 23 years and achieved the rank of Deputy Chief. He is a graduate of Columbia College of Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration. Lamkin is also a graduate of the 207th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Lamkin may be reached by calling 311 or via e-mail at jlamkin@ci.schaumburg.il.us.

Get Recognized for Going Green!

The Schaumburg Environmental Committee is accepting applications for the Al Larson Environmental Award through March 24. Residents and businesses may apply. Categories include energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation of natural resources, recycling programs, green product use, water conservation, transportation, or outreach and education.

For more information on how to apply, visit the Green Recognition Program in

Tallgrass Restoration won the 2013 Environmental Award for best natural landscaping.

the Green Corner on the village's website at www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/GreCorn/ Green1/Pages/GreenRecognitionProgram.aspx and download a residential or non-residential application, or contact Martha Dooley by calling 311 or via email at mdooley@ci.schaumburg.il.us.

Honorees are chosen annually. Those previously nominated do not need to re-apply as their applications are kept on file for two years.

2013 Environmental Award Winners:

Most Improved Commercial - Mazak Corporation Most Improved Retail - Costco Most Improved Residential Development - Lakes of Schaumburg Best Maintained Commercial - Schaumburg Marriott Best Maintained Retail - Shell Service Station Best Maintained Residential Development - Towne Place West Best Natural Landscaping - Tallgrass Restoration

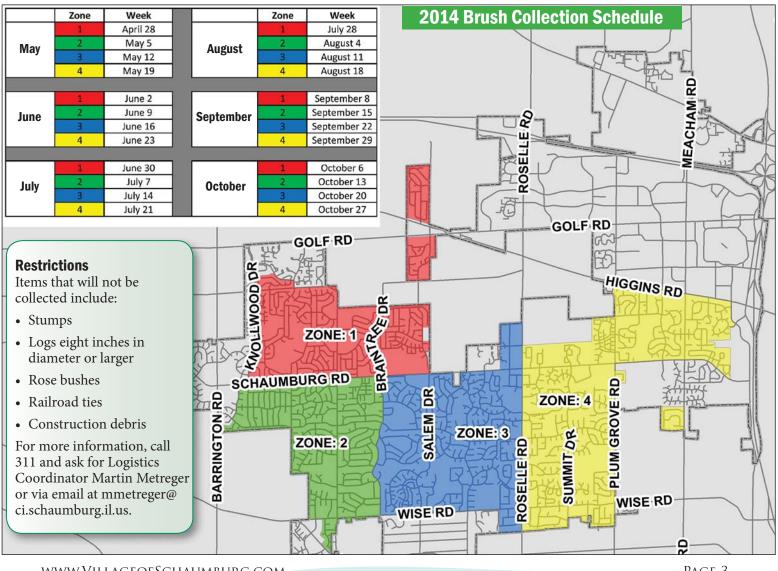
Brush Pickup Begins in May

Schaumburg's Brush Pick-up Program, runs for 24 weeks from May through October. It is not necessary to call for brush pick-up or to create a Customer Service Request, just follow the schedule as listed. Please note that zones and boundaries have changed from last year and that this program is open to single-family residences only.

Brush must be placed at the curb by 7am of the Monday of your scheduled week. It may take crews up to four days to complete collection.

Preparation

- Branches are to be neatly placed curbside with the cut ends toward the street. Unorganized or tangled brush piles will not be collected and the resident will be asked to re-stack the pile.
- Only branches from trees and bushes (up to eight inches in di-



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ameter at the cut end) will be eligible for pick-up. Branches may be any length, though the ends must be cleanly cut with no attached root systems.

Items larger than eight inches in diameter, materials such as construction wood, branches with nails or spikes, wooden fence pieces/doors, firewood logs, rose bushes, poison ivy, small hedge/ evergreen trimmings, and vard rakings cannot be mulched and must be disposed of by the resident through other means.

Brush pick-up at any one residence will be limited to approximately 100 square feet of front area along the parkway (approximately six feet high by 17 feet

• Contractor generated brush will not be collected.

long).

Mulch Pick-up

A limited amount of mulch (free of charge) will be available for pick-up at the Engineering and Public Works complex. Mulch is available while supplies last. Residents are asked to enter the complex at the traffic light located at 714 South Plum Grove Road and proceed beyond Fire Station 55 to the wood bin designated for mulch pick-up.

For Non-Commercial Residential Use Only

Mulch Delivery

Double ground processed mulch is available to be delivered to residents for a fee. Please call 311 in Schaumburg to request delivery or fill out an online CSR and search for the keyword "Mulch." An invoice for the delivery will be mailed to the resident after the mulch is delivered. If you have any questions, call 311 in Schaumburg.

COMMUNITY NEWS

21st Annual Community Scholarships

The 21st Annual Community Scholarship in cooperation with Business and Career Services, Inc. is now available.

As a result of a joint scholarship development campaign in the business community, the Village of Schaumburg has been provided funding to award a scholarship(s) to qualified resident(s) to pursue educational training, upgrading, or retraining. The scholarship(s) can be applied towards tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. A President's Committee will select the scholarship winner(s).

Eligibility and Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Schaumburg
- Must be authorized to work in the United States
- Must demonstrate financial need
- May be a first-time, continuing, or returning student
- Must have education or career goals
- Must be interested in completing coursework that supports education or career goals
- Must demonstrate the ability to successfully complete coursework
- Must take coursework at an approved Illinois educational institution
- May submit only one application per person

Requirements

Candidates must complete the scholarship application, submit two references and photo identification - which includes date of birth and social security number (example: photocopy of driver's license and photocopy of social security card). Follow the directions given in each section of this application; failure to do so may result in disqualification. Be sure to complete and include the section of the application that covers financial need. Remember, applicants' answers and references are limited to the space provided. Typed applications are preferred.

Applications are available on the website at www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/part/ part1/pages/21stannualcommunityscholarship.aspx

Deadline

Candidates must submit the completed application and two references by 3pm on Friday, April 11 to:

Office of the Village President

101 Schaumburg Court

Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

Award

The scholarship recipient will be notified by Friday, April 25 or as soon as possible thereafter. The scholarship is valid until June 15, 2015, and is non-renewable.

Scholarship Administration

Scholarship recipients will not receive cash directly. The Associate Director at Business and Career Services, Inc. will assist the scholarship recipient with academic advising, enrollment, and payment directly to the educational institution of tuition, fees, books, and approved supplies not exceeding the amount of the scholarship. Eligibility for additional services provided through the Workforce Investment Act will also be reviewed with the recipients.

Swans to Return to Municipal Center Pond in April

Louis and Serena are spending the winter in northern Illinois and will return in April. The village purchased the original pair in 1994 in response to the growing Canada Goose population on the municipal center pond and grounds. Breeding age pairs of mute swan will not tolerate Canada Geese in their breeding area, which can cover several acres of water. Mute swans are the hardiest of all waterfowl, mate for life, and live to be 10-15 years of age in captivity. There are normally five to seven offspring every year - hatching around Memorial Day.

Louis and Serena may be viewed from April to November on the municipal center grounds and pond via the "Swan Cam." Please recall that the swans have a special diet and should not be fed anything else. No fishing is allowed on the pond during their stay. Visit the website at:

http://www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/AnimControl/AControl/Pages/SwanCam. aspx



Community Memory Screenings

The village is offering memory screenings on the third Monday of the month in the afternoon. They're free, confidential, and quick. Also pick up educational materials to learn more about successful aging and community resources.

The free screenings are part of an initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. For more information call 847.923.3766. Get screened and get educated. Knowledge and care can make all the difference.

2014 Community Blood Drive Dates

Give the gift of life! All community blood drives will *be held at The Barn, which is* located at 231 S. Civic Drive; Call 847.923.3766.

> March 27 3:30pm - 8:30pm

June 3 3:30pm - 8:30pm September 11 3:30pm - 8:30pm

December 3

3:30pm - 8:30pm Call LifeSource at 877.543.3768 to schedule an appointment or visit the website at www.lifesource.org/us and reference group code SH98

Farmers Market Opens in June

The Schaumburg Farmers Market is set to kickoff its season on June 6 in the parking lot of the Trickster Gallery in Town Square, at the intersection of Roselle and Schaumburg Roads. The weekly event is open from 7am to 1pm, each Friday through October 25. The market features a cornucopia of homegrown fruits, vegetables, flowers, and baked goods.

For additional information, call 311 and ask for Martha Dooley or email mdooley@ci.schaumburg.il.us.



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Take Charge of Your Health

Take Charge of Your Health is an evidence-based self-management program developed by Stanford University. As a six-week interactive program, those 55 and older with an on-going health condition such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, chronic pain, or others are encouraged to par-

Two facilitators from the village will be offering this FREE program on Friday mornings beginning April 4, and ending May 9 from 9:30am to 12 noon in the lower level of the Schaumburg Barn, 231 Civic Drive.

If you have questions, or to register, please call 311 and ask for the Nurs-



The eighth annual ornament is still available for sale for \$15. The ornament is custom designed and handpainted to depict the Schaumburg Regional Airport. To purchase, call 311, call 847.923.3606, or stop by the Prairie Center for the Arts. Check the next issue of The Cracker Barrel for information regarding the 2014 featured community ornament.

Older Adult Market

The village has teamed up with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the food bank that serves Cook County, to offer a free food market for seniors age 60 and over. The Older Adult Market is a choice-style food pantry that distributes fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as shelf-stable food items to older adults in the community and their households. Examples of the food that are distributed include fresh produce, rice and beans, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal/oatmeal, and canned chicken/ tuna. The market is open from 1pm until 2:30pm (or until the food runs out) on alternating Fridays and are held at the Schaumburg Barn, 231 S. Civic Drive.

Participants will be asked to sign in at the market and acknowledge that they are 60-years of age or older, but no ID or other documents are required. A caregiver may pick up food for those who are unable to travel, after a proxy letter is signed. These letters are available at the market. For more information, call 311 and ask for Marina Lvovich or email her at mlvovich@ci.schaumburg.il.us, or call the Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773.248.FOOD.

2014 Older Adult **Market Dates**

- March 28
- April 11 and 25
- May 16 and 30
- June 11 and June 27
- July 11 and 25
- August 15 and 29
- September 12 and 26
- October 17 and 31
- November 14
- December 12 and 26

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Company, and Shigiya. 2013 also saw the development of the Meacham Gatherings, located on Meacham Road just north of Woodfield Road. The site offers approximately 19,000 square feet of restaurant space and is already home to The Beer Market, On the Border, Potbelly, Protein Bar, and Roti Mediterranean Grill.

2014 will also see several new businesses opening including American Society of Anesthesiologists, Arhaus, Chick-fil-A, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Towne Place Suites Hotel, IAI American Inc., Ricky B's Prime Burger House, and Trader Joe's.

The village routinely invests millions of dollars in capital improvements providing safe roadways, sidewalks and infrastructure, and pleasant public areas to its residents and visitors. Over \$25 million in capital projects were scheduled for fiscal year 2013-14 including \$8.2 million in street resurfacing and reconstruction projects. The fiscal year 2014-2015



capital improvement plan proposes the largest expenditure the village has programmed for capital in many years, totaling \$31.3 million. As with past capital plans, the largest costs are allocated with roadways, but the majority of the increase is attributed to the village's cost share of the Roselle and Meacham Road interchanges. This proposed plan allocates approximately \$19.9 million to roadway projects. Included in this \$19.9 million, are the \$4.3 million for the village's fiscal year share of the Roselle and Meacham Road interchanges on the I-90 tollway.

Schaumburg is working with both the Illinois Toll Highway Authority and Cook County to finish the design on the completion of the interchange at

Roselle Road and I-90 and to add westbound on and off ramps at Meacham Road. In 2014, both bridges over I-90 will be completely replaced as the first step in adding interchange access at Meacham Road and completing the access at Roselle Road with I-90. This improved access is part of the Tollway's 'Move Illinois' program and will add vital access and relieve congestion along this corridor.

The Schaumburg-Barrington Road Improvement Project is

a \$6.5 million project to widen and resurface the intersection to provide a more smooth-flowing intersection, and a better riding surface, as well as to upgrade the drainage, sidewalks, traffic signals, and lighting. Final surface, pavement marking, and landscaping will be completed in spring of 2014. In addition, a new traffic signal will be installed at Barrington Road and Holmes Way. Surface Transportation Program funds, Congestion Mitigation, and Air Quality funds were secured for the project.

Since 2008, more than 3,800 ash trees have been removed and stumped, and parkways have been restored with a multitude of diverse tree species to prevent significant loss in the future. Contractual EAB treatment of 8,693 Ash Trees has been completed.

Construction began on Pleasant Square, a residential development located at the Northwest corner of Schaumburg and Roselle Roads. A small public park at the corner of Schaumburg and Roselle Roads is also planned. The village is providing \$3.9 million in funding from the Olde Schaumburg Center Tax Increment Financing District for land acquisition and infrastructure. Although this TIF ended December 31, 2012, the village continues to complete previously approved TIF



Village President Al Larson, Trustee Marge Connelly, and Trustee Frank Kozak join Owner/Chef John Eggert at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Relish Catering Kitchen.

projects. One of these final projects is the installation of a traffic signal at Roselle Road and Bethel Lane. The traffic signal will be installed in conjunction with a right turn lane from southbound Roselle Road to westbound Schaumburg Road; the turn lane will be funded by Cook County.

For an in-depth look at what's happening in Schaumburg today, watch a video called Together We Build Something Special at: www.youtube. com/watch?v=DjxjNu70CE8&feature=youtu.be.

New Sister City: Safranbolu, Turkey

Schaumburg and Safranbolu, Turkey, have now established the city affiliation as "International Sister Cities" with the aim of promoting further relations between the citizens and businesses of the two municipalities.

This agreement will provide the two municipalities with a close relationship, and together Schaumburg and Safranbolu will play a pivotal role in promoting economic relations, cultural understanding, and educational exchange. For more information, call 311 and ask for Matt Frank or email him at mfrank@ci.schaumburg.il.us.

Visit www.safranbolu.bel.tr.

Nominations Sought for Volunteer of the Year

Categories Available:

Adult Individual Youth Individual Organization

Volunteers are very important and contribute considerably to the community. Do you know an adult or teen who gives back to the Schaumburg community by volunteering? Do you know of a commendable Schaumburg organization that deserves to be acknowledged for its hard work? Please nominate the person and/ or an organization that you think deserves the award by completing a Volunteer of the Year nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through March 28.

The 27th Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 17 at Chandler's at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Purple Heart recipient, Bryan Anderson, sustained extensive injuries from his two tours of duty in Iraq and will be the keynote speaker at this year's ceremony. Bryan is the national spokesman for Quantum Rehab, a division of Pride Mobility Corporation, and travels the country making numerous personal appearances while delivering his message of perseverance and determination. For additional information and a nomination form, visit www.prairiecenter.org, or contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ ci.schaumburg.il.us or 847.923.3605 or call 311.

Outstanding Citizen Award

Schaumburg village employee Tim Winkler took heroic actions to save the life of Doris J. Haack. Tim noticed her distress as she was choking and prevented her from suffocation by performing the Heimlich maneuver. The village commends Tim for his outstanding effort and was very pleased to present him with an Outstanding Citizen Award at the December village board meeting.

Musical Memories of Yesteryear

Say goodbye to winter blues at the annual Senior Dance

Seniors are invited to come out and have fun at the senior dance, "Musical Memories of Yesteryear," hosted by the Schaumburg Committee on Aging. Dance or enjoy listening to the big band music presented live by the Schaumburg High School Jazz Band under the direction of Kevin Miller. In addition to the music, there will be a delicious ice cream social and a free raffle with great prizes. Admission is \$7. Make your reservations now at the CRC senior desk or call 847.490.7026.

Thursday, April 17 Schaumburg Park District **Community Recreation Center** (CRC) 505 N. Springinsguth Road 6:30pm - 8:30pm

31st Annual Governor's Hometown Award

The village's Recycling Event, held in the spring of 2012, received the Governor's Hometown Award under the category of Beautification & Sustainability (Population 70,000 and over). The village, Schaumburg Environmental Committee, Schaumburg Township District Library, and School District 54 all coordinated the recycling event which was a huge success. Over 126,000 lbs. of electronics, paper, batteries, and clothing and the like were diverted from landfills.





Host Families Still Needed for May 8 – 16 **German Exchange**

Between May 8 - 16, the village will be hosting six visitors from Schaumburg, Germany. To ensure our guests receive an authentic American experience, the Schaumburg Sister



Cities Commission is looking for additional host families for these guests.

Host responsibilities include providing breakfast and dinner, and transporting your guest to/from the daily group meeting locations. In return for your hospitality, you will have an opportunity to visit Schaumburg, Germany as part of one of the Schaumburg Sister Cities program's upcoming exchanges. The cost of the trip will be quite reasonable because when you travel to Germany, you would stay as a guest with a German host family.

If you are interested in being a host family, contact Mary Nagy at mnagy30194@aol.com or 847.524.1245 or Gertrud von Fragstein at Grosskindern2@att.net or call 847.839.0992.

> **Pictured at the December village** board meeting are representatives of the agencies responsible for the success of the recycling event.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Schaumburg by Bicycle

Discover one of the reasons Schaumburg was named a National League of Bicyclists' "Bicycle Friendly Community" by riding along the 90 miles of trails that comprise our network. Free pocket-sized bike maps are available by calling 847.923.3861. One may also e-mail rbascomb@ ci.schaumburg.il.us or nhiggins@ ci.schaumburg.il.us to request a map. Along with the map, you will be sent a survey with a postage paid return envelope. Filling out the survey helps the village understand how the bicycle program is meeting your needs.

For a refresher on biking safely, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois. com/publications and type Bike Safety in the search box.

Upcoming Bicycling Events

Bike to Work Week

Bike to Work with Village President Al Larson

Join in this symbolic event or be inspired to make the healthier choice and bike to your workplace.

Friday, May 16, 9:30am; Meineke Park, 220 E. Weathersfield Way

Event Sponsors are the Bicycle Connection of Schaumburg, 1226 N. Roselle Road, 847.882.7728 (www.bikecon*nection.com*), *and the village*.

Fahrrad Tour von Schaumburg Bike Ride & Picnic

This event takes place on Schaumburg's on- and off-street bike path network and its varied neighborhoods and beautiful park system. After the ride, enjoy great food and entertainment. Due to the length of the tour, beginners and riders with training wheels are not advised to participate.

Sunday, May 18, Noon-2:15pm

This event is sponsored by the Schaumburg Park District - 847.985.2115, and the village- 847.923.3862.

For further details, visit www. villageofschaumburg.com or www. parkfun.com or call 311.

Adopt-A-Bike Path

Volunteers Help Keep Schaumburg's Bike Paths Looking Beautiful

Join groups like Ticketmaster (pictured), Schaumburg's newest Adopt-A-Bike Path group, and volunteer to help keep Schaumburg's bike paths well maintained for all to enjoy. Visit Schaumburg's website for more information at www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/TRANS/Bikes/Pages/default.aspx.



Roselle Road Bike Access across the Jane Addams Tollway

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is proceeding with the design and construction of the widening of I-90. One of the interchange locations slated to receive improvements/upgrades is the Roselle Road interchange, which will be improved to provide full access. As part of this work, a shared use path along the west side of Roselle Road is planned to be extended north from its current terminus (between Hillcrest Boulevard and the Tollway) across the Tollway as part of the rebuilt bridge where it will intersect with Central Road and connect to the existing shared use path in the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve.

A contract for Phase I Design Study, which will include environmental analysis/studies of the area in question, alternatives analysis (to see what other ways there may be to get a crossing), geotechnical concerns (which analyzes the stability of the land on which the path would be built), and structure (bridge) analysis (to see the best ways to include it on the bridge) among other tasks, is underway.

A completion date for the entire project has not been determined at this point, though when completed, this will become the second point of access across the Jane Addams Tollway within Schaumburg (the first being at Meacham Road) and will provide connections between all of Schaumburg and Harper College, Paul Douglas and Crabtree Forest Preserves, and points north.



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Pace Route 602 - Schaumburg Metra **Station Service**

Leave the car at home and use Pace Route 602 to ride to Schaumburg's Metra Commuter Station. Pace Route 602 provides weekday rush hour service to meet Chicago-bound Metra trains at 6:08am and 7:16am. On the return trip, buses meet trains departing Chicago at 4:20pm (arriving in Schaumburg at 5:13pm), and 5:17pm (arriving in Schaumburg at 5:59pm).

Please note, there is no Saturday, Sunday, or holiday service.

Full fares are \$1.75 one-way. Reduced fares, \$.85, are available for children (ages 7-11), students traveling to and from school, senior citizens (65 years of age and older with a RTA Reduced Fare Permit), and persons with disabilities (with a RTA Reduced Fare Permit). Free rides are offered to persons 65 and older with a Senior Ride Free card or persons with a disability with a Ride Free card, children under 7, and active duty military personnel in uniform. Call 311 in Schaumburg and ask for Richard Bascomb or 847.923.3861 with questions.

I-90 Toll Highway Planned Improvements **Begin in Spring**

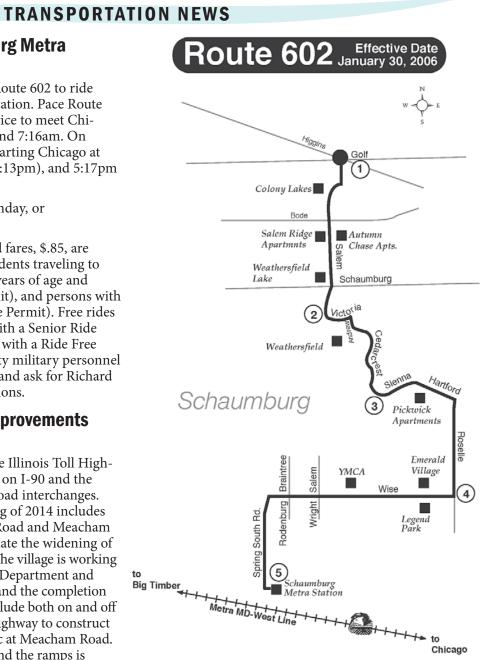
The village is working closely with the Illinois Toll Highway Authority on the proposed work on I-90 and the Roselle Road and future Meacham Road interchanges. Work scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014 includes the replacement of both the Roselle Road and Meacham Road bridges over I-90 to accommodate the widening of I-90 to four lanes in each direction. The village is working with both the Cook County Highway Department and Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the completion of the Roselle Road Interchange to include both on and off ramps to the west and with the Toll Highway to construct on and off ramps for westbound traffic at Meacham Road. The full completion of the widening and the ramps is scheduled for fall of 2016.

Michaels Grand Re-opening

Michaels Funeral Home completed a nearly 10-month long renovation project. Owner, Michael Demnicki, said that the goal was to keep the comfortable and personal feel of the place, but make it brighter and more spacious. This was achieved with a design that included a raised ceiling, skylights, and new furnishings. Michaels is located at 800 S. Roselle Road. Call Michaels at 847.891.2900 or visit the website at www.michaelsfunerals.com.



State Representative Michelle Mussman, Trustee Frank Kozak, Village Clerk Marilyn Karr, and Public Relations Coordinator Mary Jo Follert joined Michael Demnicki and friends for the grand re-opening ribbon cutting.





44th Annual Septemberfest

August 30 - September 1, 2014

For general Septemberfest information, visit www.septemberfest.org (website will be updated as information becomes available) or call 847.923.3636 or dial 311.

Festival Volunteers Sought

The Septemberfest Committee is seeking volunteers for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts during Schaumburg's Labor Day weekend festival. Shifts are four to five hours and all volunteers receive a complimentary T-shirt, a Septemberfest grounds parking pass for the day they volunteer their time, and a chance to meet new and interesting people. For additional information, call the Septemberfest Volunteer Hotline at 847.923.3637 or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Festival Sponsors Sought

Get your company name recognized by thousands through participating in Septemberfest. The Septemberfest Committee is seeking sponsors for Septemberfest 2014, Schaumburg's Labor Day weekend festival that caters to approximately 250,000 people. For advertising information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us, call 311, 847.923.3605 or visit www.septemberfest.org.





Become a "Friend of the Fest!"

Friend of the Fest

Residents and families (non-business) wanting to help support Septemberfest

\$25 contribution - receives credit with your name on the projection screen prior to the evening concert

\$50 contribution - receives credit with your name on the projection screen prior to the evening concert and a "Friend of the Fest" Septemberfest T-shirt

For additional information, and a "Friend of the Fest" form, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us, call 311, 847.923.3605, or visit www. septemberfest.org.



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Artwork Exhibited at the 27th Annual Prairie Arts Festival

Talented artists from around the country, live entertainers, and food trucks will participate in the 27th annual Prairie Arts Festival. The festival will be held May 24 and 25 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center from 10am to 5pm each day.

Drawing, fiber arts, glass, graphics, jewelry, mixed media, paintings, photography, pottery, and sculpture are featured at this juried exhibition and sale that includes a maximum of 150 artists from throughout the U.S. and will also offer children's art activities.

Become a Purchase Award patron for the Prairie Arts Festival either personally or through a business. Patrons who pledge to spend at least \$100 with one artist will have a chance to acknowledge their support with a Purchase Award and take home their art. By committing to a Purchase Award, patrons are pledging, in advance of the event, to make a purchase at the Prairie Arts Festival. As a Purchase Award participant, an acknowledgment will be made in the Prairie Arts Festival program, and an award ribbon and sign indicating the purchaser's name, or their business' name, will be prominently displayed at the artist's display area for the duration of the festival. In addition, the artwork purchased is, of course, the patron's property. Another opportunity available is to place an advertisement in this year's program book; it's an excellent way of advertising your business and supporting the community.



For additional information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us, call 311, 847.923.3605 or visit www.prairiecenter.org.



4th Annual Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show

Sponsored by the Prairie Center Arts Foundation

The Prairie Center Arts Foundation invites plein air artists to participate in the 2014 Plein Air Competition and Show by creating an original plein air painting or drawing of any location within the Village of Schaumburg, IL. Submitted works will be exhib-



ited at the Prairie Center for the Arts in conjunction with Schaumburg's Prairie Arts Festival and throughout the month of June. This event is open to all plein air artists (artists do not need to be participants in the Prairie Arts Festival to register).

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

Where: On-site at any location in Schaumburg, IL

When: April 25 through May 9, 2014

Prizes: All submitted work will be judged prior to the show, awarding prizes of 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

Show: All submitted work will be displayed in the Prairie Center for the Arts May 24-June 30, 2014, and will coincide with the 27th annual Prairie Arts Festival

Sale: Artists may make their work available for sale at the two day show and throughout the month of June - no commission will be taken

Entry fee: \$25

Entry deadline: April 11

Registration: Download the 2014 prospectus and registration form at www.prairiecenter.org, contact the Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us or call 311 or 847.923.3605 for more information.



COMING TO THE PRAIRIE CENTER

March - May, 2014 Tickets: 847.895.3600 or www.prairiecenter.org

The Fantasticks

Long running Off Broadway Musical presented by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan

Saturday, March 8, 8pm Tickets \$32 (\$30 seniors and students)



Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets

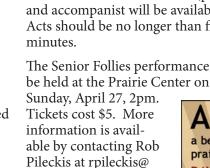
Presenting "Turtle Island Tales," inspired by Native American lore

Saturday, April 12, 2pm Tickets \$10 (\$5 seniors and students)

LUMA

One-of-a-kind show with illuminated objects and performers shrouded in black costumes

Sunday, April 13, 2pm Tickets \$30 (\$28 seniors and students)



ci.schaumburg.il.us, 311, or 847.923.3607.

SCREEN



The 8th Annual **Screen Test Student Fest**

Short competitive film festival showing works from students in grades 5 – 12

Tickets \$10 (\$5 seniors and students) each night Student films accepted through March 10

Visit www.screenteststudentfest.org for details. STUDENT

Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 - 7:30pm

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2nd Annual Senior Follies Talent Show

Auditions on Wednesday, April 2 Performance on Sunday, April 27 The Village of Schaumburg will present the Senior Follies, a variety show

featuring the talents of local senior citizens.

Auditions, scheduled for Wednesday, April 2 at 2pm and 7pm, are open to



formers are invited to attend (piano and accompanist will be available). Acts should be no longer than five

The Senior Follies performance will



ART 4 a benefit concert for (and at) the prairie center **DAVE BYRON**

Guitar hero with blazing speeds and pleasing tones.

JAK TRIPPER One of the best Chicago cover bands, from pop to metal

ROYAL-AIRS

Award-winning Drum and Bugle Corps Saturday, March 29 at 8 pm tix \$20 (\$25 at the door)



Schaumburg Youth Orchestra **Spring Concerts**

You

Music abounds with three concerts featuring bright young talent from the northwest suburbs. Concerts will be held May 18 and 19.

The Schaumburg Youth Orchestra program is sponsored by Motorola Solutions Foundation and the Prairie Center Arts Foundation.

SPECIAL: The Schaumburg Youth Orchestra is 25 years old! Be a part of the celebration by supporting and attending the Symphony Orchestra's Gala Concert at Chicago Symphony Center in June.

For complete details, visit www.schaumburgyouthorchestra.org.



847.895.3600 PRAIRIECENTER.ORG

Protein Bar Opens in Schaumburg

Protein Bar's mission is to change the way people eat on the go. This means the menu, service, stores, and work is focused on healthy food that can be served in a quick, engaging way for active customers.

The focus is on serving healthy, flavorful food in a trendy environment quickly. Protein Bar is located at 896 N. Meacham Road. Visit www.theproteinbar.com or call 847.517.1111.

Jewel Osco Ribbon Cutting

Jewel held a grand re-opening ribbon ceremony in December to celebrate their new renovations. They have added some great new amenities to enhance the customer's shopping experience such as live lobster tanks, hot wing bar, fresh squeezed juice, salad bar, and hot soup.

During the ceremony, Jewel generously donated two checks for \$1,000 each – one to the Barn Senior Center and one to the Teen Center.

Jewel is located at 2501 Schaumburg Road, visit www.jewelosco.com/#1, or call 847.524.8960.



Village President Al Larson, Trustees Jack Sullivan, Marge Connelly, and Frank Kozak helped Jewel Osco staff celebrate the re-opening of their store at Schaumburg and Barrington Roads.

New Businesses	
Discount Tire	Protein Bar
400 W. Higgins	896 N. Meacham
847.466.8776	847.517.1111
MT Barrels	Roti Mediterrane
1712 W. Wise	Grill
847.301.9800	892 N. Meacham
On the Border	847.805.9823
870 N. Meacham	The Beer Market
847.481.8908	888 N. Meacham
	847.517.8300

Relish Catering Kitchen is a full service catering company that specializes in home, corporate, and special catered events. They provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, or small plate/appetizers for parties and events for 10 to 1,000 people. Relish can deliver your order or have it ready for pick-up at their location at 19 W. Wise Road in Schaumburg. The owner, Chef John Eggert has over 12 years of experience. Visit www.relishcateringkitchen.com or call 847.352.8840.

Hawthorn Suites Celebrates Grand Reopening

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Chicago-Schaumburg hotel held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their newly renovated space. Modern amenities and a convenient location are combined to make for a comfortable and relaxing stay. Hawthorn Suites is located at 1200 E. Bank Drive. Call them at 847.517.7644 or visit www.hawthorn.com/hotels/illinois/schaumburg/hawthorn-suites-by-wyndham-chicago-schaumburg/hotel-overview.

Pancheros Mexican Grill Opens in Schaumburg

its signature fresh-pressed tortillas filled with the freshest, highest-quality ingredients. Burritos are customized and mixed with "Bob the Tool" to get every ingredient in each bite. Along with their tasty burritos, the menu also includes quesadillas, tacos, burrito bowls, and salads. Pancheros is located at 140 East Golf Road. For more information, visit pancheros.com or call them at 847.278.7991.

BUSINESS NEWS

Grand Opening of Relish Catering

Pancheros Mexican Grill is a quick-serve, fresh-Mexican franchise that serves



On the Border Restaurant Opens

On the Border serves fresh food daily. It makes the guacamole from scratch each day. Its tortillas are hand-pressed. Everything is made in small batches. Things are always done a little fresher on the border.

On the Border is located at 870 N. Meacham Road. Call them at 847.481.8908 or visit www.ontheborder.com.



Village President AI Larson, Trustee Marge Connelly, Trustee Frank Kozak, and Village Clerk Marilyn Karr joined the staff of On the Border for a ribbon cutting celebration at their Meacham Road location.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

AmCheck

In 2006, Mike Francone and John Bawden opened up AmCheck Payroll HR Schaumburg to provide superior payroll services for the local business community and mirror the founding principles that have been established by AmCheck since 1996. AmCheck is a national provider of payroll services and has grown into one of the country's largest independent payroll service bureaus, serving thousands of clients and managing every aspect of payroll, taxes, employee benefits, pension plans, and worker's compensation.

The village celebrated the move of AmCheck to the Schaumburg Corporate Center with a ribbon cutting event at their new offices at 1510 E. Woodfield Road, Suite 108. Coinciding with the ceremony was the award for "Best in Class," based on the independent survey results from the Corlea Group of San Diego. Ninety-six percent of those surveyed said the company "excels in responsiveness."

For more information about AmCheck, call 847.397.6100, or visit www.amcheck.com.



Village President Al Larson, Trustee Frank Kozak, Trustee Marge Connelly, Trustee Mark Madej, Village Clerk Marilyn Karr, Schaumburg Business Association President Kaili Harding, along with employees from AmCheck celebrate their grand opening.

JANUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Village Tavern

Village Tavern opened in 1993 as a premier dining spot for lunch and dinner and has been highlighted on WGN and CLTV's Chicago's Best for their chicken fingers and nachos.

Village Tavern is active in the community and they sponsor Schaumburg Athletic Association teams, Schaumburg Park District teams, and adult teams. Village Tavern also supports and donates to organizations such as Feed My Starving Children, Adopt A Family, Relay for Life, and the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.

Village Tavern is located at 901 W. Wise Road. Call them at 847.891.8866 or visit www.village-tavern-grill.com.



Pictured (I-r) are Village Clerk Marilyn Karr, Trustee Tom Dailly, **Darcy Davidsmeyer (Schaumburg Business Development** Commission), R.C. Hutson and J.R. Hutson (Village Tavern), Trustees Mark Madej, Frank Kozak, and Marge Connelly, Village President Al Larson, and Trustee George Dunham.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

FELSOMAT

Felsomat was founded in 1981 and is one of the world's most innovative manufacturing companies in transmissions, transmission gears, and engine manufacturing. Felsomat developed the first gantry for part loading and unloading in machining cells. Felsomat possesses a wide-range of core competencies, including gear process knowledge, machine tool fixtures, chucking, clamping, tooling, and automation. With each step, they provide turnkey automation and machine tool solutions. The Schaumburg site serves as the U.S. Headquarters. Felsomat has been very involved with the Golden Corridor Initiative. Felsomat is located at 1700 Penny Lane. Call them at 847.995.1086 or visit www.felsomat.de.



Pictured are (I-r) Trustees Frank Kozak, Marge Connelly, & George Dunham, Matt Skelton (Felsomat), Village Clerk Marilyn Karr, Richard Gilchrist (Felsomat), Trustee Mark Madej, Patrick Seitz (Felsomat), Village President Al Larson, Trustee Tom Dailly, and Darcy Davidsmeyer (Schaumburg Business Development Commission).

All Schaumburg municipal meetings are held at the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Court, unless otherwise specified. The public is encouraged to attend. Times and dates should be confirmed by calling 311 in Schaumburg, 847.923.4402, or check the website at villageofschaumburg.com on the calendar.

Bikeways Advisory Committee

Second Tuesday, every three months (7pm)

Board of Health First Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November (7pm)

Blood Program Called as needed (5:30pm)

Business Development Commission Second Monday of most months (5:30pm dinner meeting at Chicago Prime)

Coffee with the Council Second Saturday of every month in the Community Room; Public Safety Building (9:30am)

Committee on Aging First Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December (7pm)

Committee of the Whole* Third Tuesday of every month (7pm)

Cultural Commission Fourth Monday of every month at the Prairie Center (7pm)

Electrical Commission First Monday of every month (6:30pm)

Engineering and Public Works Committee* Third Thursday of every month (7pm)

Environmental Committee First Thursday of every month (7pm) in Conference Room 'C'

Family Counseling Committee Quarterly (7pm)

Finance, Legal, Administration and General **Government Committee*** Third Monday of every month (7pm)

Health & Human Services Committee* Fourth Thursday of every month (7pm)



MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

Olde Schaumburg Centre Commission

Third Thursday of every month (7pm)

Pilots Technical Advisory Committee

Fourth Wednesday of February, May, August, and November; Schaumburg Regional Airport Terminal Building, Airport Conference Room (7pm)

Plan Commission

First and third Tuesday of every month (7:30pm)

Planning, Building and Development Committee* First Thursday of every month (7pm)

Public Safety Committee* Second Thursday of every month (7pm) Schaumburg Regional Airport Advisory Commission

Fourth Wednesday of February, May, August, and November; Schaumburg Regional Airport Terminal Building, Airport Conference Room (7:30pm)

Septemberfest Committee First Monday of every month at the Prairie Center (7pm)

Schaumburg Sister Cities

German Sister Cities Subcommittee Japan Sister Cities Subcommittee India Sister Cities Subcommittee January, March, May, July, September, and November (5pm)

Teen Center Advisory Board

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at The Barn (7pm)

Transportation Committee*

First Tuesday of every month (7pm)

Village Board

Second and fourth Tuesday of every month (7:30pm)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Every Wednesday (7:30pm) * Denotes committees of three or more elected officials who carefully review items slated for action by the full Village Board.



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Call 311 to ask a question, reach a village representative, or to request service.

Drop It and Drive Campaign

Distracted driving is a growing epidemic in Illinois and across the nation.

The Illinois Tollway has formed a partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State and AAA to launch this new statewide campaign.

Please visit the website at www.illinoistollway.com/dropitanddriveillinois to learn more about the campaign.

Our Town. Our Health. Our Future.

Please save the date for an April 16 Town Hall Meeting on positive youth development. A panel discussion will include the latest information on underage drinking, substance abuse, and available community resources and efforts. 6:30pm - 8pm at the Trickster Art Gallery.

Learn more at https://www.stopalcholabuse.gov/townhall-meetings/default.aspx.

Village of Schaumburg 101 Schaumburg Court Schaumburg, Illinois 60193-1899

Award Winning Recycling Event

The village's annual and very successful recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 10am to 3pm at the School District 54 office located at 524 East Schaumburg Road. Residents are invited to recycle electronics, computers, televisions, batteries, CFL bulbs, oil, antifreeze, and more at this event.

Visit the village website for more details at www.villa-geofschaumburg.com.

NO PAINT OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

With questions or to volunteer, call 311 and ask for Martin Metreger, or via email at mmetreger@ci.schaumburg. il.us. For information on how to recycle hazardous waste, visit www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/GreCorn/Green1/Pages/ Recycling_Event.aspx.





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