# SCRACKER BARREL

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

### MAYOR HOLDS ANNUAL STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Schaumburg Village President Tom Dailly held his annual state of the village address at the Good Morning Schaumburg breakfast hosted by the Schaumburg Business Association on Jan. 10. Attended by approximately 180 people, the event praised the village's high marks received from the most recent National Community Survey. In addition, President Dailly discussed upcoming infrastructure investments to support the community, redevelopment progress at 90 North, new businesses coming soon to Schaumburg, and many other accomplishments achieved in the past year. Below are some highlights shared with the audience:

- 95% of residents surveyed in the National Community Survey rated Schaumburg as an excellent or good place to live – up from 93% in 2018. 94% would recommend Schaumburg as a place to live – up from 91% in 2018.
- The village held the line on property taxes and levied the same amount in 2022 as in 2021.
- S&P Global Ratings reaffirmed the village's AAA bond rating, which is the highest rating a municipality can attain.



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## WELCOME NEW VILLAGE TRUSTEE ESHA PATEL



Schaumburg Village President Tom Dailly selected Cultural Commission member Esha Patel to be appointed to serve as village trustee, filling a vacancy created by the passing of longtime Village Trustee Frank Kozak.

Patel's appointment was approved by Village Board members at the Jan. 10 Village Board meeting. Following the unanimous approval of Patel's appointment, she was immediately sworn in to begin serving her term.

#### Get to Know Trustee Patel

#### Q: Tell us about your background.

**A:** I have served on the village's Cultural Commission for 1.5 years and have been a resident of Schaumburg since 2008. I was born and raised in Gujarat, India, and came to the United States in 1996. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree and am proficient in Hindi and Gujarati. Professionally, I am a full-time State Farm insurance agent and operate my own business alongside my husband, Timir.

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED**

Schaumburg's Village Board voted unanimously to approve a \$217 million multi-year Capital Improvement Plan. The plan includes \$66 million in improvements slated for the fiscal year that begins May 1, 2023. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a comprehensive plan that sets the direction and priorities for the village's capital improvement projects and associated funding for the next five years. The CIP is updated annually and represents the village's commitment to sustaining its roadways, infrastructure, and community facilities.

As in previous years, the plan reinforces the village's continued commitment to improving infrastructure and securing grant funding to minimize the burden on taxpayers. The village anticipates securing \$53 million in grant funding, leaving \$164 million to be funded through local sources. The largest portion of the plan (\$127 million or 58%) is dedicated to roadway improvements followed by \$42 million (19%) for water/sewer improvements.

The plan anticipates spending approximately \$8 million annually to improve residential streets. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24, the village will allocate an additional \$1.8 million in Motor Fuel Tax funds to reconstruct commercial and industrial streets. The list of streets included in the 2023 street improvement program will be available this spring on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/budget.

The plan allocates \$18.8 million for water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and utility improvements. This will include rehabilitating the 55-year-old Walnut Lane lift station and replacing several culverts to improve the village's storm sewer system. The village received a grant to reduce the local share of a \$1.5 million culvert improvement project on Springinsguth Road to just \$171,000. This joint project with the Village of Hanover Park will address flooding and reduce erosion near Atcher Park.



Based on community input shared by the Schaumburg Park District that indicates residents value walking and biking trails, the village is committing \$2.6 million in bikeway improvements over the 5-year plan. Projects include the construction of the Meacham Road Bike Path (from Higgins Road to American Lane), Golf Road Bike Path (from Roosevelt Boulevard to Meacham Road), and a new bike path at Volkening Lake to connect Schaumburg High School. Additionally, the village is budgeting \$600,000 in FY 2023/24 for resurfacing and reconstruction of existing bike paths.

The capital plan continues to support the redevelopment of the 90 North District with \$9.8 million budgeted in FY 2023/24 for several infrastructure and regionally significant projects. Projects include continued construction of 90 North Park and construction of the adjacent shared street project that will allow for expanded programming at 90 North Park. For more information on plans for 90 North, visit www.90northschaumburg.com.

For more information and to view the complete CIP that was approved at the Jan. 10 Village Board meeting, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/budget. For questions, contact Andrew Buckwinkler at abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### State of the Village Address (Continued)

- Significant construction projects are planned for the upcoming year, including Bode Road (Barrington to Springinsguth); National Parkway (Higgins to Woodfield); Springinsguth Road (Bode to Schaumburg); Rodenburg Road (Irving Park to village limits); and National Parkway (Golf to American).
- Progress at 90 North, including Northgate at Veridian Rowhomes, DR Horton's townhome project, The Quin Apartments, Northwest Community Healthcare cancer treatment center (proposed), the new Entertainment District featuring Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, and more.
- Additional planned healthcare developments, including Duly Health and Care medical office building, Lurie Children's Hospital outpatient center and Northwest Community Healthcare outpatient services building.
- New businesses opened in 2022, including Revv Aviation, Belong Gaming, Schaumburg Public House, X-Golf, Sweetgreen, The Local Kitchen and Tap, and many others.
- Tony's Fresh Market coming to Town Square in 2023.

### **Residential Rebates Approved**

At the Jan. 10 Village Board meeting, Schaumburg trustees approved an initiative to provide a one-time \$150 residential rebate payment to owner-occupied households to assist residents impacted by the pandemic. Because millions were lost in key taxes and revenues at the start of the pandemic due to various shutdowns, village officials were not able to provide such assistance previously but agreed now is the time to give back to the community.

The rebate will be provided to owner-occupied households. The village is currently determining how the program will be implemented and will provide more information in village communications once available. See page 16 to learn how to stay connected with the village.

### Schaumburg Public Works Awarded APWA Full Reaccreditation Honors

The Village of Schaumburg Engineering and Public Works Department recently received reaccreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the 7th consecutive time since 1997. This prestigious accreditation indicates Schaumburg is maintaining documentation and standard practices and that village staff is dedicated to continuous improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices.

The primary function of the Engineering and Public Works Department is to provide high-quality, cost-effective municipal services to customers and successfully manage village-owned infrastructure, facilities and equipment. Operating function responsibilities are assigned to three groups including Field Services, such as Landscape Division, Streets and Signs Division, and Electrical/Customer Service Division; Utility Services, such as Storm Sewer Division, Sanitary Sewer Division, and Water Division; as well as Support Services, such as Building Maintenance Division and Fleet Services Division. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/epw or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## NEW VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNS INSTALLED

Last fall, the village began a project to replace 12 existing gateway signs and install a new sign at the southwest corner of Roselle and Central roads, near the Roselle Road bike path bridge. The large stone gateway sign located at East Frontage Road and Higgins Road (IL-72) was not replaced as part of this project.

The signs incorporate the new village branding and identity in a modern design that welcomes pedestrians and motorists into the Schaumburg community. Entryway signs create a sense of place and quality, attract attention, convey the community's image as a high-quality place to live, and help the community stand apart from its neighbors.

Work consisted of the demolition of the existing signs, excavation for new concrete foundations, installation of a masonry façade and new, backlit LED aluminum signs. Currently, 12 signs have been completed. The installation of the new sign and remaining landscape work will begin this spring.

### Welcome New Village Trustee (Continued)

#### Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

**A:** I spend a lot of time going on relaxing walks around the neighborhood with Rosco, my 14-year-old rescue Corgi mix who we adopted from the Almost Home Foundation. My husband and I enjoy dining out with friends and family at many Schaumburg restaurants. I also love to sing Bollywood numbers from the 1960s and 70s with my father as we enjoy father-daughter karaoke time at home. You will often find me attending weekend business events, cultural programs hosted by the South Asian community, and concerts.

#### Q: What do you like best about Schaumburg?

**A:** Many of my close friends and family live in the Schaumburg area and I have many fond memories of living in the suburbs for the past 20-plus years. Being a food lover, I find the most amazing food options here and appreciate the proximity to many Indian grocery stores. I often visit parks and use walking paths with my dog so we can enjoy the fresh air. With convenient access to interstates, I like that I can travel anywhere with ease. Schaumburg made me feel at home after I moved to the United States from India.



#### Q: Why did you want to join the Cultural Commission?

**A:** There is a very large Asian population living in Schaumburg and many South Asian events are held throughout the community, including the village's Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts. I wanted to participate in the Cultural Commission, so I could help promote South Asian culture to the residents of Schaumburg. Together with Tarana Dance Academy, the commission successfully showcased Indian classical dance at last year's Septemberfest and is looking forward to planning more events in the future.

#### Q: What excites you most about becoming a trustee?

**A:** I enjoy my time serving others, whether it be through my professional career or through various other organizations. I look at this as an opportunity for me to give back to my community and contribute new ideas while also preserving the tradition of thoughtful leadership that has made Schaumburg such a great place to live, work and visit.

For more information on Trustee Patel and the Village Board, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/villageboard or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## **2023 BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The village's 2023 brush collection program will begin at the end of April and will offer two collection cycles for each zone until the program ends in September. The collection zones are rotated in the pickup schedule each year.

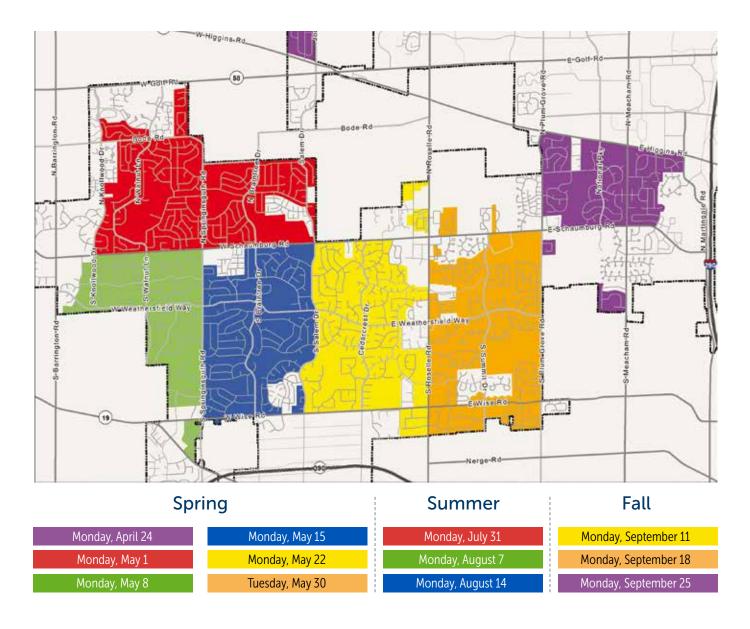
Residents can follow the collection schedule listed below and on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/brush; no appointments are necessary. This program is open to single family residences only; contractor-generated brush will not be collected.

Brush must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. It may take crews up to five days to complete collection in each zone. Please note that no brush will be collected on Monday, May 29 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection will begin for this week on Tuesday, May 30.

Branches cannot have root material attached and are to be neatly placed curbside with the cut ends toward the street.

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

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



## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### Fire Personnel Train at O'Hare Regional Training Facility

Recently, Schaumburg Fire Department (SFD) companies attended a week of training sessions held at O'Hare Airport's Regional Training Facility under approval from the Chicago Fire Department (CFD). The training facility is one of the single largest aircraft training facilities in the country and recently sustained structural and technological upgrades to make the training more relevant and realistic while maintaining a high level of safety.

The O'Hare Airport triennial full-scale exercise was attended by members of Squad 55 alongside other Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) companies. This training was meant to test the CFD's ability to handle a mass casualty event. Squad 55 members were tasked with victim removal utilizing the stokes basket to decontaminate the individual. CFD leadership named Schaumburg and other attending MABAS companies as an "asset" to assist with emergencies given their proximity to both O'Hare and Midway airports.

SFD companies also conducted their own live fire training at the site, focusing on large-caliber hose line deployment. The department utilized all three training props available: the mass application pit, the large air frame trainer, and the small air frame trainer. For three days, personnel reviewed aircraft rescue practices and firefighting



### Reminder: New Smoke Detector Law

At the beginning of the year, Illinois Public Act 100-0200 (The Illinois Smoke Detector Act) went into effect requiring new replacement smoke alarms to have a 10-year sealed internal battery. It does not require changing smoke alarms that were recently installed or changing hardwired smoke alarms. The law requires all existing smoke



techniques utilized in the event of large area flammable liquid fires as well as brake and engine fires.

Attending the O'Hare training exercises provided SFD with the opportunity to receive aviation incident training. An added benefit of each training is that the firefighting techniques used are also applicable to most mass transit vehicle incidents, including buses and trains. For more information, contact Capt. Jay Schlesser at jschless@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Fire Department Honor Guard

Similar to the military, the Schaumburg Fire Department has a group of 15 dedicated individuals who make up their Honor Guard. Each of these individuals took an oath to serve their fellow firefighters and represent the department when requested. Several of these Honor Guard members receive additional training alongside other firefighters as part of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) Honor Guard. Honor Guard members can be identified by distinctive red cords worn on the left shoulder of their dress uniforms. As part of their duties, this group of firefighters leads the department during ceremonies, parades, and, on more somber occasions, firefighter funerals.

Keep an eye out for Schaumburg Fire's Honor Guard the next time you attend National Night Out at Wintrust Field, the Septemberfest parade and other village events.

alarms to be replaced after 10 years even if they continue to work while pressing the "test" button. This is because the sensors within the alarm degrade over time. For more information on this new law, contact Tony Piccolo at apiccolo@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### www.schaumburg.com

### **POLICE K9 PROGRAM**





The Schaumburg Police Department would like to introduce the two dogs that make up the K9 program. Both dogs are valuable resources for the community and assist officers with their daily duties.

Vox is a Belgian Malinois from the Czech Republic who has been on patrol since April 2022. Vox is trained to track and detect human odor, assist in apprehending criminals, handler protection, evidence searches, crowd control, and is certified through the State of Illinois for drug detection. Vox's partner is Officer (Ofc.) Josh Ladin, who has been with the department since 2016.

Onyx is a German Shorthaired Pointer who has been on patrol since October 2022. Onyx can track and detect human odor, search for evidence and is certified through the State of Illinois for drug detection. Onyx's partner is Ofc. Tomasz Duda, who has also been with the department since 2016.

Both K9 teams graduated from the Kane County K9 Academy and are assigned to the Tactical Unit. Each dog lives at home with his respective handler when not at work. In the short time they have been in service, each dog has made valuable contributions to help solve crimes and locate persons. For more information, contact Ofc. Ladin at jladin@schaumburg.com, Ofc. Duda at tduda@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Schaumburg Police to Begin Using Body Cameras

In December 2022, the Schaumburg Police Department entered into a contract with Axon, Inc. to outfit every officer with bodyworn cameras and is currently in the process of implementing the program throughout the department. Nationwide, the use of bodyworn cameras has become a best practice for police departments. According to House Bill 3653 (SAFE-T Act), the Illinois General Assembly mandated the wearing of body-worn cameras for a municipality of 50,000-100,000 residents by Jan. 1, 2024.

Body-worn cameras capture real-time video evidence of rapidly evolving events and document the incidents for review either internally or by the judicial system and the public. The body-worn camera is mounted to an officer's uniform and is a tool that has been shown to improve evidence collection, strengthen officer performance and accountability, enhance transparency, better document encounters between the public and the police, assist in the investigation of complaints, and improve procedural justice in law enforcement.

To ensure the body-worn camera is being utilized in the most effective and constitutional manner, the Schaumburg Police Department developed a robust body-worn camera policy. The policy incorporates best practices, industry standards, and Illinois law related to the use of body-worn cameras to provide officers with instructions on when and how to use the body-worn cameras.

Body-worn cameras are a powerful and useful tool for an officer during their day-to-day activities, but they are not a solution for all the challenges and situations that officers encounter. Body-worn cameras do have limitations and do



not provide the totality of circumstances that drive an officer's response to a particular situation. Body-worn cameras are most effective when used in combination with other existing tools, including in-car cameras, formal incident reports and department policies. For more information, contact Deputy Chief Joseph Dugan at jdugan@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Participate in Spring Citizen Police Academy

Meet and interact on a personal level with members of the Schaumburg Police Department by participating in the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). Typically, two sessions are held each year – one in the spring and one in the fall. Each CPA session meets once a week for 10 weeks with classes held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Participants must attend 75% of the sessions to be eligible for graduation and to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association of Schaumburg. Schaumburg residents and employees of Schaumburg businesses, ages 18 and older, are eligible to participate. Interactive sessions offer an inside look at the police department functions. Highlights include a virtual visit of Northwest Central Dispatch System, conducting a mock traffic stop, and the opportunity to ask questions of police personnel. The next session begins on March 8. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. For more information and to apply, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/cpa, email Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## **BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT**

### **New Businesses**

Desi Tadka 927 W. Golf Rd. www.desitadkas.com

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Graze Craze 1437 W. Schaumburg Rd. www.grazecraze.com

Guzman y Gomez 795 E. Golf Rd. www.guzmanygomez.com Kiddie Academy 1121 E. Higgins Rd. www.kiddieacademy.com

Kurti Connection 183 W. Golf Rd. www.kurticonnection.com

QPS Employment Group 1340 Remington Rd., Ste. G www.qpsemployment.com

Sweetgreen 1320 N. Meacham Rd. www.sweetgreen.com





Professional Services
Restaurant

🕜 Retail



### Woodfield Mall Openings

- Amorino Gelato
- Byrd's Hot Chicken
- Dynamite
- Falafill East Mediterranean Kitchen
- Mrs. Fields/TCBY
- Psycho Bunny
- Tapville Social

For more information about these businesses, visit www.simon.com/woodfield-mall.

### Coming Soon



American Red Cross - 622 E. Golf Rd. www.redcross.org



Diamonds Direct - 1701 E. Golf Rd. www.diamondsdirect.com

### Next Level Northwest for Businesses

Next Level Northwest (NLNW) is a free business accelerator program for businesses that have moved beyond the start-up phase but have not yet reached their full potential. NLNW has helped 23 businesses with 80% of the businesses that have gone through the program seeing continued growth. Some of the measurable impacts have resulted in job creation and revenue growth. NLNW's coaches provide an intensive 90-day consultation where they collaboratively work to overcome business issues, increase productivity, and take the company to the next level. For more information, visit www.nextlevelnorthwest.org, contact Matt Frank at mfrank@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Tony's Fresh Market Anticipated to Open in April

This April, Tony's Fresh Market is anticipated to open its new grocery store in Town Square, at the corner of Schaumburg and Roselle roads. Tony's is a family-owned grocery chain with a full-service meat counter, extensive produce department, domestic and imported deli, and fresh

bakery. The grocery store will become a major anchor of the area and will create 200 jobs, generate traffic and economic activity for Town Square, and enhance the Schaumburg tax base. For more information, visit www.tonysfreshmarket.com.



### SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Donut Drop - 835 E. Algonquin Rd.

Charlie Chan and Lilian Le met in college and after graduating, they decided to follow their dreams of running a business of their own. With Lilian's



background in business and Charlie's family ties to the infamous Gurnee Donuts, they ventured into the business of donuts. Three years later, the duo brought on Phyroath Chhun to help grow the small business to what it is today. Donut Drop has been successfully churning out donuts for seven years. More than 40 varieties of donuts are made fresh daily including classic and specialty donuts. For more information and to order in advance, visit www.donutdrop.com.

#### Joe's Pizza - 530 W. Wise Rd.

Joe's Pizza is known for its fantastic pizza and friendly service. All dishes are made fresh with the highest quality ingredients; you can taste the difference in everything made. The



owner of Joe's Pizza, Dino, and his wife even provided free, freshly cooked Thanksgiving meals served from the restaurant to the less fortunate in the community. For more information and to view the menu for Joe's Pizza, visit www.bestpizzaschaumburg.com.

### Demolition Efforts Make Way for 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. In January, demolition efforts kicked off to level both buildings to make way for Phase 2 of the Entertainment District. Work is anticipated to be complete this month, weather permitting.

Village staff continues to work on securing prospective users and businesses for 90 North. Phase 1 of the village's 23-acre Entertainment District welcomes Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, located near the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel and Meacham Road. Construction on the new 80,000-square-foot entertainment/event destination breaks ground this year with an anticipated opening in 2024. Additional envisioned district amenities include another entertainment venue, another restaurant, and a 900-space parking deck with an elevated walkway connecting it to the Renaissance Hotel. For more information, visit www.90northschaumburg.com, contact Matt Frank at mfrank@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### January - Paintegrity

#### 904 S. Roselle Rd., Ste. 332

Paintegrity is a family-owned business that began in 2017. The owners, Joe and Tina Alarcon, started their business with a vision to build a painting company founded on faith, integrity, and unmatched customer service. With their focus on high-quality painting and building relationships, they pride themselves on making their customers their number one priority and creating a work environment that encourages and uplifts their employees. Services provided include interior and exterior residential painting, cabinet refinishing, and commercial work.

Paintegrity regularly gives back to the community and provides painting services for nonprofit organizations, including Childhood Leukemia Warriors and the Alzheimer's Association. The company is a very active member of the Schaumburg Business Association as a supporting sponsor of Members and Miles, Gold Sponsor for



the Toast of Schaumburg, a member of the Ambassador Team, a participant in the Fashion Show, and a leader of the Focus Group Membership Committee. For more information on Paintegrity and its services, visit www.paintegrityllc.com.

## **GREEN CORNER**

### **2022 LANDSCAPE AWARD** WINNERS RECOGNIZED



Since 2005, the Schaumburg Environmental Committee's Annual Landscape Award Program has recognized commercial, retail and residential developments that exhibit excellence in their landscape improvements and maintenance. The 2022 Landscape Award recipients were recognized at the Nov. 8 Village Board meeting and include:

Most Improved Commercial: Chicago Marriott Schaumburg Most Improved Retail: Target, 1235 E. Higgins Rd. Most Improved Planned Unit Development: Pickwick Best Maintained Commercial: Woodfield Corporate Center Best Maintained Retail: Streets of Woodfield Best Maintained Planned Unit Development: Towne Place West Best Natural Landscaping: Weathersfield North For more information, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Al Larson Environmental Awards Presented

At the Oct. 11 Village Board meeting, Target and the Sublewski residence were named the latest recipients of the Al Larson Environmental Award. The award recognizes commercial/residential properties and individuals who have implemented sustainable initiatives in the Schaumburg community.

In 2019, Target, 1235 E. Higgins Rd., built a rooftop solar project with a nameplate capacity of 480 kW AC (kilowatts alternating current). It produces more than 12 GWh (gigawatt-hours) of electricity, which relates to a carbon offset of 8,833 metric tons of carbon dioxide avoided over its initial 15-year-long power purchase agreement.

In 2019, the Sublewski residence installed a 4.54 kW (kilowatts) rooftop energy system to generate the energy necessary to meet the home's electrical needs. In 2020, a rain garden with a capacity of 200 gallons was constructed to keep groundwater discharge on the property. And in 2021, a rain barrel was installed that overflows into the garden. An energy-efficient furnace, light bulbs and windows were also installed. Additionally, the homeowners compost their food and use a hybrid car.

For more information on the award and nomination process, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/greenrecognition, contact Martha Dooley at mdooley@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.





### Spring Cost Share Reforestation Program

The Village of Schaumburg will continue the process of replacing ash trees through its ongoing cost share reforestation planting program this spring. The village is offering a cost share option to any resident who wishes to have their tree planted sooner than what is otherwise scheduled. To take advantage of this program, participants should create a Customer Service Request or dial 311 in Schaumburg to request participation in the spring 2023 program. The resident pays a percentage of the replacement cost for an approximately 2-inch diameter tree. Participants will receive a letter requesting their first and second selections when ordering trees to increase the chances that a tree of your choice will be available. Species and pricing can be found on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/costsharetree. Payment for the Cost Share Program can be made online through WebPay at www.schaumburg.com/webpay or in person at the Finance counter inside the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct. For questions, contact Justin Briski at jbriski@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Proper Way to Apply Mulch

Mulch is a very important component of a manicured landscape. When applied properly, it can be very beneficial to new and established trees. Ideally, mulch should be applied three inches deep extending to the dripline (tips of the branches). The mulch should resemble a donut/bowl shape and should not be covering any portion of the root flare at the base of the trunk. On younger trees, this bowl can be filled with water and will soak directly into the establishing root zone area.

When mulch is piled on the base of the tree covering the bark and root flare, it causes a smothering effect. The practice is referred to as volcano mulching. Moisture and decaying material pressed up against the trunk causes decay and eventually restricts the vascular system of the tree. It also suffocates the structural roots and encourages roots to grow from the trunk versus the root zone. In time, these roots will eventually encircle the trunk and in effect



choke the tree. Luckily, the effects of volcano mulching can be reversed by removing excess mulch from the base until you see the root flare. For more information, contact Emma Sprau at esprau@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## **Mulch Delivery**

Residents interested in having the village deliver mulch to their homes are required to prepay before delivery can be scheduled. The cost of mulch is \$50 per 3-cubic-yard load. Payments with a credit card can be made using WebPay at

www.schaumburg.com/webpay or in person with a check at the Finance counter inside the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct. Delivery of mulch is anticipated to begin in April, pending the availability of the product. Same-day delivery requests cannot be made and priority of delivery will go by the date of order. WebPay orders will take priority over orders that are paid in person. If mulch runs out before a delivery can be made, the resident will receive a refund. Residents may also pick up mulch free of charge at the Engineering and Public Works complex. Residents are asked to enter at the traffic light located at 714 S. Plum Grove Rd. and proceed beyond Fire Station 55 to the wood bin designated for mulch pickup. This service is intended for non-commercial residential use only. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/mulch, contact Laurie Walter at lwalter@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## **PRUNING TREE SPROUTS**

Every year, trees can develop sprouts growing out of the main trunk. These are commonly known as tree sprouts, suckers, water sprouts, or epicormic shoots. This type of growth should be pruned off the trunk as it is not only unsightly but also interferes with the overall health of the tree. The Engineering and Public Works Department (EPW) is asking for the public's assistance to remove these sprouts from parkway trees. To accomplish this, please use hand pruners, loppers, or a hand saw to remove the tree sprouts when sighted. Always make sure you are wearing the proper personal protective equipment such as safety glasses and gloves. Be sure to cut the sprout as close to the main trunk as possible. If you feel uncomfortable removing the sprouts yourself, please contact EPW at (847) 895-7100 or dial 311 in Schaumburg so staff can remove the sprouts for you.



## **GETTING AROUND TOWN**

### **Construction Progress**

#### Bode Road and Springinsguth Road Resurfacing

The project has been split into two sections: Bode Road from Barrington Road to Springinsguth Road and Springinsguth Road from Bode Road to Schaumburg Road. Resurfacing improvements are expected to begin on both sections this spring and be complete by fall 2023. The improvements on both streets include roadway resurfacing, selective curb and sidewalk replacement, pavement striping, and improvements to the traffic signal at the Bode/Springinsguth intersection. For questions, contact Scott Shirley at sshirley@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

#### National Parkway Reconstruction

Reconstruction of the segment between Golf Road and American Lane is expected to begin in early spring. This section of National Parkway will be closed to through traffic, as storm sewer relocation and installation of a roundabout at American Lane are major components of this project. Work also includes sidewalk and street lighting. Improvements are expected to be complete by the end of 2023. For questions, contact Brent McQueen at bmcqueen@schaumburg.com or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.



### Woodfield Trolley Operating Under Regular Schedule



Schaumburg's free Woodfield Trolley is now operating under its regular Friday through Sunday weekend service schedule until the day before Memorial Day. Stay warm while shopping with convenient drop-off service to Schaumburg destinations, including Woodfield Mall, Streets of Woodfield, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, and more. 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 Norma Higgins at nhiggins@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

### 2023 Community Blood Drives

Help those in need by participating in one of Schaumburg's Community Blood Drives. All events are held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr. Upcoming blood drives will be held Monday, April 10 and Wednesday, June



14. Appointments are recommended and can be made online through Vitalant's website at www.vitalant.org using sponsor code ORD0SH98 or by calling (877) 358-4825. 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.

### **Residential Inspection Program Update**

Community Development Department inspectors are continuing walking inspections of neighborhoods to systematically inspect every home in the village. Phase 3 will be completed this spring and inspections of homes in Phase 4 will begin this summer. To view a map of the different phases, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/inspectionmap. As a reminder, property owners are required to meet village property maintenance codes and regulations to keep Schaumburg looking its best. The codes and regulations are enforced by the village to preserve residential properties, provide a safe environment, and maintain property values. For more information, contact Deborah Parran at dparran@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg and ask to speak to the Code Enforcement Division.

### **Residential Pool/Hot Tub Permit Requirements**

Did you know a pool permit is required for all permanently installed and temporary/seasonal pools? The Village of Schaumburg has adopted the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as well as a few amended local ordinance items for the installation of a swimming pool or hot tub. Several factors including placement, lot coverage, setbacks, and pool barriers (fencing/alarms) are required by code to improve safety. The village has prepared a Pool/Hot Tub Resource Guide available online to highlight several of the requirements for the installation of pools and hot tubs.

The Pool Permit and Barrier Checklist within the resource guide is a good place to start to develop a general understanding of the multiple requirements that are required by code, which are reviewed and inspected as part of the permit process.

Other existing site conditions such as slopes/grading, utilities, and other accessory structures within your yard may have an impact on the review and approval process for your pool or hot tub. The process and requirements may seem overwhelming, so the village offers an option to schedule a pre-planning or pre-construction meeting at your home.

If you are interested in meeting with a Building Division staff member, please contact the village to schedule a meeting at your home. To schedule this optional consultation, contact permitting staff at permits@schaumburg.com or call (847) 923-4420 and request to schedule a consultation with Building Official Robert Kryder. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/pool-hottub or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Do you know an adult, teen or Schaumburg organization that gives back to the Schaumburg community by volunteering and should be commended for their contributions? If so, please nominate the person and/or organization that you think deserves recognition by completing a Volunteer of the Year nomination form. Available categories include Adult Volunteer, Volunteer Organization, and Youth Volunteer (junior high or high school age). Nominations will be accepted until Monday, April 3.

The 35th Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 18 at Chandler's Banquets, 401 N. Roselle Rd. For more information and the nomination form, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/volunteeroftheyear, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### **Tech Corner Program for Seniors**

The village's Nursing and Senior Services Division recognizes that society has grown more dependent on the internet and has created the new Tech Corner Program to help older adults cross the digital divide. Hosted by the division's secretaries, Michelle Avila and Jordan Cannataro, the program offers oneon-one assistance on your own devices. Older adults who attend The Barn can bring their smartphone, tablet and/or laptop for individual instruction on specific issues they are having. This service is offered at 10 a.m. on the first and third Monday of every month at The Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr. For more information, contact Michelle Avila at mavila@schaumburg.com or Jordan Cannataro at

jcannataro@schaumburg.com, or call Nursing and Senior Services at (847) 923-3766.



#### Affordable Connectivity Program

In related news, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to assist with the cost of devices and broadband services. To see if you qualify, visit www.fcc.gov/acp or call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575.

### Schaumburg Barn Senior Program: Fitness and Social Activities



The Schaumburg Barn Senior Program offers a variety of fitness classes and social activities for older adults ages 60 and up. These programs are complimentary to Schaumburg Barn patrons who take part in the congregate meal program. Classes and activities include:

- Bingo: every weekday between 1-2 p.m.
- **Bingo Bananza:** special banana-themed dessert, \$1 Lunch and \$1 Bingo cards on the 4th Tuesday of every other month

- Canvas Painting: check the calendar for information
- Crochet Group: 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
- Line Dancing: check the calendar for information
- Social Games: check the calendar for information
- Bunco Tournament
- Pokeno Game
- Under the Blanket Card
   Game
- Left, Right and Center Game
- 31 Card Game
- Tech Corner: 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month
- WITS Workout: 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of every month
- Zumba: 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

Interested participants must sign up at least one week in advance. For registration and the most up-to-date information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/thebarn, contact Marina Lvovich at mlvovich@schaumburg.com or call The Barn at (847) 524-7496.

### Spring 2023

### AMERICAN HEART MONTH: LEARN CPR

February is American Heart Month and is the perfect time to take an American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class provided by the Village of Schaumburg. Available to the general public and healthcare providers, attendees will learn how to:

- Recognize the early warning signs of a heart attack
- Perform adult and child CPR
- Help a choking victim
- Operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Courses are held several times a year at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. The next Heart Saver course will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Class size is limited. To sign up and pay the \$55 fee, access WebPay on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/webpay and select the desired CPR class under Events and Registrations. Student workbooks will be provided. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/cpr, contact Jeanine Liska at jliska@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Public Works Employees Save the Day

Recently, the Engineering and Public Works Department received a late-night phone call for rising water in a sanitary pipe of a resident's home. Because sewer backups are a health hazard, it is extremely important for crews to make attending to the backup a top priority. Steve Hedquist and Robert Dillon of the Customer Service Division were quickly on the scene and assured the residents they would keep working until their sanitary line was open and clean, even if that meant working past the end of their shift. After the sanitary line was clear, Ulises Rangel of the sewer division returned the following day to answer questions and provide information on preventative measures. Rangel said, "The sanitary department always does our best to make sure residents are taken care of." The resident was pleased the issue was taken care of right away and that Steve, Robert, and Ulises were there to help.

If a sewer backup occurs, the first telephone call made should be to the Engineering and Public Works Department by dialing 311 in Schaumburg. For more information on what to do when experiencing a sewer backup, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/sewer.



### Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance Available to Residents

The Village of Schaumburg has Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Program funds available to assist residents experiencing a temporary economic hardship due to the pandemic. CDBG-CV funds were allocated to the village through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Funds are available now for rent/ mortgage and utility assistance. Eligible applicants must have a qualifying income and meet other program criteria. Payments are made directly to the landlord, mortgage company and/ or utility company. Applications are available and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis until all funds have been distributed. Funds are available through the village's Social Services Division. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/caresact, contact Kristin Jordan at kjordan@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg. The village has also provided funds to Northwest Compass to assist eligible residents.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL

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

## APRIL

#### DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts Parking Lot 9 a.m. to Noon (Drive-up event open to Schaumburg residents only. IDs required.)

### **10** COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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

### 15 RECYCLING

**RECYCLING EVENT** Wintrust Field West Parking Lot 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Community-wide drive-up event.

For more information, visit www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent.)

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#### 35TH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON

Chandler's Chophouse Grille & Banquets 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### 9TH ANNUAL PINK TIE FIREMEN'S BALL

Chicago Marriott Schaumburg 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (All proceeds donated support the fight against cancer, fund innovative cancer research and help community members currently fighting cancer. For more information, visit www.pinktieball4092.com.)

## **PRAIRIE CENTER PROGRAMS**

### FEBRUARY - MAY 2023

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

O Follow us on Instagram! @prairiecenter

### Thursday Night Laughs

Feb. 23, March 23, and April 20 Bar and doors 6 p.m. / showtime 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 per show The Prairie Center's new stand-up comedy series features top area comics and lots of laughs.

#### B-Side Studios presents And Then There Was Hip Hop

Featuring "The Realness" Written by Idris Goodwin Directed by Maurice D. Proffit, founder of B-Side Studios

#### Saturday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door The latest production from Schaumburg's Annual Black History Month Program offers an immersive look at a worldchanging genre.

### **McNulty Irish Dancers**

#### Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$26 adults / \$20 students and seniors Traditional Irish music and dance combine in a lively celebration leading up to St. Patrick's Day.



#### The Rudick Siblings

A Brother/Sister Comedy Tour Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20

Stand-up comedians, viral TikTokers, and real-life siblings Leah and Andrew Rudick co-headline the Prairie Center on their national tour.

### Concerto!

#### Sunday, March 19, 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 adults / \$7 seniors and students A unique showcase featuring Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra members selected by a panel of judges to perform concerto movements, accompanied by the orchestra.

### **Mutts Gone Nuts**

Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets: \$22 adults / \$17 seniors and students Back by popular demand for two shows, these amazing four-legged performers deliver a dynamite comedy dog spectacular!

#### Lecture Hall Program The Exoneration of Cate O'Leary

Sunday, March 26, 1 p.m. Tickets: \$10

In this new first-person portrayal from Ellie Carlson, Cate O'Leary addresses the accusations and rumors surrounding her over the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

#### Mike Super – Magic and Illusion Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$45 adults / \$35 seniors and students Winner of NBC's hit TV show *Phenomenon* and top *America's Got Talent* finalist Mike Super delivers mind-blowing illusions in this interactive, family-friendly show.

## **16th Annual Screen Test Student Fest**

### **FREE EVENTS**

Screen Test Local Fest Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. A night of short films by area students.

Screen Test Jr. (Online Event) Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. Short works by students in grades K-8.

International High School Competition Saturday, April 15, 7 p.m.

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

### Submissions for Screen Test Student Fest will be accepted through Feb. 27.

For more information, visit www.screenteststudentfest.org, contact Rob Pileckis at rpileckis@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



### **Senior Follies**

Sunday, April 16 Tickets: \$5 Back after a three-year hiatus, Schaumburg's popular talent show featuring area senior citizens once again proves that age is just a number.

### Schaumburg Choral Programs Spring Concerts

Schaumburg's vocal ensembles perform concerts of classical and popular vocal works on April 30 and May 21. For more information, visit www.schaumburgsings.com.

### Schaumburg Youth Orchestra Spring Concerts

Music abounds with three concerts featuring bright young talent from the northwest suburbs. Concerts will be held May 14 and 15. For more information, visit www.schaumburgyouthorchestra.com.

### 12TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE PLEIN AIR COMPETITION AND SHOW

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

Artists are invited to participate in the 2023 Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show by creating an original plein air painting or drawing of any location within the Village of Schaumburg. Submitted work will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts in conjunction with Schaumburg's Prairie Arts Festival and through June 25. This event is open to all plein air artists (artists do not need to be participants in the Prairie Arts Festival to register).

### Show Details:

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

Where: Onsite at any location in Schaumburg, IL

When: Artist painting/drawing days: April 28 - May 12

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

**Show:** Art will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 16 - June 25 and will coincide with the 34th Prairie Arts Festival.

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



2022 1st Place Painting by Eddie Corkery, Oil on Panel, Dead Tree

### Entry fee: \$40

Entry deadline: April 15

**Registration:** The 2023 prospectus and registration form are available at www.prairiecenter.org. For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### 34th Annual Prairie Arts Festival

Talented artists from around the country, live entertainers and food trucks will participate in the 34th annual Prairie Arts Festival. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct.

Approximately 100 artists from throughout the nation will feature digital art, drawings, fiber, furniture, glass, graphics, jewelry, leather, mixed media 2D & 3D, paintings (including watercolor, acrylic, oil, and pastel), paper, photography, pottery, printmaking, sculpture, and woodworking all crafted by the artist as part of the juried exhibition and sale that is open to the public. The event will also offer children's art activities.

### Support the Arts

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



2022 1st Place Award, Benjamin Calvert, Printmaking



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### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **Main Municipal Facilities**

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Municipal Center

101 Schaumburg Court (847) 895-4500

Police

1000 W. Schaumburg Road (847) 882-3586

Fire

1601 N. Roselle Road (847) 885-6300

**Engineering & Public Works** 

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

#### **Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts**

201 Schaumburg Court (847) 895-3600

#### **Family Counseling Center**

17 E. Schaumburg Road (847) 524-1505

The Barn (Schaumburg Senior Center)

231 S. Civic Drive (847) 524-7496

#### **Nursing & Senior Services**

746 E. Schaumburg Road (847) 923-3766

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## SCHAUMBURG Septemberfest



### Get Involved in the 52nd Annual Septemberfest

The Village of Schaumburg is busy preparing for the 52nd annual Septemberfest that will be held Sept. 2-4 on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct.

#### Volunteer

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

#### Sponsor

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

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