

the CRACKER BARREL

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

Season's Greetings!

Doesn't it seem like just yesterday when we were kicking off the summer season, enjoying barbecues, and spending time outside with friends and neighbors? I guess we're reminded when we host Septemberfest over Labor Day weekend, that winter is always right around the corner. Thank you to everyone who attended our 3-day festival to enjoy music and performances, watch the parade, and support many of our businesses at the Taste of Schaumburg. Also, thanks to the Septemberfest Committee, staff, and volunteers who worked hard to make the fest an enjoyable experience.

This year has been a busy one for Schaumburg. Our Engineering and Public Works Department and Fire Department both received reaccreditation honors for continuing to meet the highest professional standards in their respective agencies, which demonstrates their commitment to continuous improvement to better serve the community.

The Village Board approved and distributed one-time \$150 residential rebate payments to approximately 18,300 owner-occupied households to assist residents impacted by the pandemic.

The Village Board approved the master plan for The District at Veridian in 90 North, which will include more than one million square feet of retail, restaurant, residential, and office space. The village is also poised to begin Phase 1 of the Entertainment District, which will be another exciting addition to the area near the Schaumburg Convention Center.

Beyond 90 North, the village welcomed a variety of new establishments including First Watch, J.Crew Factory Store, Carvana, Alex Baby & Toy, Diamonds Direct, and Kohl's – Sephora. We celebrated the opening of European-based clothing retailer Primark at Woodfield Mall and who can forget the highly anticipated opening of Tony's Fresh Market in Town Square earlier this year? As we head into the holiday season, please show your support for Schaumburg businesses by shopping local – we have so many great establishments that have invested in our community.

While we're a great place to shop, we're also a great place for just about everything else! I hope you will spend the holidays with family, friends, and loved ones. Look for our festive lights that will



soon be up in Town Square and around town. We'll also have new decorations for the public to enjoy in the Jack Siegel Memorial Plaza located on the Municipal Center Grounds. And don't forget to make plans to join us for performances of the Nutcracker, holiday concerts, and our Tree Lighting Ceremony.

I am proud to continue serving as Schaumburg's Village President. Thank you to the Village Board: Brian Bieschke, Jamie Clar, George Dunham, Mark Madej, Esha Patel, Jack Sullivan, and Clerk Jane Lentino, for continuing to dedicate their time to serve the public. I also want to thank village employees for providing high-quality service to the Schaumburg community. Your efforts to make Schaumburg the best place it can be are very much appreciated.

Warm Wishes this Holiday Season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Dailly".

Tom Dailly
Schaumburg Village President



New Holiday Decorations

Ring in the holiday season by enjoying the village's new holiday decorations that will be on display at the Jack Siegel Memorial Plaza throughout the winter months. This will be a great addition to the holiday lights found in Town Square and the rest of the Municipal Center Grounds. More holiday happenings can be found on pages 16-17 of this newsletter.



SNOW AND ICE SEASON INFORMATION



Snow and Ice

With winter weather right around the corner, the village would like to provide residents with these seasonal reminders:

- The village is responsible for clearing village-owned streets and parking lots during inclement weather. Residents are encouraged to clear public sidewalks located in front of or near their properties to provide safe passage for pedestrians.
- Wondering where are the snowplows? Use SnowStat, an interactive map that provides near real-time updates on the status of plowing and salting operations during snow and ice events. The map only applies to village-maintained roadways. Access the map at www.schaumburg.com/snowstat.
- Other agencies maintain many of the roads located in Schaumburg. For a list of roadways controlled by other agencies, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/roadresponsibilities.
- Blowing or shoveling snow into the street causes dangerous ice patches while prolonging snow and ice removal efforts. It is also a violation of village code.
- Make sure fire hydrants are accessible at all times and a 3-foot area of clear space is maintained.
- If your mailbox or parkway has been damaged by village snow and ice equipment, please dial 311 in Schaumburg or create an online Customer Service Request (CSR) at www.schaumburg.com/csr so that it can be addressed by staff.

For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/snow-ice or dial 311 in Schaumburg with any non-emergency questions or concerns. For emergencies, please dial 911.

Winter Safety and Preparedness

Winter storms can bring on extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice and high winds, which in turn creates a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Keep yourselves and loved ones safe by knowing how to prepare before inclement weather arrives:

- Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your emergency food and water supplies.
- Create an emergency car kit and keep a full tank of gas.
- Leave all water taps slightly open so they drip continuously and allow heated air to reach pipes inside your home.
- Install working carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.
- Make sure babies and older adults are kept warm. Keep pets indoors.
- Avoid exerting yourself outdoors and stay safe while clearing snow.
- Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

For more winter emergency preparedness tips, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

WHEN THE SNOW FALLS...



Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, warm layers, rather than one heavy layer of clothing.

Take breaks while shoveling snow – overexertion can bring on a heart attack.

Help firefighters by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow.




Village Board Continues Study and Assessment of Facilities

At the Sept. 26 Village Board meeting, elected officials approved a measure to continue studying and assessing potential plans to replace the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center and the Public Safety Building.

In 2021, staff provided a presentation to the Village Board regarding the condition of village facilities and the consideration of future needs. The condition of facilities was reviewed and scored utilizing the industry-standard metric—Facilities Condition Needs Index (FCNI), scoring facilities from “Excellent Condition” to “Replacement Indicated.” This index is a ratio that compares the anticipated cost to maintain facilities over the next 10 years to the overall current replacement cost of the building. As the need for more substantial repairs and replacements is identified, primarily due to building components nearing the end or passing their anticipated lifecycle, buildings have ratings with a higher FCNI.

The Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, which was built in 1971, and the Public Safety Building, which was built in 1975, were both scored as “Replacement Indicated.” An initial study of the buildings indicated the facilities are undersized and inadequate for the needs of present and future village operations. Deficiencies include but are not limited to energy efficiency, work environment, employee wellness, safety/security, and image/citizen expectations.

A Phase II study was conducted, and Williams Architects presented several options for consideration at the Sept. 19 Committee of the Whole meeting. Of the options presented, Village Board members discussed plans to build a new village hall on the current site at 101 Schaumburg Ct. and build a new police station at a different site than its current location at 1000 W. Schaumburg Rd. Now that some initial direction has been provided on preferred options, Williams Architects will continue to conduct additional analysis, refine options, and schedule tours of existing and comparable village hall and police facilities. Additional information will be presented at a later date.



Short-Term Rental Licenses

The village allows residential properties to be used as short-term rentals, often referred to as vacation rentals or temporary accommodations, subject to issuance of a license and compliance with village regulations. These rentals typically involve staying in privately-owned homes, apartments, or other types of accommodations for a brief period. Listings are generally advertised online on platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO. A rental license and inspection are required for homeowners who wish to offer their home as a short-term rental. All properties are required to pass a village inspection and must comply with village ordinances, such as the noise ordinance, parking regulations, and property maintenance codes. Additionally, short term rentals are subject to hotel and motel taxes, which are often paid directly to the village from online advertising platforms. More information about how to apply can be found on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/rentallicense.

Should you have questions about obtaining a short-term license or concerns about a property that may be operating without a license, contact Deborah Parran at dparran@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Communications & Outreach Department

Celebrating Diversity with Stories

Communications is continuing to recognize and celebrate the wide variety of immigrants who are a part of the Schaumburg community. Staff has been working with all departments in the village to highlight diverse individuals, celebrate important cultural days that are observed in native countries, and determine opportunities to create positive connections with diverse audiences. This past year, the village has begun a process to select individuals from the community who have a unique story to tell. Stories from at least three individuals have been shared through various communication channels and additional stories are being prepared for future use. To read more about the recent stories that have been featured, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/story. Nomination details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Marketing Efforts Showcase Amenities

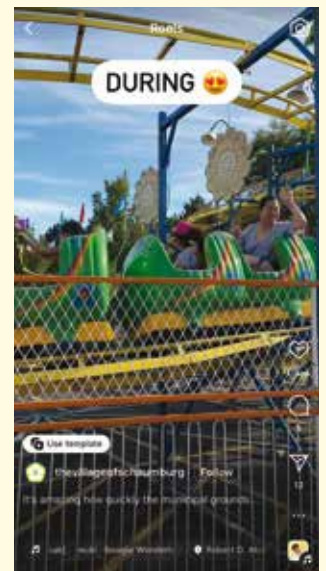
To remain competitive and showcase its various amenities, Schaumburg is continuing to work with an advertising firm that is promoting Schaumburg to residents and visitors as a place that is "Carefully Planned and Creatively Imagined." Digital ads that include search, display, and over-the-top (direct internet streamed ads) have been targeted to a variety of audiences. Holiday ads



showcasing shopping and dining opportunities are currently running. This past year included a new campaign to target business professionals encouraging them to "come for business but stay for pleasure." Ad reporting indicates people are engaging with the campaigns, demonstrating that individuals are learning more about the village and what it has to offer.

Outreach Presentations and Reels Reach More Residents

Staff is continuing to connect with community groups and organizations through in-person and virtual outreach presentations to help keep the community informed. These presentations cover a variety of topics, including new and incoming businesses, construction project updates, upcoming events, and more, while also connecting residents with resources available within the village. Staff has presented at the Schaumburg Township District Library, The Barn, and at multiple homeowner association meetings. Surveys obtained at each presentation indicate 97.5% of respondents found the presentation to be valuable. If you are part of a group that is interested in having an outreach presentation, contact Josie Beecher-Crotty at jbeecher@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



To reach a broader audience and stay relevant in a digital world, the village has also embraced short-form, vertical video in the form of Reels in its social media strategy. Staff has produced 23 Reels on a variety of topics including the grand opening of Tony's Fresh Market, International Women's Day, National Night Out, and highlighting various village employees. Insights show this format consistently receives the highest amount of engagement and reaches more people than other social media posting formats. Scan the QR code on the back page of this newsletter to follow the village's social media accounts.

Community Development Department

New Permitting Software Improves Customer Experience

The department is in the process of implementing new permitting software that will result in significant customer service improvements. OpenGov is the selected software and will provide a portal that will serve as a virtual storefront/permit counter for customers. Customers can submit applications directly into this portal and can see application status, schedule inspections, and communicate directly with village staff through the portal. The

software officially launched in September when customers were able to submit simple residential permits such as water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, and roof replacements. Additional permit types became available this month and more will be added throughout the winter and spring of 2024. All business licenses will also be transitioned to this new and improved system.

90 North District Development

In addition to approval of plans for The District, construction progress continued at The Quin, located at the corner of Algonquin and Plum Grove roads, with residents moving into the building in spring 2023. Additionally, the office buildings to the adjacent west were demolished to make way for construction of The Lofts, which is a 411-unit apartment development. These developments will complete the transformation of this section of



Algonquin Road from office to residential development. The next phase of the 90 North Park was also designed. This phase was coordinated with the design of a new street that will run along the west side of the park and includes the addition of multiple seating and informal gathering areas.



Key Village Annexation

In July, the village annexed a property at the corner of Algonquin Road and Thorntree Drive. The property had been in poor condition for many years and the only structure on the property was the former Frankly Yours hot dog restaurant. The restaurant had been vacant for many years and the associated parking lot was in disrepair. After annexation, the property is now zoned for commercial use which is consistent with the objectives in the village's comprehensive land use plan. The village purchased the property earlier this year and the annexation is part of a series of steps that will be taken to mitigate this blight and enhance the area.

Commercial Land Use Code Amendment

The village adopted changes to the commercial land use section of the zoning ordinance. The changes include adding, combining, and deleting land uses, changes to permitted and special uses, general cleanup of the code, and modernization of the code to be more user-friendly for the businesses and development community. Staff identified changes to the code to facilitate desired development, adapt to market trends, and respond to the changing retail market. The code amendment will help enhance commercial areas and prevent confusion when reviewing the zoning code.

Cultural Services Department

Comedy Reigns at the Prairie Center

After a sell-out performance from comedian Josh Blue at the beginning of the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts' 2022-23 Season, a new live entertainment series was introduced to meet the growing demand for stand-up comedy. Thursday Night Laughs debuted in January and ran through April. The showcase-style event featured a new lineup of Chicago-area comedians at each show. The series was enthusiastically received and renewed for a second season, which began in September and continues through April. Comedy audiences flocked to a late addition to the season, social media comedy sensations The Rudick Siblings, who played to a sold-out house at the Prairie Center in March.

Septemberfest

Schaumburg's annual festival returned over Labor Day weekend, attracting residents and visitors alike. Festgoers enjoyed a variety of food from the Taste of Schaumburg and unique sips and microbrews from the Craft Beer and Wine tent. Other festival favorites included the carnival, art and crafts show, and Labor Day Parade, marshaled by the Schaumburg Park District in celebration of its 60th anniversary.

Drawing an estimated 250,000 visitors, Septemberfest is one of the region's largest festivals and requires a massive effort from the Special Events office, the 24-member Septemberfest committee, and village employees from multiple departments. Thanks to fest sponsors, participants, merchants, volunteers, and non-profit organizations for making the event an annual success.

Young Artists Programs

Schaumburg Young Artists Programs reached new heights with expanded performing arts opportunities for its student ensembles. In June, the Schaumburg Choral Program presented a week-long summer camp for young singers, led by Erin Kozakis, director of the choral program's Prelude ensemble. Grade school students learned 10 choral pieces with choreographed movement and an array of musical instruments added into the mix. The camp concluded with a short concert performance in the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts' Maggie Atcher Theatre.

For the first time in its 27-year history, the Schaumburg Dance Ensemble sold out its entire 10-show run of *The Nutcracker* in December 2022. The company added two showtimes for its 2023 production of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet, which runs for 12 performances this December and features a cast of 130 student and professional dancers.

The string section of the Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra (YSO), Kevan Kosobayashi, Director, performed for the Violins of Hope exhibit at the Schaumburg Township District Library in August. The national touring exhibit, hosted by JCC Chicago and



other partner organizations, featured a collection of painstakingly restored string instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust. Three YSO members—Nadia Rosati, Kailene Liao, and Mia Hardison—received the honor of playing three of the restored instruments for the performance. An estimated 100 people attended the event.

Season of Entertainment

Following on the heels of packed houses during 2022-23, the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts announced its 2023-24 season of arts and entertainment, highlighting an impressively diverse lineup of world-class entertainment. Paranormal investigator and TV host Amy Bruni kicked off the season in September, followed by Latin Grammy nominee Mariachi Herencia de Mexico, esteemed dance company Step Afrika!, returning favorites The Queen's Cartoonists, and more. The center's 2023-24 season continues in February with *Animaniacs: In Concert*, featuring original voice actors from the iconic cartoon series. Other acts include the amazing Peking Acrobats, live music and storytelling in the podcast spin-off *History That Doesn't Suck*,



tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, and popular singer-songwriter, Suzanne Vega. Tickets sell out fast, so order now at www.prairiecenter.org.

Economic Development Department

Entertainment District

The Village of Schaumburg is working with Kensington Development Partners to start construction on Phase 1 development of the Entertainment District adjacent to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel. The Andretti Indoor Karting & Games facility and 900-space parking structure have been approved with plans for another entertainment user and restaurant in Phase 1. This development will kick off the Entertainment District and generate economic activity and tax revenue for the village to attract new business in 90 North Schaumburg. For more information, visit www.90northschaumburg.com.



Experior Transport

New development Experior Transport is under construction at the 55-acre property located at Irving Park and Rodenburg roads. Experior Transport is building a 140,000-square-foot corporate headquarters, warehouse space and fueling station in addition to truck parking. More than \$40 million is anticipated to be invested into the property upon completion. The facility will create approximately 200 new jobs and will produce an annual tax revenue of more than \$425,000 for the Village of Schaumburg.



Chicago Tribune to Move Operations into Schaumburg

At the Oct. 24 meeting, the Schaumburg Village Board approved a measure that will allow the Chicago Tribune Company to occupy the property at 1000 Albion Ave. The property was previously owned by The Daily Herald. The Chicago Tribune will be moving its printing and packaging operations to the site, which is estimated to bring about 150 full-time employees to the location, from its current Freedom Center location at 777 W. Grand Ave. in Chicago.

Plans were also approved to construct an additional 83,125-square-foot facility at 1050 Albion Ave., which could be used by the Chicago Tribune or may be leased to an industrial user. It is estimated an industrial user could generate anywhere from 50 to 100 jobs in the new building. The Chicago Tribune intends to invest up to \$2 million to substantially rehabilitate the current Daily Herald printing facility building and will invest almost \$10 million in new construction for the 1050 Albion Ave. facility.

Spectrum Industrial Park TIF

A new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District is being considered for the Spectrum Industrial Park. The industrial park is more than 50 years old and has experienced issues with parking, code enforcement, and drainage, among others. The Irving Park Road/Wise Road Concept Plan was approved in 2015 and discusses creating a business association and establishing funding to help finance infrastructure and other projects to improve the area. The Comprehensive Plan directs staff to discuss redevelopment options with adjacent property owners. A TIF District could address outstanding issues and attract new investment and development to improve the industrial park.

Schaumburg Approves Master Plan for The District

Schaumburg's Village Board unanimously approved a comprehensive master plan for The District at Veridian, which will include more than one million square feet of retail, restaurant, residential, and office space making it the largest mixed-use development in the village. This dense development is proposed to create a uniquely urban experience, which will provide opportunities for shopping, dining, living, and working all within a pedestrian-friendly, walkable neighborhood. The District is divided into four main blocks with additional outlots on Meacham and Algonquin roads. Construction on the first block is anticipated to begin in 2024.



Engineering & Public Works Department

Street Improvements

The village's Annual Street Program includes residential street repairs and resurfacing and is a cornerstone of the Capital Improvement Plan. This year's annual program maintained the \$8 million scope focusing on areas in most critical need of repair. The local street repair program included 3.4 miles of reconstruction, 3.6 miles of corrective resurfacing and 11.9 miles of preventative maintenance. Also, this year's watermain program is to conclude \$2.3 million work in the Lamorak

subdivision near Plum Grove Road and Weathersfield Way. The state authorized a \$1.5 billion grant program using proceeds from a transportation bond identified as Rebuild Illinois Bond (RBI) Funds, which provided the village a disbursement of more than \$4 million to use toward street reconstruction. This year, \$1.62 million in RBI Funds are being used to reconstruct Walter Payton Drive (0.36 miles), Roosevelt Boulevard (0.32 miles) and East Drive (0.04 miles).

Electric Vehicle Pilot Program

The Engineering and Public Works Department officially kicked off its electric vehicle (EV) pilot program. The program is spearheaded by the Fleet Services Division, which together with the Village Manager's Office and Community Development Department, secured two grants. The first grant is the Eligo Civic Grant which the village received due to its participation in the Eligo electrical aggregation program. The second grant, a Community Project Funding Grant, also known as Congressionally Directed Spending, was awarded to the village by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's office. These grants made it possible for the village to implement the EV pilot program at no cost to the village.



The program consists of three parts. The first was to hire a consultant to devise an electric vehicle strategic plan identifying internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles that could potentially be replaced with EVs, and identifying optimal locations for EV charging stations based on need and available electrical power supply. The strategic plan was completed this fall.

Next, staff identified three vehicles that were top candidates for EV replacement for the pilot program. One 2010 administrative vehicle was replaced with a Ford F150 Lightning. Additionally, a 2011 and a 2013 pickup truck used by the Building Division were replaced with Ford E-Transits. Finally, EV charging stations will be purchased and installed this year.

Staff will analyze the cost difference between these three vehicles compared to similar ICE vehicles to determine lifecycle maintenance cost and fuel savings. Downtime of these vehicles will also be monitored closely throughout the pilot program to determine the feasibility of adding additional EVs.

Village Water System-Update

Water loss predominately occurs when water leaks through aging or damaged infrastructure. Last year, the village conducted a pilot water loss program using the newest technologies in water loss prevention. That entailed ground penetrating satellite radar, fire hydrant node acoustic sensors and a mechanical listening program where all valves and hydrants within the system were manually listened to. Upon completion of the pilot program, staff determined mechanically listening to all hydrants and valves was the most cost-effective means to proactively identify underground leaks. Due to the efforts of the program, water loss has dropped from 15.68% in 2021 to 11.01% in 2022. That equates to an approximate annual cost savings of \$1 million. Staff continues to monitor water loss and will proactively and periodically review all future options to minimize water loss.

Finance Department

Schaumburg Maintains AAA Credit Rating

In February, the village participated in a rating review with Standard & Poor's Rating Service (S&P) regarding the 2013 General Obligation Bonds, which were refunded in 2023 realizing a new savings of \$21.6 million without extending the life of the original bonds. S&P affirmed the village's AAA credit rating (the highest rating awarded) and "stable" outlook. Specifically, S&P highlighted the following reasons for the AAA affirmation:

- Resilient local economy that participates in Chicago's broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA), with favorable prospects for continued residential, commercial, and industrial growth and development.
- Strong and proactive management, with good financial policies and practices, including robust long-term financial and capital planning, under the village's Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology and a strong institutional framework score.
- Positive financial operations due to management's pre-emptive efforts to stabilize the budget, resulting in what should be maintained very strong reserve levels and liquidity in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.
- A large but manageable debt and contingent liability profile, with debt service and pension expenses accounting for roughly 20% of the total budget and \$16 million of debt planned in Fiscal Year 2024/25.

GFOA Awards

The Village of Schaumburg has been honored with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 budget plan. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. This marks the village's ninth consecutive year earning this accolade and 22nd overall.

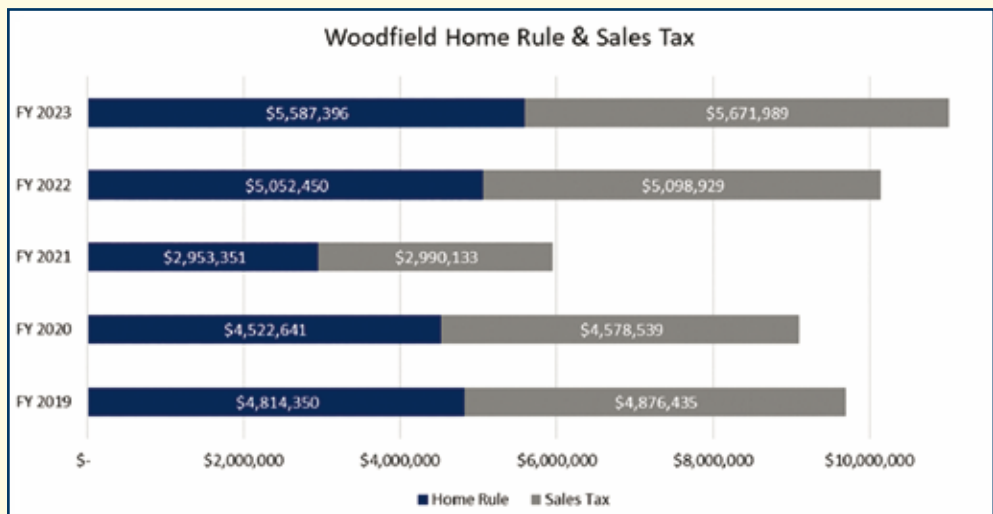
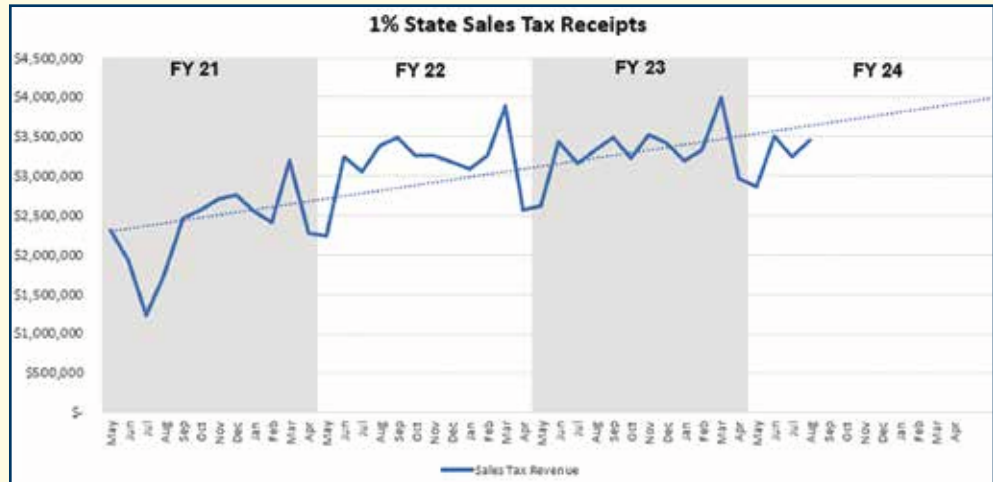
The village also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the FY 2021/22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This is the 38th consecutive year the village has received this illustrious award and represents the pinnacle of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting.



Strong Revenue Results – Sales Tax, Inflation and Woodfield Mall

Sales tax is a reliable indicator of economic activity that applies to nearly all transactions in Schaumburg. Since the end of the pandemic, sales tax receipts have steadily increased and now exceed pre-pandemic levels. The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which tracks changes in the cost of items like food, housing, and gasoline, is still experiencing high levels and rose 3.7% in August 2023 as compared to the year prior. After reaching a nearly historic high of 9.1% in June 2022, that rate has since decreased. It will, however, take some time for the effects of inflation to subside and the cost of goods and services to stabilize.

Shown on the right is a historical view of Sales and Home Rule Sales taxes at Woodfield Mall.



Fire Department

New Engine 51



The Schaumburg Fire Department recently welcomed the addition of a new fire engine. An official wet-down ceremony was held in August where the public was invited to participate in the ceremonial wet-down of the new apparatus. The new engine has a number of features including additional compartment space for tools and equipment, a lower hose bed that makes deploying the hose faster and safer, and a new lighting package to increase visibility when responding to calls. The engine is assigned to Station 51 (950 W. Schaumburg Rd.), which remains the village's busiest location. The previous engine 51 was reassigned to Station 54.

Re-Accreditation Status Achieved

The Schaumburg Fire Department (SFD) attained reaccreditation status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The department was first accredited in 2017 joining Schaumburg's Police and Engineering and Public Works as accredited departments. Fire department staff and personnel continue to use the process to ensure operational improvements and best practices.



The successful reaccreditation reflects the commitment and dedication SFD personnel continually perform to effectively serve the community. For more information on the fire department, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/fire or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

The Schaumburg Fire Department recently updated its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). SCBAs are the packs firefighters wear on their backs to provide air while performing rescues and fighting fires. The new air packs meet all current standards and include several new features:

1. Firefighters will have the ability to see their air supply information noted on the inside of their mask like a fighter pilot's heads-up display.
2. A buddy breathing line is available so that, if in trouble, two firefighters can connect to help each other and share air.
3. Voice amplifiers are also present to help communication while in fire conditions.

With training on the new SCBAs complete, the air packs have been placed in service on all fire apparatus in the village. These features allow firefighters to communicate better and remain safe when responding to an incident where an SCBA is needed.



Increasing Firefighter Mental Health Awareness

To promote mental health awareness within the department, the Schaumburg Fire Department's Fitness Committee hosted the Illinois Firefighter Peer Support (ILFFPS) group at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts in October. Comprised of a team of more than 200 firefighters, the ILFFPS group's mission seeks to ensure that "no fire service or emergency responder would have to go through pain or suffering alone." Presentation topics included how to identify signs of stress and behavior changes, risk factors pertaining to firefighter suicide, how to communicate with and aid

those dealing with stressors or who were recently involved in a critical incident, and more.

Developing a department mental health awareness program remains an ongoing effort to incorporate awareness training annually, and it is a goal in the department's strategic plan. Members of the Fitness Committee continue to research educational materials and resources to aid in the identification and early intervention of mental health issues that arise with personnel.

General Government

Village Studying Community Health Services

In a dedicated effort to prioritize the health and well-being of its residents, the Village Board recently allocated \$75,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward a comprehensive Health Services Needs Assessment. The funding will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of health services within the community, with a mission to pinpoint gaps and strategize effective solutions. The effort will take place in two phases with the first phase to be completed in April 2024. The first phase will include an in-depth examination of current health services and assessing accessibility,

service gaps, deficiencies, and areas poised for enhancement. This process will include collecting data through various methods from community members and stakeholders as well as reaching beyond village boundaries to seek input from all agencies that serve the village. Feedback and input will be integrated into a Health Services Improvement Plan, which will serve as the second phase of the project. Altogether, these two phases are expected to span 14 months.

Human Resources Department

New HR Director

This past year, Jean Bueche was named the Director of Human Resources. Bueche served as acting director from October 2022 following the retirement of the previous director.

Bueche became Schaumburg's Assistant Director of Human Resources in May 2022 after serving as the Management Analyst for the department since 2020. Prior to coming to Schaumburg, Bueche served as a Management Analyst and an Administrative Services Coordinator for the Village of Hinsdale where she performed a number of duties related to employee relations, collective bargaining, finance and administration.

In Schaumburg, Bueche has been responsible for managing employee relations for the village; participating in labor negotiations for the various collective bargaining units; creating policies and administrative protocols, preparing the department's budget; and leading the village's ongoing efforts to champion inclusion and diversity, among other tasks.



Five Village Employees Complete SuccessPath Program

The Village of Schaumburg is committed to developing exceptional leaders who exemplify the village's core values of trust, integrity, respect, teamwork, and customer service. The SuccessPath Leadership Development Program was created in 2008, and it gives participants the ability to experience and make decisions in leadership situations during targeted one-on-one and group coaching sessions. The program implements a 360° evaluation, goal setting, and assessments for participants to become self-aware of their emotional intelligence (EQ) and adapt their DiSC communication style to better connect with colleagues, their team, and residents.

Round seven of the SuccessPath Leadership Development Program kicked off last summer. Approximately 15 village employees were nominated by department directors based on criteria that identified them as emerging leaders within the organization. Five participants were selected and successfully completed the program in July 2023, including Administrative Secretary Connie Porters-Irsay, Horticulturist Emma Collar, Technical Solutions Manager Robert Fessett, Transportation Planner Rachel Benson, and Fire Lieutenant James McIntyre, Jr.



This unique leadership experience gave participants an opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills through role-play scenarios in their group coaching sessions, learn ways to be better decision-makers during individual coaching sessions, build their support network with peers from different departments, and much more. SuccessPath participants and alumni are also eligible for tuition reimbursement for master's degree programs as an added benefit. The village is excited to welcome the six new participants from a variety of departments for round eight.

Inclusivity in the Workplace

The Human Resources Department continues to lead efforts to engage employees and encourage inclusion and belonging at the Village of Schaumburg. The village strives to create and foster an environment where employees feel respected, valued, and empowered, and employees are at the forefront in helping to promote and sustain an inclusive workplace. Some highlights from 2023 include:

- Celebrating Schaumburg's immigrant population.** The village's VOICE Committee held its 2023 UNITE Fair. The UNITE (Understanding our Neighbors Individuality Through Education) initiative helps educate village employees so that they can gain a better understanding of the diverse people served. The fair featured traditional foods, attire, and games from India, Poland, Mexico and Japan, the top countries of origin for the village's immigrant population.



- Enhancing organizational culture by partnering with Dr. Steve L. Robbins to achieve the village's strategic goals and commitment to diversity and inclusion.** Dr. Robbins, founder/owner of S.L. Robbins & Associates, facilitated two workshops for employees where he used a compelling science-based

approach to discuss building a foundation of belonging and inclusion at the village. Some of Dr. Robbins' key takeaways urged employees to be more open-minded of others; have a sense of curiosity to learn and understand others; and think about different journeys people may have taken to arrive where they are today.

- Piloting a language interpretation mobile application and service.** The VOICE Committee has spent time testing various on-demand translation apps available on mobile devices that employees can use during customer interactions. Tablets with the application will be kept at the front counters of the Finance and Community Development Departments to better serve customers with limited English proficiency.
- Supporting youth and encouraging careers in public service.** The village again celebrated National Intern Day in July by recognizing summer interns who worked in a variety of departments. The village is proud to continue to host paid, volunteer and for-credit internships for students to explore the richness of municipal careers.



Information Technology Department

Public Safety Laptop Upgrade

Information Technology staff coordinated the purchase and installation of new ruggedized laptops in police, fire, and public works vehicles. The new devices ensure first responders always have best-of-breed technology and communication tools. The laptops and related mounting hardware provide first responders with instant access to emergency dispatch information, communication applications, and video feeds from across the village.

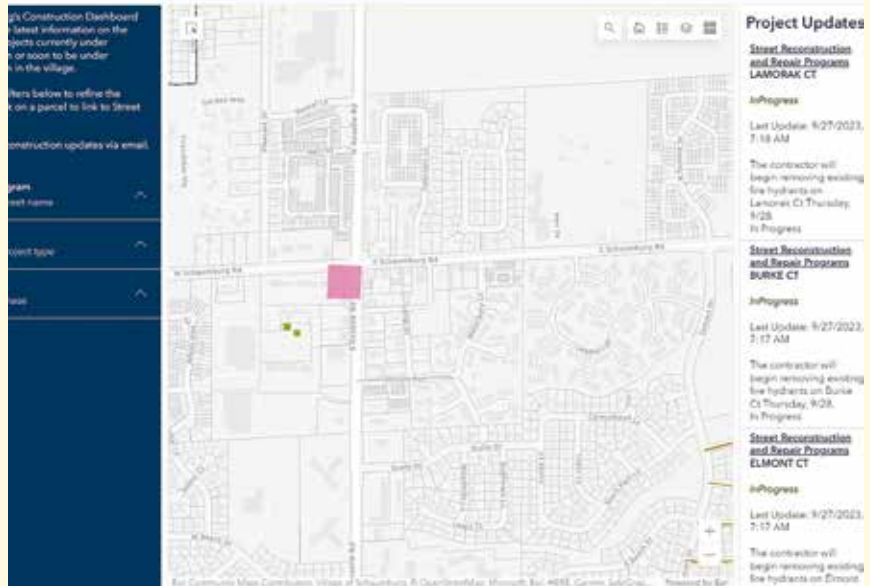


Network Security Audit and Remediation

The village's technical infrastructure was evaluated by third party engineers to test its ability to recognize, respond to, and prevent unauthorized access and a wide variety of hacking methodologies. The results of the audit provide staff with detailed insight to areas of strength and areas that might need improvement. Remediation efforts include a variety of configuration and methodology changes that help keep the village's networks as secure and robust as possible.

Capital Improvement Projects Application Upgrade

Village development staff created a new and improved capital improvement project dashboard. The application, which is accessed at www.schaumburg.com/construction-dashboard, provides residents with information and status updates on capital improvements occurring within the village. The new application leverages the village's Geographic Information System (GIS) to improve and modernize the experience for users. Features include new mapping tools, expanded project information, and the ability to request electronic updates.



Cloud Migration

This year, the village's multi-year conversion to cloud infrastructure continued with the migration of the virtual server and virtual desktop environments to a cloud platform. The project moved virtual servers and their related storage from an on-premise model to a commercial cloud configuration. The migration allows the village to avoid significant asset purchases while improving the organization's ability to work through and respond to emergencies. Critical applications and services will continue to function and be available to residents, visitors, and businesses even if village

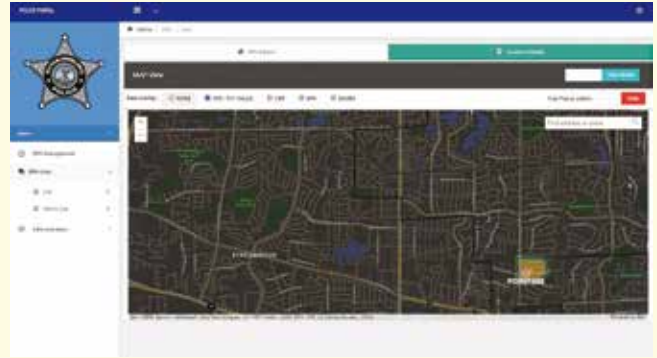
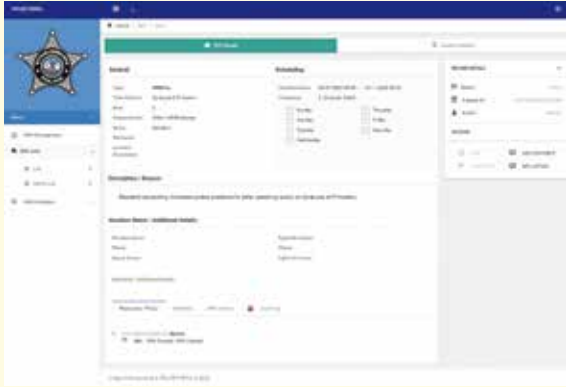
facilities are impacted during weather or other disruptive events. Village employees and first responders will maintain access to critical internal applications to better serve the community.

Similarly, the village moved its data services to a cloud platform, which will reduce update and renewal costs associated with on-premise systems and ensures critical applications are maintained during regular operations and emergencies.

Directed Patrol Assignments Application

Village software developers created a new Directed Patrol Assignments application used by the police department to provide residential and business properties in Schaumburg with additional patrols and special watches. The new application uses advanced mapping and GPS technologies to alert officers when they are approaching a location with a special watch rather than relying

on static lists of locations. As part of this application, residents may request a special vacation watch when they are away from their homes for extended periods of time by completing the online form found on the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/crimeprevention. For questions about the vacation watch program, contact Paula Diaz at pdiaz@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Police Department

Drone Program

In late summer 2023, the police department implemented a Drone Program. Drones, also known as Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), improve situational awareness and enhance responses to incidents and events. As part of the program, the department established a policy that follows the "Illinois Drones as a First Responder Act," industry standards and Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

The "Illinois Drones as a First Responder Act" regulates the use of drones by law enforcement in Illinois. This law seeks to protect the privacy of the public while allowing law enforcement to use drones under certain circumstances.

As part of the program, the police department purchased two drones that are used to:

- Assist with crime scene and traffic crash documentation.
- Aid in the search and rescue of missing persons.
- Assist with dispatched calls for service to coordinate the response of emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Provide real-time information and monitor participant safety during special events.
- Aid in assessing a natural disaster or other public health emergency.

The department currently has seven drone operators who successfully passed the Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Remote Pilot License examination and there are several more going through the training process. Since the program started, drones have been used to search for missing persons, aid in the apprehension of a battery offender, and keep attendees of Septemberfest and its parade safe over Labor Day weekend. For more information, contact Deputy Chief Joseph Dugan at jdugan@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Body-Worn Camera Program

In April, all Schaumburg police officers began wearing body-worn cameras. Nationwide, the use of body-worn cameras has become a best practice for police departments.



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.

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 robust department policies.

The implementation of the Body-Worn Camera Program went smoothly, and officers easily acclimated to using the cameras. Since implementation, the footage has been used as evidence in the prosecution of crimes, it has aided in the documentation of calls for service, and it has been used as a training tool for officers. For more information, contact Deputy Chief Joseph Dugan at jdugan@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Quality of Life Division

In January 2023, the police department created the Quality of Life Division to provide more seamless collaboration between the stakeholders responsible for community policing, crisis intervention and problem-solving. The Quality of Life Division works closely with the Patrol Division and consists of the Human Services Unit and Community Enrichment Unit.

The Human Services Unit initially consisted of the existing group of trained social workers and therapists. Thanks to funding made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that was appropriated by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, the unit was able to add a mobile crisis clinician. This individual is an experienced social worker who uses a customized mobile response van outfitted with furniture and equipment that mimics a physical counseling office environment. The flexibility of the mobile crisis clinician is crucial in providing care and treatment to residents who are unable to seek services outside their homes due to transportation limitations and also respond to assist officers on active scenes as soon as the situation is deemed safe.

The Community Enrichment Unit consists of existing personnel who support crime prevention and awareness, Crime-Free Multi-Housing, community engagement, and proactive, intelligence-led policing. Its counterpart in the Patrol Division, the Strategic Patrol Unit, is a group of traditional patrol officers with a specific focus on quality of life issues and problem-solving initiatives.

The Quality of Life Division has had many successes including resolving a variety of issues related to solicitor complaints, nuisance rental properties, and assisting individuals experiencing mental health crises. For more information, contact Deputy Chief Shawn Green at sgreen@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Transportation Department

Meacham Road Pedestrian Bridge

Completed in 2020, the North Meacham Road Corridor Plan was developed to create a cohesive vision to establish Meacham Road as a distinct corridor, unify the east and west sides of the 90 North District and balance the needs of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. The plan included recommendations such as constructing a pedestrian bridge over Meacham Road. A bridge will provide pedestrians and bicyclists a comfortable crossing between the east and west sides of the corridor and is envisioned to work with adjacent land uses to create a seamless user experience and to provide access to a variety of destinations within the 90 North District. The pedestrian bridge is also envisioned to be a placemaking element within the 90 North District. Village officials approved the conceptual design, which is meant to create a visual landmark that will draw attention to the 90 North District and establish Meacham Road as a distinctive corridor within Schaumburg and the region.



ITEP Grant for Martingale/Schaumburg/Higgins Bike Path

The village will receive a \$3 million Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant to design and construct more than two miles of new, dedicated off-road bike path along Higgins Road (IL Route 72), Martingale Road, Schaumburg Road and Corporate Crossing. The project will connect residential areas, Woodfield regional commercial centers, regional recreational destinations, major office parks and the Northwest Transportation Center. The existing bicycle facilities create conflicts with pedestrians and drivers. By improving crossing at several signalized intersections, gaps in the bicycle network will be eliminated, and bicyclists will have improved and safer access to navigate major thoroughfares.

Bike Month Activities

The village celebrated Bike Month in June and sponsored a variety of solo and group bike events. On June 4, more than 200 participants enjoyed the 5-mile, police escorted annual favorite bike ride, the Fahrrad Tour von Schaumburg. The 5th Business Bike Classic, a team bicycle challenge between employees of businesses and organizations located in Schaumburg, was held and included 15 teams from seven area businesses and organizations. More than 9,000 miles were completed as part of the event with awards distributed to novice, intermediate, and advanced tier teams. This year, the village introduced the Student Bike Classic, a bicycle challenge open to elementary, middle, and high school students from Districts 54 and 211. The Student Bike Classic had six participants who rode a total combined 223 miles in June. Individual students recorded their cycling mileage and awards were distributed to the highest mileage in each participating level of education.



Grant Funding for Micromobility Study

The village received a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to complete a 90 North District Transit and Micromobility Study. The 90 North District currently has access to several regional transit routes and the Woodfield Trolley; however, the village recognizes that to deliver the 90 North District goal of creating a true multimodal district, transit and micromobility solutions need to be an essential part of the transportation network. The study will help evaluate how to develop the alternative transportation network to connect residents, employees and visitors for the first/last mile of their trip. This study will consider available microtransit and micromobility solutions that can be deployed within the 90 North District and will evaluate which solutions are best suited to the needs of the community.

Volkening Lake Bike Path Improvements

The village was awarded a grant by the State of Illinois to extend the Volkening Lake Bike Path to Schaumburg High School and the Martin J. Conroy Police Center. The village received \$250,000 courtesy of Senator Laura Murphy, and the Schaumburg Park District received an additional \$250,000 for the project. This new path will further improve the extensive bike path and pedestrian network across the village, particularly for students of Schaumburg High School.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the holiday season by joining the Schaumburg Fire Department in officially welcoming Santa Claus to town on Friday, Nov. 24 for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Holiday carols, led by Schaumburg Choral Program's Prelude and Cantabile ensembles, will begin at 6 p.m. at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. The fire department will escort Santa on a fire truck that will arrive at 6:30 p.m. in the Jack Siegel Memorial Plaza between the Prairie Center and the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center.

A new 22' tree and holiday decorations will be featured on the plaza and provide wonderful opportunities for Instagram-worthy photos. New decorations include a beautiful gold sleigh that people can sit in, and a large picture frame decorated with garland to stand behind to take photos, along with lighted gift boxes. Ornaments crafted by area youth groups and organizations will also be displayed. Santa will be greeted by village officials who will assist him with his lighting duties. After the tree lighting, Santa will meet with children in the Prairie Center's Maggie Atcher Theatre, where parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their cameras or use their phones for photos. Seasonal entertainment will be featured, and refreshments will be sponsored by Bright Horizons.

Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food and household items to this event for the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. Requested items include nonperishable food items, paper goods, personal care items, baby formula, and diapers. All items can be placed in the designated boxes located at each of the Prairie Center entrances. Items will also be accepted at the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday through Thursday, Dec. 28. For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



Schedule of Activities:

6-6:30 p.m.	Caroling by the Schaumburg Choral Program in the Maggie Atcher Theatre
6-8:30 p.m.	Holiday balloon twisters
6:30 p.m.	Santa arrives via fire truck to light the tree with the Village President outside in the Jack Siegel Memorial Plaza
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Character appearances featuring The Elf on the Shelf and a Gingerbread Cookie
6:45-8:30 p.m.	Santa will be available for photos with children in the Maggie Atcher Theatre

The Nutcracker

12 Performances: Nov. 30 – Dec. 10

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

Performances sell out quickly – so order now!

\$26 - \$38

Tchaikovsky's timeless ballet follows courageous young Clara on her journey through an enchanted land of dancing snowflakes to the court of the Sugar Plum Fairy, where she discovers twirling marzipan, waltzing flowers, and leaping bonbons. Complete with live narration, exquisite costumes, beautiful choreography, and a cast of over 100, Schaumburg Dance Ensemble's *Nutcracker* is a joyful holiday tradition that's not to be missed!



Presto! Holiday Concert

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

\$24 / \$18 (seniors & students)

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

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

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

Woodfield Trolley Offers Holiday Daily Service

Enjoy holiday shopping without the parking hassles when you ride the free Woodfield Trolley that will be operating with daily service Nov. 24 through Jan. 1. Trolleys will not be in service on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day. After New Year's Day, the trolley reverts back to Friday through Sunday weekend service. For more information, visit the village's website at www.schaumburg.com/woodfieldtrolley or call the Trolley Hotline at (847) 923-3880. For questions, contact Marisa Krawiec at mkrawiec@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



New Village Ornament - Septemberfest

For the first time since 2019, a new commemorative holiday ornament is available for sale. This year's ornament features the village's highly anticipated annual event, Septemberfest. The ornament costs \$20 and can be ordered online at www.prairiecenter.org/ornament or purchased in person at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts (located at 201 Schaumburg Ct.) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Select ornaments from previous years are also available for sale for \$15 and make great keepsakes for the holidays. For more information, call the Prairie Center at (847) 895-3600.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

New Businesses

-  **315 Poke & Ramen**
1091 N. Salem Dr.
(847) 285-1902
-  **1891 Financial Life**
200 N. Martingale Rd., Ste. 405
www.1891financiallife.com
-  **9Round**
22 W. Schaumburg Rd.
www.9round.com
-  **Bella Napoli**
1540 N. Roselle Rd.
www.bellawoodfired.com
-  **Bluebird Bobalicious**
1139 N. Salem Dr.
www.bluebirdbobalicious.com
-  **Chi Tea**
602 W. Wise Rd.
www.officialchitea.com
-  **Kathiyawadi King**
410 W. Higgins Rd.
www.kathiyawadiking.com

-  **KPOP Nara**
601 N. Martingale Rd., Ste. 125
www.kpopnara.com
-  **Majestics Barbershop**
1093 N. Salem Dr.
www.majesticsbarbershop.com
-  **Mochinut**
191 W. Golf Rd.
www.mochinut.com
-  **Naatu Indian Restaurant & Bar**
167 W. Golf Rd.
www.naatu.net
-  **PF Burger**
951 W. Wise Rd.
www.pfburger.com
-  **Pupuseria Cheros**
704 E. Higgins Rd.
www.pupuseriacherosil.com

Coming Soon

-  **ÀVE India Design Collective**
761 W. Golf Rd.
www.aveindiadesigncollective.com
-  **Outback Steakhouse**
1140 N Plaza Dr.
www.outback.com
-  **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**
1815 W. Wise Rd.
www.vioc.com

Woodfield Mall Openings

- Böhme
- Carter's/OshKosh b'Gosh
- Earthbound Trading
- Macy's Backstage
- Perfumania
- Popeye's
- Primark
- Radio Flyer

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

-  Automotive
-  Financial
-  Gym
-  Personal Services
-  Restaurant
-  Retail

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Global Brew Tap House

The featured business of the month for September is Global Brew Tap House, located at 339 W. Golf Rd. in Golf Point Plaza. In 2018, Bobby Thakkar, Shashin Vyas, and Jesal Patel presented the concept to open the 3,500-square-foot restaurant. The menu includes more than 200 craft beers from around the globe as well as gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, flatbreads, tots, and other specialties.

Global Brew Tap House is very active in the community through its participation in the Schaumburg Business Association, Meet Chicago Northwest, Schaumburg Park Foundation, and various fundraisers. Global Brew Tap House also partners with the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts and recently participated in the village's Septemberfest and Hops & Props as well as the Schaumburg Park District's Octoberfest. Global Brew Tap House's contributions to the Schaumburg community are very much appreciated. For more information on Global Brew Tap House, visit www.globalbrew.com.



NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteer with the MRC

The Village of Schaumburg maintains a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) that is committed to maintaining preparedness for disasters and other emergencies. This past year, members trained in:

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Stop the bleed
- Opioid overdose/naloxone administration
- Active shooter response

Members also assisted in:

- Emerald Village fire recovery efforts
- Chicagoland Marathon first aid tent

If you are interested in volunteering for your community by learning about emergency preparedness and responding to any needs, contact Kathy Henkelman at khenkelman@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



One Book, One Community

This winter, the Schaumburg Township District Library invites the entire community to read the same book at the same time and unite in conversation about the book and its themes.

This year's book is the instant New York Times bestselling novel *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim. Full of shocking twists and fascinating questions of love, language and human connection, *Happiness Falls* follows a family's desperate search to find their missing father where the only witness to the disappearance is the family's nonspeaking son.

The library will host book discussions and programs centered on the themes of *Happiness Falls*, including a visit from the book's author Angie Kim on Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts.

Kids can join in, too. The library has selected a picture book, chapter book and young adult novel with themes similar to *Happiness Falls* so the entire family can celebrate the joy of reading together.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.schaumburglibrary.org.

Donate Blood in 2024

Make a New Year's resolution to donate blood at the next Community Blood Drive that will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Schaumburg Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr. Appointments are recommended and can be made online through Vitalant's website at www.vitalant.org using sponsor code OROSH98 or by calling (877) 258-4825. For more information, contact Jordan Cannataro at jcannataro@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

OASIS Program

The Older Adults Services in Schaumburg (OASIS) Program is a friendly phone call program for residents who might feel isolated and need someone to chat with. The village is looking for both volunteers to make these phone calls as well as recipients who may need to receive these phone calls. This phone relationship has the potential to develop into an in-person relationship if both parties agree. If you fall into either one of these categories, please inform the village and accommodations will be made to best match participants. For more information, contact Kathy Henkelman at khenkelman@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

Save the Dates!

13th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show
**April 26 - May 10, 2024 (Artist painting/
 drawing days)**

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

35th Prairie Arts Festival
May 25 & 26, 2024

Information will be available on www.prairiecenter.org in early 2024. For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

PRAIRIE CENTER PROGRAMS

2023-24 SEASON OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

Animaniacs: In Concert
 Friday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.
 Tickets: \$46 / \$44 (seniors & students)



The Peking Acrobats
 Friday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Tickets: \$46 / \$40 (seniors & students)



History That Doesn't Suck
 Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.
 Tickets: \$42 / \$40 (seniors & students)



Suzanne Vega
 Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.
 Tickets: \$65



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Thursday Night Laughs
 Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 15, March 14, April 11
 Doors & Bar: 6 p.m. / Show: 6:30 p.m.
 Tickets: \$15 per show (spring show series ticket package also available)

B-Side Studios
Black History Program:
Cadillac Crew
 Saturday, Feb. 24

Screen Test Student Fest
 Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13

Senior Follies
 Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m.



NEW SHOW ADDED TO PRAIRIE CENTER 2023-24 SEASON

World renowned tabla player Zakir Hussain performs *Tisra* (three) in concert with two of India's finest young musicians, Sabir Khan and Debopriya Chatterjee, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. This unique trio features tabla (hand drums), sarangi (a bowed instrument

said to possess the sound closest to the human voice) and bansuri (bamboo flute), a combination not often heard on the classical stage. For more information, visit www.prairiecenter.org or call (847) 895-3600.

Septemberfest Thank You

Many thanks to the Schaumburg Village Board, Village of Schaumburg staff from all departments, Septemberfest Committee, volunteers, sponsors, contractors, vendors, restaurants, breweries, crafters, and non-profits for their support and participation, and to everyone who attended Septemberfest. Here's to another great year! See you in 2024 (Aug. 31 - Sept. 2).



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Non-Emergency
Outside Schaumburg(847) 895-4500
Police and Fire911

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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

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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George Dunham, Mark Madej,
Esha Patel, Jack Sullivan

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Submit Your Schaumburg Snapshots

Do you enjoy photography? Submit your favorite photos of the people, places, architecture and scenery found in the Village of Schaumburg. Examples include photos of Schaumburg's diverse environment and landscape; various architecture and businesses; people participating in cultural and community activities, and more. Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit their photos taken within the Village of Schaumburg online at www.schaumburg.com/snapshot. Your images may be selected to appear in village publications, on social media and the village's website. For questions, contact Becky Wyskochil at rwyskochil@schaumburg.com or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



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Schaumburg Story Nominations

Help the village celebrate Schaumburg's diversity and recognize individuals who make a difference in our community. Submit a nomination for consideration to the village online at www.schaumburg.com/story. Selected Schaumburg residents or business owners will have the opportunity to have their story featured in village publications, on social media and the village's website. For questions, contact Becky Wyskochil at rwyskochil@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.



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