

# 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.

## 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 (SBA) on Jan. 9. Approximately 150 people attended the event that was held at the Schaumburg Convention Center. President Dailly discussed Schaumburg's successes in 2023, including continued progress at 90 North, project developments, new business openings, and a preview of additional investments and enhancements coming to Schaumburg. Below are some highlights shared with the audience:

- Phase I construction of the Entertainment District near the Schaumburg Convention Center is poised to begin. This includes development of Andretti Indoor Karting & Games and a 900-space parking structure as well as a future entertainment user and restaurant.
- Phase II work on the 90 North District Park is set to begin and will include work on two distinct areas: a Water Feature Plaza and a Tilted Lawn Zone. This will also coincide with construction of the new Shared Street that will define the western boundary of the park.
- Construction is anticipated to begin on HopScotch, a British pub-style restaurant, that will be located in Town Square.



- Plans are being submitted to reimagine the demolished Macy's Furniture Gallery space at the northwest corner of Meacham and Golf roads in what will be called Crossroads of Schaumburg. Plans include a new 5-building development of restaurants and retail for that location.

## Capital Improvement Plan Approved



The Village Board approved the \$224 million multi-year Capital Improvement Plan at its Jan. 9 meeting. 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.

The plan anticipates spending approximately \$8 million annually to improve residential streets, which will allow the village to meet a prior-established goal to lower the number of local streets in need of reconstruction to 5% or less by 2025. In addition to street improvements, the plan supports water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and utility improvements, the redevelopment of the 90 North District, walking and biking trail improvements, and more.

To view the complete CIP, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/budget](http://www.schaumburg.com/budget). For questions, contact Andrew Buckwinkler at [abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com](mailto:abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

For the most up-to-date information regarding village programs, services and events, please visit [www.schaumburg.com](http://www.schaumburg.com).



## Construction Restarts at Stone Bridge Ct. at Coventry Woods Subdivision

In December, construction work restarted at the Stone Bridge Ct. at Coventry Woods subdivision, located on the south side of Schaumburg Road, generally across from the Schaumburg Township offices. The property was approved for the development of 12 homes in 2014; however, several factors have delayed the project over the years. The property is now under new ownership and is proceeding with development in accordance with the original plans. With the utilities and roadway already constructed, the property is ready for the construction of homes. Foundation work on the houses is continuing. For more information, visit [www.stonebridgeschaumburg.com](http://www.stonebridgeschaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg to be connected to the village's Planning Division.



## VILLAGE ENSURES BACK-UP WATER SUPPLY THROUGH AGREEMENT

To ensure a continuous, safe water supply to residents, the Schaumburg Village Board recently approved an extension of an intergovernmental emergency interconnection agreement with the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) to ensure a back-up water supply to the village should it be needed. The agreement will be in effect through 2049.

The village obtains its drinking water from the North Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (NSMJAWA). The DWC-

Schaumburg interconnection, which serves as a back-up water supply, is located in Roselle and is comprised of a water main that is more than sufficient to meet the village's average daily demand. The village has relied on the DWC for water several times in the past through the current agreement. For more information on water supply in the village, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/water](http://www.schaumburg.com/water) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Get to Know Human Resources Director Joseph Carey

The village is pleased to announce it recently welcomed Joseph Carey as its newest Director to the executive team on Jan. 8.

### Tell us about your background.

I have worked in local government for nearly 18 years and come from a diverse background, having served a number of large and small communities. Most recently, I served as the Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Carol Stream. I hold a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University, an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse, and attended the Senior Executive Institute through the University of Virginia. I currently serve as a board member for the Illinois City/County Management Association and I am an International City/County Management Association (ICMA)-Credentialed Manager. This voluntary program recognizes professional local government managers and promotes lifelong learning.

### Why did you want to become Schaumburg's Human Resources Director?

The chance to serve as the village's Human Resources Director was an exciting opportunity for me. Schaumburg has a reputation for being a fast-paced organization with a strong, innovative culture.

The ability to serve in such a community with a workforce of the size and scope of the village was one that I could not pass up. I look forward to collaborating with our employees to ensure they have a safe and positive work environment in service to our residents.



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

I love spending time outdoors with my wife, Amy, and our children, Jack and Harper. We enjoy going on family hikes and taking advantage of local running paths.

Human Resources Director Joseph Carey can be reached at [jcarey@schaumburg.com](mailto:jcarey@schaumburg.com) or (847) 923-3909.



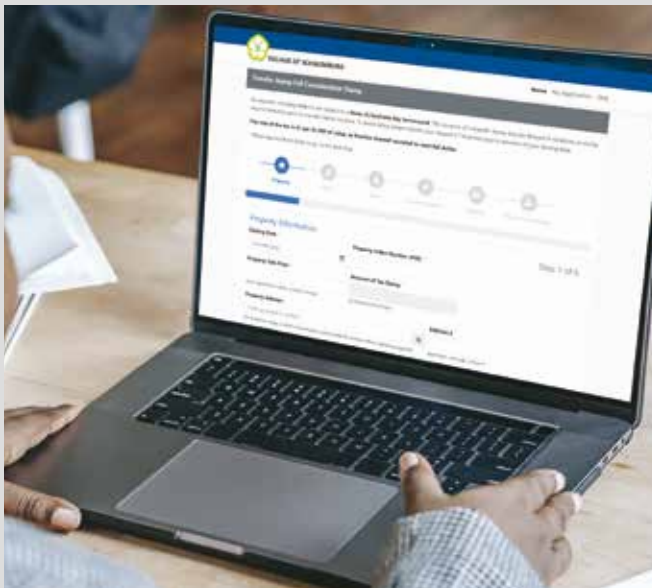
## Legislative Action Plan Approved

The Village of Schaumburg annually develops a Legislative Action Plan (LAP) to keep local officials and stakeholders informed about critical community issues. The 2024 LAP focuses on longstanding priorities, highlighting the ongoing need for legislative attention and action to address key concerns impacting the community. This year's LAP was approved at the Jan. 23 Village Board meeting prioritizing three key areas: ensure sustainable municipal budgets, protect local control, and promote pension sustainability. To view the full LAP, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/lap](http://www.schaumburg.com/lap). For questions, contact Andrew Buckwinkler at [abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com](mailto:abuckwinkler@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## New Online Transfer Stamp Portal

In January, the village introduced a new, online Transfer Stamp Portal to modernize and streamline the real estate transfer tax stamp application process. On transfers of real estate titles, a tax is collected, and a transfer stamp is issued. Previously, requests for transfer stamps were done by mail, in person, or by email, and a physical stamp was issued. With the new online portal, applicants are now able to submit application documents, read comments regarding the application from village staff, make payments, and revisit past applications. Users can also view the status of their transfer stamp application within the portal by entering the tracking number provided in the application submission email receipt. Once an application is paid, the transfer stamp will be issued digitally, eliminating the fees associated with mail carriers and the need for customers to pick up a physical stamp in person.

All transfer stamp applications must be submitted through the new Transfer Stamp Portal. For more information, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/transferstamp](http://www.schaumburg.com/transferstamp), contact Juan Garcia at [jlgarcia@schaumburg.com](mailto:jlgarcia@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## WINTRUST FIELD TO UNDERGO RENOVATIONS



Recently, the Village Board approved a series of improvements that will be made to Wintrust Field in time for the Schaumburg Boomers' upcoming season. These enhancements aim to elevate the overall fan experience and provide a more comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere during games.

One major upgrade involves the installation of concrete slabs at the lawn area along the third baseline. This enhancement will prevent the accumulation of mud and prevent other issues that come with inclement weather. Additionally, the electrical capacity will be increased to allow for more portable concessions to be conveniently placed near the tents.

A complete remodel of the left field party deck is planned. The current three-tiered deck with bleachers will evolve into a two-tiered deck featuring a bar rail and freestanding tables with additional seating. A canvas and steel canopy system will be implemented to provide shade, creating a more inviting and comfortable environment throughout the summer months.

Last year, the Board approved additional outdoor suites and drink rails situated at the top of the seating area. Railings will distinguish the private group seating areas from public areas, ensuring an exclusive setting for groups.

In addition to improvements being made by the village, the Boomers have several fan experience enhancements scheduled, including a new kids zone with several new inflatables, updated picnic and outdoor suite areas, fully renovated suites, a suite-level dessert bar, a new suite commercial video system, and significant improvements to the Schaumburg Club meeting room for both in-game and outside events.

More details on improvements will be announced in the spring as the team gets ready for Opening Night on Monday, May 13. To view the 2024 season schedule and to purchase tickets, visit the Schaumburg Boomers' website at [www.boomersbaseball.com](http://www.boomersbaseball.com).

# 2024 BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The village's 2024 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](http://www.schaumburg.com/brush); no appointments are necessary. This program is open to single family residences only; contractor-generated brush will not be collected.

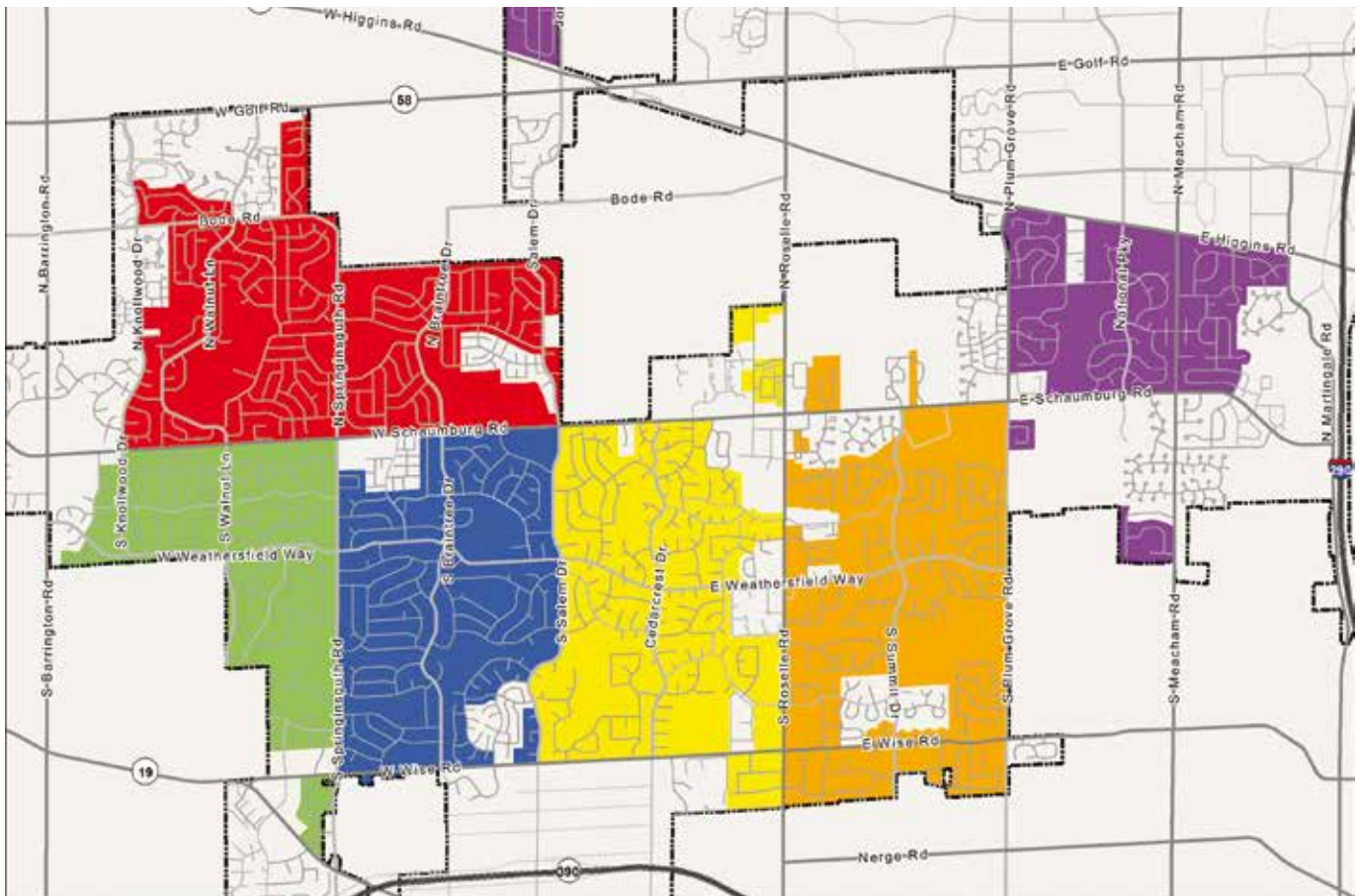
Brush must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. It may take crews up to five days to complete collection in each zone. Please note that no brush will be collected on Monday, May 27 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection will begin for that week on Tuesday, May 28.

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](mailto: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](http://www.schaumburg.com/brush) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## Spring

Monday, April 22	Monday, May 13
Monday, April 29	Monday, May 20
Monday, May 6	Tuesday, May 28

## Summer

Monday, July 29
Monday, August 5
Monday, August 12

## Fall

Monday, September 9
Monday, September 16
Monday, September 23



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Upcoming Citizen Police Academy Sessions

Students and adults have the opportunity to get to know members of the Schaumburg Police Department by participating in the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). Upcoming sessions include the Youth CPA in June and the adult CPA in September.

The Youth CPA allows teenagers to learn about various law enforcement functions. Topics include patrol operations, community policing, forensics, safety and more.

The adult CPA provides adults ages 18 and older with an inside look at how the police department functions. Highlights include a visit to Northwest Central Dispatch System, conducting a mock traffic stop, and the opportunity to ask questions of police personnel.

The application for the Youth CPA will be available on the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/cpa](http://www.schaumburg.com/cpa) this spring. Applications for the adult session will be accepted in late summer. For questions, contact Paula Diaz at [pdiaz@schaumburg.com](mailto:pdiaz@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



### An Inside Look at Fire Department Training Efforts

When members of the Schaumburg Fire Department are not responding to calls, they are busy training. A key foundation of fire department training is getting out and honing skills in the community. Last year, fire personnel completed more than 50,000 hours of training. This number includes time spent in the classroom, conducting company training in the field, and participating in annual required training.

Crews regularly visit businesses, apartment complexes, office buildings, commercial buildings, and local neighborhoods to review building construction, response routes and possible hazards. If you notice personnel walking through your business, they are likely preplanning. Preplanning allows crews to see the layout of a building, note important construction features and make plans in the case of a fire. Another effective training method involves using acquired structures scheduled to be torn down or undergo a complete remodel. Generous business/property owners often allow the fire department to use their structure, providing a realistic environment for firefighters to simulate various emergency scenarios that allow them to practice techniques and other critical firefighting skills.

Regular training prepares fire personnel for a wide range of emergencies, helps mitigate risks, and fosters collaboration with other agencies. A well-trained and equipped firefighting force is essential for safeguarding lives, property, and the overall well-being of a community.

For more information or if you are a business/property owner and have vacant space available for fire department training, please contact Capt. Cory Ball at [cball@schaumburg.com](mailto:cball@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## THE FAMILY ROOM



The Schaumburg Police Department is proud to introduce The Family Room, a safe, confidential space to socialize with others and participate in activities such as games and crafts. The Family Room is located inside the Schaumburg Police Department at 1000 W. Schaumburg Rd. and is available to Village of Schaumburg residents ages 18 and older. The space is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and is staffed by the village's social workers, who can connect attendees with resources. For more information about The Family Room and various social services available to the community, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/socialservices](http://www.schaumburg.com/socialservices), contact Kristin Jordan at [kjordan@schaumburg.com](mailto:kjordan@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Fire Extinguisher Disposal

Fire extinguishers are essential safety devices found in homes and businesses, providing a first line of defense against small fires. While these firefighting tools play a critical role in safeguarding lives and property, it is equally important to be aware of proper disposal methods to ensure overall safety.

Fire extinguishers should not be discarded in regular trash bins. Even if they are no longer in use, the chemicals inside can pose environmental hazards if not handled properly. The public is urged to discard unwanted fire extinguishers at community recycling events or by contacting businesses that handle extinguisher disposal. Illinois residents may also dispose of fire extinguishers and other hazardous waste items for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 156 Fort Dr. in Naperville. The facility is typically open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2oHzkKp>.

For questions, contact Tony Piccolo at [apiccolo@schaumburg.com](mailto:apiccolo@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Did you know rechargeable lithium-ion batteries power many household items? While these batteries are generally safe and efficient power sources for toys, scooters, or tools, it is crucial to follow safety guidelines to prevent potential fire hazards.

Lithium-ion batteries can store significant amounts of electricity, which can generate substantial heat during use or charging. Take proper precautions to ensure safety. If the battery sustains damage, avoid charging or using it, as the heat release could lead to a fire, not only affecting the battery but also posing a risk to the device it powers and nearby items. In extreme cases, the battery may even explode violently.

When charging, use only approved and product-listed chargers to minimize risks. Many aftermarket chargers lack essential safety features that can halt charging if issues are detected. Additionally, once the battery is fully charged, promptly disconnect the charger. This practice not only prolongs the battery's lifespan but also reduces the risk of potential fires caused by unseen damage to the battery.

Proper disposal of lithium-ion batteries is also important. Avoid placing them in regular garbage, as they can continue to discharge and generate heat, posing a fire risk. Numerous manufacturers of battery-powered devices offer recycling programs, providing free shipping labels for battery returns. Alternatively, consider using Call2Recycle bins at local retailers or designated battery recycling centers.

For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org), contact Tony Piccolo at [apiccolo@schaumburg.com](mailto:apiccolo@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Schaumburg Police Now Hiring

Are you looking to protect and serve the community? The Village of Schaumburg is accepting applications for its 2024 Police Officer Eligibility List for lateral and entry-level officers. Benefits include a competitive starting salary (\$77K - \$94K), generous vacation time, health insurance, training, specialty opportunities and more. The application, requirements and recruiting brochure are available on the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/policecareers](http://www.schaumburg.com/policecareers). For questions, contact Jessica Hamilton at [jhamilton@schaumburg.com](mailto:jhamilton@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.





# BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

## New Businesses

 **Àve India Design Collective**  
761 W. Golf Rd.  
[www.aveindiadesigncollective.com](http://www.aveindiadesigncollective.com)


 **Dave & Buster's**  
601 N. Martingale Rd.  
[www.daveandbusters.com](http://www.daveandbusters.com)

 **Joong Boo Market**  
1111 E. Golf Rd.  
[www.joongboomarket.com](http://www.joongboomarket.com)

 **Kacper Global Shoes**  
1106 S. Roselle Rd.  
[www.kacperglobalshoes.com](http://www.kacperglobalshoes.com)

 **Mariscos La Pirraya**  
1083 N. Salem Dr.  
(847) 466-5919

 **McAlister's Deli & Tropical Smoothie Café**  
436/444 E. Golf Rd.  
[www.mcalistersdeli.com](http://www.mcalistersdeli.com)  
[www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com](http://www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com)

 **PetSuites**  
1804 W. Wise Rd.  
[www.petsuitesofamerica.com](http://www.petsuitesofamerica.com)

 **Palooza Pizza**  
1820 W. Irving Park Rd.  
[www.pizzapalooza.us](http://www.pizzapalooza.us)

 **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**  
1815 W. Wise Rd.  
[www.valvoline.com](http://www.valvoline.com)

 **Vintage Cafe**  
105 E. Schaumburg Rd.  
(630) 400-5155



 *Animal Services*

 *Entertainment*

 *Restaurant*

 *Automotive*

 *Life Science*

 *Retail*


## Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week Begins March 1

Are you ready to find your next favorite restaurant? Discover Schaumburg's food scene during Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week beginning March 1. Indulge in delicious flavors that celebrate the vibrant and diverse restaurants within Chicago's northwest suburbs. Diners can expect featured menus at special prices.




This is your chance to discover hidden culinary gems, revisit beloved favorites and savor the best cuisine at local restaurants. Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week ends March 10. For a full list of participating Schaumburg restaurants, visit Meet Chicago Northwest's website at [www.eatchicagonw.com](http://www.eatchicagonw.com).

## Coming Soon

 **Napleton Subaru**  
200 W. Higgins Rd.  
[www.napletonsschaumburgsubaru.com](http://www.napletonsschaumburgsubaru.com)




 **Outback Steakhouse**  
1140 N. Plaza Dr.  
[www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com)




 **Patrick Genesis**  
660 E. Golf Rd.  
[www.patrickcars.com](http://www.patrickcars.com)



 **Sky Zone Trampoline Park**  
580 E. Golf Rd.  
[www.skyzone.com](http://www.skyzone.com)



 **Steinhafel's**  
915 E. Golf Rd.  
[www.steinhafels.com](http://www.steinhafels.com)



## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Goddard School of Schaumburg - 20 Years

Congratulations to the Goddard School of Schaumburg, located at 1001 E. Woodfield Rd., as they celebrate 20 years of enriching children's lives. The Goddard School is



an early learning institution that focuses on the social, emotional, physical and academic development of children from infancy to pre-K. Their highly trained and motivated faculty develop lesson plans for all age groups that reflect the skills, abilities and interests of the children in each classroom. For more information about Goddard's Schaumburg location and programs, visit [www.goddardschool.com](http://www.goddardschool.com).

### Cove Hair Salon - 30 Years

Congratulations to Cove Hair Salon, located at 516 W. Wise Rd., as they celebrate 30 years of being a family-friendly full-service salon.



An array of services are available, including hair care, facial waxing, eyelash extensions, wedding services, and make-up applications. Cove's team of stylists are highly trained artistic individuals committed to enhancing your appearance to make you look and feel your very best. Their core belief is to provide top-notch services at affordable prices. For more information, visit [www.covehair.com](http://www.covehair.com).

## FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### November - Xtra Mile Running

Since 2018, Xtra Mile Running has been located at 31 W. Schaumburg Rd. in Town Square. Chris Schiel, a Schaumburg resident, decided to leave the corporate world to open a running store. Xtra Mile Running provides the tools, knowledge, and support to help individuals achieve their running goals with a mission of community involvement and unparalleled customer service.

Xtra Mile Running has a close-knit group of recreational runners and walkers with deep roots and continuous involvement in Schaumburg. Xtra Mile Running has been a sponsor of numerous running events including the Schaumburg Business Association's Members & Miles, Run to Read 5K, Christmas Run, Couch to 5K Program, and the Fast Track Cross Country Event. In 2020, the Illinois Jaycees selected Chris Schiel as one of its 2020 Outstanding Young Persons of Illinois. Xtra Mile Running was named Best Running Store from 2020 to 2022. Schiel also graduated from the Next Level Northwest Business Accelerator Program. For more information on Xtra Mile Running, visit [www.xtramilerunning.com](http://www.xtramilerunning.com).



### December - Trivedi & Khan

Trivedi & Khan has been in Schaumburg for nearly 18 years with offices located at 300 N. Martingale Rd., Suite 725. They are a law firm that provides services in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, civil/commercial litigation, business law, and insurance defense for State Farm.

Kashyap Trivedi serves on the Board of Directors of the Schaumburg Business Association and advises several not-for-profit organizations. Zubair Khan is on the executive board of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, Muslim Bar Association of Chicago and School District 15's Board of Education. Trivedi & Khan is very generous in supporting local not-for-profit organizations including the Schaumburg Business Association Scholarship Society, Party for a Cure, Small Business Advisory Council, and the Boys & Girls Club. For more information on Trivedi & Khan, visit [www.trivedikhan.com](http://www.trivedikhan.com).



## GREEN CORNER

### 2023 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 2023 Landscape Award recipients were recognized at the Nov. 14 Village Board meeting and include:

**Most Improved Commercial:** Comprehensive Dental & Implant Center

**Most Improved Retail:** Woodfield Village Green – Fidelity Tenant Space

**Most Improved Planned Unit Development:** The Grove at Schaumburg

**Best Maintained Commercial:** Burrito Parilla

**Best Maintained Retail:** Woodfield Gatherings

**Best Maintained Planned Unit Development:** Weathersfield North Condominiums

**Best Natural Landscaping:** Feed My Starving Children

For more information, contact Monica Richart at [mrichart@schaumburg.com](mailto:mrichart@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Volunteers Plant Trees Along National Parkway

Last fall, 10 trees were planted along National Parkway between Higgins and Woodfield roads with the help of several volunteers. The Village of Schaumburg partnered with The Morton Arboretum to obtain funding for the trees through the Chicago Region Trees Initiative. Members of the Schaumburg community were invited to take part in this community tree planting event and help bring natural beauty to the heart of Schaumburg's commercial district. Their efforts will provide benefits to both residents and visitors alike for many years to come. To learn more about trees in Schaumburg and newly planted tree care, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/trees](http://www.schaumburg.com/trees). For questions, contact Frank Calvello at [fcalvello@schaumburg.com](mailto:fcalvello@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 2024 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 their choice will be available. Species and pricing can be found on the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/costsharetree](http://www.schaumburg.com/costsharetree). Payment for the Cost Share Program can be made online through WebPay at [www.schaumburg.com/webpay](http://www.schaumburg.com/webpay) or in person at the Finance counter inside the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Ct. For questions, contact Frank Calvello at [fcalvello@schaumburg.com](mailto:fcalvello@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Monarch Month

Did you know May is Monarch Month? In recent years, both the western and eastern monarch butterfly populations have declined significantly. The Village of Schaumburg signed the National Wildlife



Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and has officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect monarchs - the state insect of Illinois. Schaumburg residents can make a difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants in their yards to create a habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Native planting of this kind reduces stormwater, emissions and pesticide/fertilizer runoff and provides wildlife corridors that are permitted by the village's landscape and screening code. For more information on how to get involved with monarch conservation efforts in Schaumburg, visit the Spring Valley Nature Center website at [www.parkfun.com/springvalley](http://www.parkfun.com/springvalley) or call (847) 985-2100. For questions, contact Monica Richart at [mrichart@schaumburg.com](mailto:mrichart@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](http://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 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](http://www.schaumburg.com/mulch), contact Laurie Walter at [lwalter@schaumburg.com](mailto:lwalter@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Get Recognized for Going Green

The Village of Schaumburg Environmental Committee is accepting applications for the 2024 Al Larson Environmental Award Program through Friday, March 15. Residents and businesses can apply for the program. Categories include energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation of natural resources, recycling programs, green

product use, water conservation, transportation, or outreach and education. For more information and to access the application, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/greenrecognition](http://www.schaumburg.com/greenrecognition). For questions, contact Monica Richart at [mrichart@schaumburg.com](mailto:mrichart@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

In December, restoration work began in the natural area south of the Municipal Center grounds. This three-year restoration project will expand the existing managed natural area and will improve the site for native animals and Schaumburg residents alike.

Landscape Division employee, Kyle Clifton, identified that the south woodland native area needed attention and led the push for its restoration. This project is managed by the village's natural areas contractor, Tall Grass, and is partially funded through a ComEd Green Region grant, which focuses on encouraging natural pollinators. The first year of this project includes removing undesirable and exotic invasive plant species from the area. The following year, native plants and seeds will be added. When left unmanaged, exotic invasive species can out-compete native ones and take up space that native plants use. Wildlife in the area depends on native species and will greatly benefit from the promotion of native plant growth. With the planned addition of a walking trail through this natural area, residents will also be able to enjoy this newly restored natural space.



Moving forward, this area will join the list of other natural areas managed by the village and will receive five stewardship visits each year to ensure it continues to thrive. For questions, contact Justin Briski at [jbriski@schaumburg.com](mailto:jbriski@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



# GETTING AROUND TOWN

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

### National Parkway Reconstruction

Construction of the proposed improvements at National Parkway and American Lane is expected to continue this spring. The remaining roadway improvements will be completed on National Parkway between Golf Road and American Lane. In addition, a roundabout will be installed at the intersection of National Parkway and American Lane. The completion of the work will also include a sidewalk, street lighting, and landscaping improvements. Improvements are expected to be completed by summer 2024. For questions, contact Brent McQueen at [bmcqueen@schaumburg.com](mailto:bmcqueen@schaumburg.com) or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.

### Rodenburg Road Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Rodenburg Road between Irving Park Road and Central Avenue in Roselle is expected to begin this spring. Rodenburg Road will be closed to traffic throughout the construction season since the roadway is being completely reconstructed. The project includes multi-use path improvements throughout the length of the project to connect Roselle's existing path from Central Road north to Irving Park Road. Improvements are currently scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024. For more information, visit the project website at [www.rodenburgroad.com](http://www.rodenburgroad.com), contact Matt Pec at [mpec@schaumburg.com](mailto:mpec@schaumburg.com) or call the Construction Hotline at (847) 923-6681.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Enhanced Water Billing FAQs Webpage



Recently, the village's Finance Department introduced the newly enhanced water billing frequently asked questions (FAQs) webpage found on the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/waterfaqs](http://www.schaumburg.com/waterfaqs). The user-friendly webpage offers residents and business owners comprehensive information that helps them navigate the various aspects of water billing. FAQ topics include usage billing, payment options, establishing/stopping service, viewing bills, updating bank information and setting up auto draft, water shutoff information, high water usage, financial assistance and more. For questions, contact Laurie Rini at [lrini@schaumburg.com](mailto:lrini@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### Parking Ordinance Reminders

The village would like to remind residents that stopping, standing or parking a vehicle on or over the sidewalk is prohibited. Residents with private driveways no greater than two car widths in residential areas are allowed to park on or over the sidewalk between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Parking on or over the sidewalk is prohibited between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other authorized exceptions to this ordinance can be found in the Village Code of Ordinances. For more information, dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## Community Blood Drives - New Time and Location

Help save lives by donating blood at one of the village's Community Blood Drives. All events are now held from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1320 W. Schaumburg Rd. Upcoming blood drives will be held Tuesday, April 9 and Thursday, June 13.

Appointments are recommended and can be made online through Vitalant's website at [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) using sponsor code ORDOSH98 or by calling (877) 258-4825. Walk-ins are also welcome. For a list of remaining 2024 blood drive dates, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/blooddrives](http://www.schaumburg.com/blooddrives). For more information, contact Jordan Cannataro at [jcannataro@schaumburg.com](mailto:jcannataro@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



## Connect with a Customer Service Representative

The Village of Schaumburg strives to provide timely and effective solutions to residents' questions and problems. In an emergency, residents should call 911. However, it is important to remember that 911 is reserved for situations where the immediate response of police officers, firefighters and/or paramedics is needed. Especially during severe weather events, 911 operators can become overwhelmed with non-emergency calls, preventing first responders from receiving critical information about actual emergencies.

In non-emergency situations, most issues and questions can be resolved by using the village's 311 center. Dialing 311 from any phone, mobile or landline, while located in the Village of Schaumburg will connect you with one of the friendly customer service representatives who will answer your questions directly or connect you with the person, department or service of your choice. You can also be connected with a village staff member by dialing (847) 895-4500. To report an issue or request service, a Customer Service Request (CSR) can be made by contacting the 311 center or by using the online CSR system at [www.schaumburg.com/csr](http://www.schaumburg.com/csr).

## Older Adult Community Market Days

Did you know the village partners with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to provide community market days for seniors? The Older Adult Community Market takes place from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. twice per month at the Schaumburg Barn, 231 S. Civic Dr., and provides free, nutritious food to older adults in the community ages 60 and up. These items include fresh fruit and vegetables in addition to non-perishable grocery items. The list of 2024 market dates is available on the village's website. No registration is required. If you are a returning patron, please note that market days moved from Fridays to Mondays in 2024. To learn more about the Older Adult Community Market and other programming available to older adults in the community, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/thebarn](http://www.schaumburg.com/thebarn). For questions, contact Marina Lvovich at [mlvovich@schaumburg.com](mailto:mlvovich@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## Emergency Preparedness Workshop

The village will be hosting a spring community Emergency Management and Cyber Safety Awareness workshop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct. Presenters include the village's Emergency Manager, Police Department personnel and Information Technology management. Topics include:

- Emergency Management and what it does for the village
- How residents can prepare for emergencies
- Common internet scams and how to spot them
- Ways to keep you and your family safe from predators online

The event is free and open to Schaumburg residents.

Participants are asked to register online on the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/emergencypreparedness](http://www.schaumburg.com/emergencypreparedness) or by calling the Nursing and Senior Services Division at (847) 923-3766. For questions, contact Tracy Raimondo at [traimondo@schaumburg.com](mailto:traimondo@schaumburg.com) 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 1.

The 36th Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at Chandler's Chophouse Grille & Banquets in Schaumburg. The event will feature Paylocity's Co-Chief Executive Officer Steve Beauchamp as keynote speaker. For more information and the nomination form, visit [www.schaumburg.com/voy](http://www.schaumburg.com/voy), contact Roxane Benvenuti at [rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com](mailto:rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.





## PINK TIE BALL TO BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH AND SUPPORT

Members of the Schaumburg Fire Department are gearing up for their highly anticipated 10th annual Pink Tie Ball, a flagship event that goes beyond regular firefighting duties to make a meaningful impact in the community. The Pink Tie Ball will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 5 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd.

The event is open to the public and serves as a powerful platform for members and the community to come together in support of cancer fighters. It also allows individuals to honor those they know who are currently battling cancer. One hundred percent of the funds raised are donated to The Cancer Research Institute, The Michael Solberg Foundation, The Northwest Community Cancer Foundation, and Shield 23. Last year's event alone raised \$60,000 which was donated to various organizations. For tickets and more information, visit [www.pinktieball4092.com](http://www.pinktieball4092.com). For questions, contact Lt. Jenna Werdell at [jwerdell@schaumburg.com](mailto:jwerdell@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH-MAY

Events are subject to change. Please visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com](http://www.schaumburg.com) for the most up-to-date event information or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

### MARCH

#### 20 SPRING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(For more information, see article on page 12.)

### APRIL

#### 5 10TH ANNUAL PINK TIE BALL

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg  
6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
(For more information, see adjacent article.)

#### 6 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.)

#### 9 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
(For more information, see article on page 12.)

#### 17 HEALTHY LIVING FOR SENIORS

The Barn  
10 a.m. to Noon  
(Registration available soon at [www.schaumburglibrary.org/events](http://www.schaumburglibrary.org/events).)

#### 20 RECYCLING EVENT

Wintrust Field West Parking Lot  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
(Community-wide drive-up event. For more information, visit [www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent](http://www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent).)

#### 23 36TH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON

Chandler's Chophouse Grille & Banquets  
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(For more information, see article on page 12.)

### MAY

#### 18 PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Engineering & Public Works Facility  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(For more information, see article below.)

#### 25-26 35TH PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL

Municipal Center Grounds  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(For more information, see article on page 15.)

## New Activities at the Public Works Open House

### Supporting Local Animal Shelters

Recognizing the urgent needs of animals at local rescue organizations, the village is proud to collect items and monetary donations at the Public Works Open House to benefit the Almost Home Foundation and Chicagoland Dog Rescue. The public may bring new, unopened items for donation at the event, such as leashes, collars, toys, crates, dog and cat food (dry, canned, treats), dog and cat beds, sheets, towels, blankets, and rugs. Monetary donations will also be accepted at various designated collection points. Your meaningful contributions will help save animals in need.

### K-12 Student Video Contest

Kindergarten through grade 12 students have the opportunity to participate in the Engineering and Public Works Department's video contest. Students are asked to create a 30-second video that demonstrates "What Public Works Means to You." Adult involvement is encouraged to assist the younger grades. Individual video categories include Best in Show, Most Creative and Funniest. Groups of students may also participate in the Best Classroom Collaboration category for a chance to have a tree planted at their school. For more information and the submission form, visit [www.schaumburg.com](http://www.schaumburg.com).

Details about the Public Works Open House are listed in the Upcoming Events section on this page. For questions, contact Laurie Walter at [lwalter@schaumburg.com](mailto:lwalter@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

# PRAIRIE CENTER PROGRAMS

## FEBRUARY – APRIL 2024

For tickets, call (847) 895-3600 or visit [www.prairiecenter.org](http://www.prairiecenter.org).

 Follow us on Instagram! @prairiecenter



### Thursday Night Laughs

March 14 and April 11

Bar and doors 6 p.m. / showtime 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per show

The Prairie Center's stand-up comedy series continues, featuring a new line-up of comics at each show.

### Schaumburg's Annual Black History Month Program Cadillac Crew

Written by Tori Sampson

Directed by Crissy Johnston

Presented by B-Side Studios, Maurice D. Proffit, Founder and Executive Producer

Saturday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door  
Set during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, this evocative work from award-winning playwright Tori Sampson reclaims the stories of the forgotten leaders who blazed the trail for desegregation and women's rights.



### History That Doesn't Suck

Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$42 adults / \$40 seniors and students

Skip the classroom and step into a night of American history-telling, live music, and multimedia with the host of the eponymous top-ranked podcast, Professor Greg Jackson.

### Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra presents Concerto!

Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 adults / \$10 seniors and students

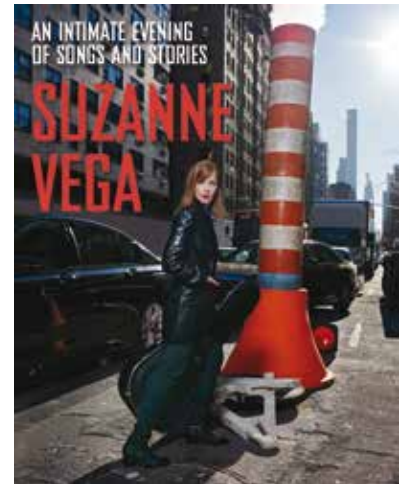
The second annual Concerto! concert features the first movement of Sibelius Violin Concerto performed by Fremd High School senior Kailene Lio, accompanied by the Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra. Also on the program is the debut performance of "Vindication" by Daniel Currie, a senior at West Aurora High School.

### TISRA Zakir Hussain With Sabir Khan & Debopriya Chatterjee

Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Starting at \$55

Tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain leads a unique trio composed of tabla (hand drums), sarangi (bowed stringed instrument), and bansuri (bamboo flute); a combination not often heard on the classical stage.



### Suzanne Vega An Intimate Evening of Songs and Stories

Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$65

Popular singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega is joined by her longtime guitarist, Gerry Leonard, performing a career-spanning show including favorites like "Tom's Diner," "Luka," and more!

## 17th Annual Screen Test Student Fest - FREE EVENT!

### IN-PERSON EVENT AT THE PRAIRIE CENTER

Screen Test Local Fest

Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

A night of short films by area students.

### ONLINE EVENT

Screen Test Jr.

Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m.

Short works by students in grades K-8.

### IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED EVENT

International High School Competition

Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

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

For more information, visit [www.screenteststudentfest.org](http://www.screenteststudentfest.org), contact Rob Pileckis at [rpileckis@schaumburg.com](mailto:rpileckis@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.





## Senior Follies

Sunday, April 7 at Noon

Tickets: \$5

Schaumburg's popular talent show featuring area senior citizens once again proves that age is just a number.

## Schaumburg Choral Program Spring Concerts

Schaumburg's vocal ensembles perform concerts of classical and popular vocal works on April 28 and May 19. For more information, visit

[www.schaumburgsings.com](http://www.schaumburgsings.com).

## Schaumburg Youth Orchestra Spring Concerts

The four ensembles of the Schaumburg Youth Orchestra cap off their 2023-24 seasons with concerts held May 12 and 13. For more information, visit

[www.schaumburyouthorchestra.com](http://www.schaumburyouthorchestra.com).

# 13TH 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 2024 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 23. 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 26 through May 10

**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 14 through June 23 and will coincide with the 35th Prairie Arts Festival.

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

**Entry fee:** \$40

**Entry deadline:** April 21

**Registration:** The 2024 prospectus and registration form are available at [www.prairiecenter.org](http://www.prairiecenter.org). For more information, contact Roxane Benvenuti at [rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com](mailto:rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



2023 First Place Painting by Richard Laurent, Oil, Old Timer, Spring Valley - Volkening Heritage Farm

## 35th Annual Prairie Arts Festival

Talented artists from around the country, live entertainers and food trucks will participate in the 35th Prairie Arts Festival. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, 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](http://www.prairiecenter.org), contact Roxane Benvenuti at [rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com](mailto:rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.



2023 First Place Award, Natalya Sots, Clay/Pottery



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Non-Emergency in Schaumburg .....311  
Non-Emergency  
Outside Schaumburg .....(847) 895-4500  
Police and Fire .....911

## 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

### 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 53rd Annual Septemberfest

The Village of Schaumburg is busy preparing for the 53rd annual Septemberfest that will be held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 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](http://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](http://www.septemberfest.org), contact Roxane Benvenuti at [rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com](mailto: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](mailto:rwyskochil@schaumburg.com).



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