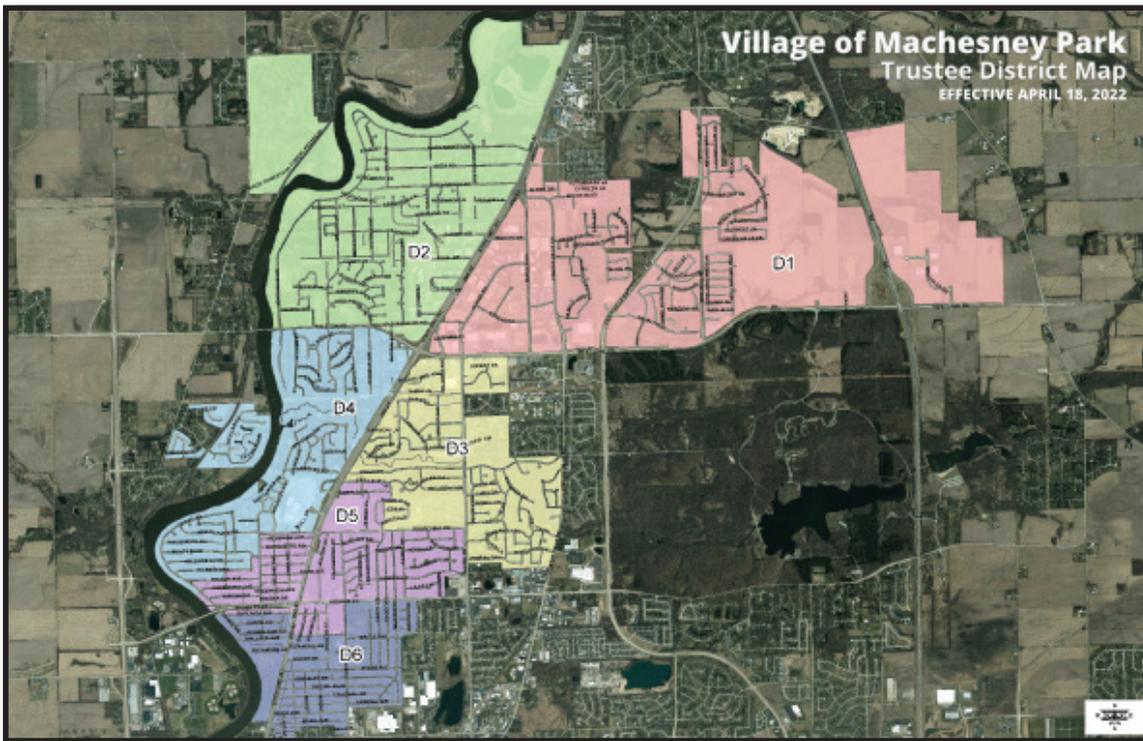


The Village Voice

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Machesney Park

NEW VILLAGE TRUSTEE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Following the results of the 2020 Census, the Village's trustee district boundaries were reshaped to ensure an equal distribution of population among each district. As a result, you may now reside in a new district and have a new trustee. All residents will receive an updated voter registration card from the Winnebago County Clerk's Office reflecting their new trustee district before the spring 2023 election. Please reference the map below or access an interactive district map at <https://tinyurl.com/MPDistricts2022>. Please contact Village Hall at (815) 877-5432 if you have any questions about redistricting.



New Federal and State Legislative Districts

If you are interested in learning about your state and federal legislative district representatives, visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at elections.il.gov. Navigate to the 'Information for Voters' drop-down menu and click 'Find My Elected Officials (District Location)'. You can contact Village Clerk Robbin Snodgrass if you have any questions or need assistance determining your legislative district.



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Remember to VOTE



2023 Election Information

The petitions for candidates who want to run in the 2023 Consolidated Election are available and will be circulated starting on August 30, 2022. The filing period is Monday, November 21 – Monday, November 28, 2022.

The Village of Machesney Park will conduct elections for the following offices:

- Trustee - District 2
- Trustee - District 5
- Trustee - District 6

Petitions will be accepted during the filing periods from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each workday until the final day of filing at 5:00 pm at the office of:

Robbin Snodgrass, Village Clerk
Machesney Park Village Hall
300 Roosevelt Road
Machesney Park, IL 61115

All petitions filed by persons waiting in the line at the office of the Clerk as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing day shall be deemed simultaneously filed. In the event of simultaneous filing on the first day, a lottery drawing approved by the State Board of Elections will be conducted to determine order of placement on the ballot.



Bird E-Scooters Land in Machesney Park

The Village has partnered with Bird to offer e-scooters in our community. These eco-friendly scooters can be activated through Bird's mobile application. Search "Bird" on your smartphone's app store to download. Riders should always obey traffic signals and watch for cars, pedestrians, and cyclists. Scooters must be parked out of the way of pedestrians and never block sidewalks, ramps, doorways, or driveways. Riders must be at least 18 years old and are encouraged to wear a helmet. The scooter program will run annually from spring to late fall.



Bird is proud to offer a number of features and benefits to riders in Machesney Park. Some of which include:

- **Community Pricing:** Bird's inclusive Community Pricing Program offers a 50% discount to low-income riders, Pell grant recipients, select local nonprofit and community organizations, veterans and senior citizens. Those who qualify can sign up by downloading the Bird app, creating an account and emailing proof of eligibility to access@bird.co.

- **Free Rides for Healthcare Workers and Emergency Personnel:** To recognize the individuals whose work continues to be so crucial to the health and safety of our communities, Bird offers free rides to healthcare workers and emergency personnel. Those who qualify can sign up by emailing a copy of their medical identification card, name and phone number to together@bird.co. Eligible riders receive two free 30-minute rides per day.

- **Community Mode:** Bird values community input. Anyone with a Bird account can report or provide feedback on scooter-related issues such as poorly parked or damaged scooters in their area by tapping the yield sign on the bottom left of the in-app Bird map. When a report is submitted, someone is assigned to correct the issue.



If a resident has questions or concerns about the scooters, the company can be reached directly at 1-866-205-2442, hello@bird.co, or through Community Mode on the Bird app. Enjoy the ride!



HOLIDAY EVENTS

Touch-A-Truck & Trunk-N-Treat Event!

The Village will be holding the Annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 11 AM-1 PM at the Machesney Town Center (formerly Machesney Park Mall).

Please bring your children to explore firetrucks, construction trucks, emergency vehicles, and more! A Trunk or Treat event will be offered, thanks to generous donations by Meijer. Kids can dress up in their favorite Halloween costume and enjoy this incredibly fun and free event sponsored by the Village of Machesney Park.



**Village of Machesney Park
Trick or Treat Hours**

October 31st, 2022 - 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Residents who welcome trick or treaters are asked to leave a porch light on.

Have a Safe Halloween!!



Christmas Tree Lighting



The Annual Light Up the Parks Holiday Parade will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 4:45 PM.

The parade route will travel from GE (Schneider) Electric parking lot on Clifford Avenue, turn north on Elm Avenue, turn left onto Roosevelt Road, cross N. 2nd Street and conclude at the Town Center located at 8750 N. 2nd Street where the Village's Annual Tree Lighting will take place.

Join us immediately following the parade as we light the Village's 30 ft Christmas Tree. Santa will be present to visit with the children and hear their wish lists and treats will be provided by local churches. Additionally, we will be presenting awards for the coloring contest and for parade entrants.

Please follow the Village's website and social media pages, or call Village Hall to stay updated on any changes that may occur to our events.

Annual Toy Drive

The Village will be collecting toys now through December 9th for needy children and families. Gifts are distributed by invitation only to those who also benefit from the Helping Hands Pantry in prior months.

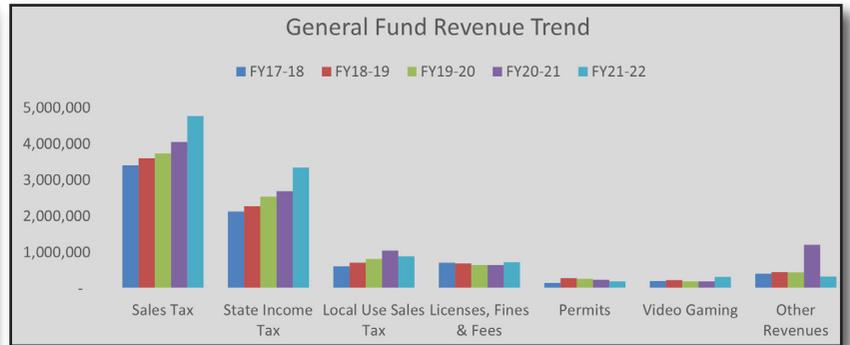
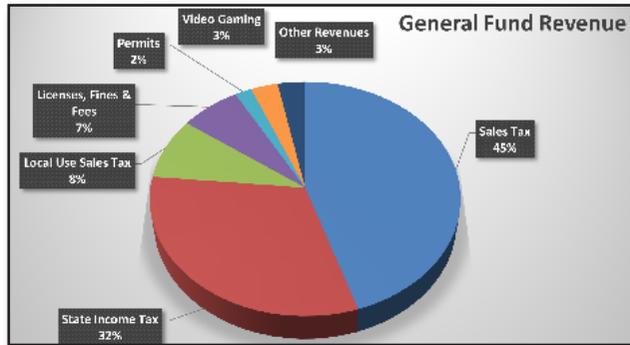
FINANCE

Finance Update

Did you know the Village of Machesney Park does not collect a property tax? Yes, you do receive a property tax bill, however, none of those funds are distributed to the Village.

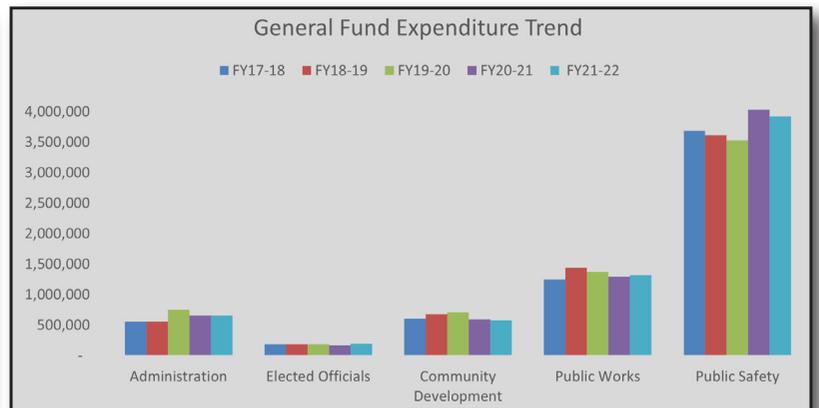
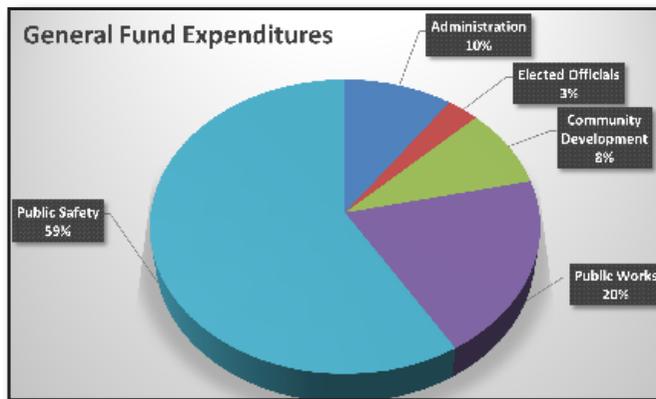
General Fund Revenues = Where does the money come from?

The majority of revenue collected by the Village (85%) comes from sales tax, local use sales tax, and state income tax.



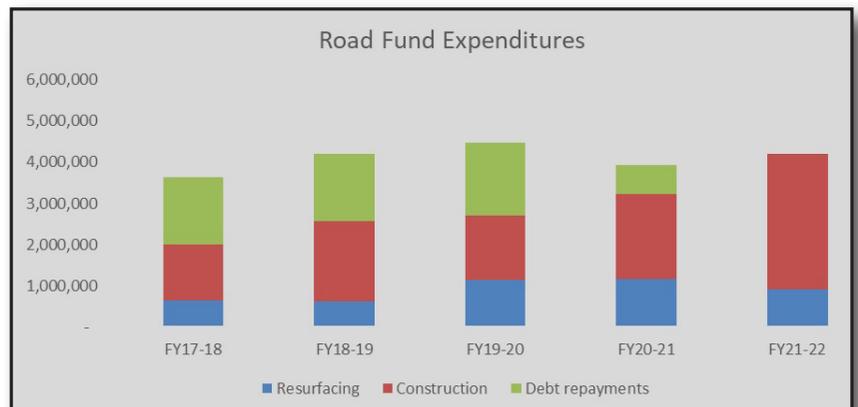
General Fund Expenditures = Where does the money go?

Public Safety is a major responsibility of local government. The Village contracts with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to provide this service which accounts for 59% of the General Fund expenditures. Public Works (*snow plowing, mowing, mosquito spraying, animal control, minor street maintenance, mass transit, and beautification of Village corridors*) comprises 20%. The remaining department expenditures cover code enforcement, community development, and general government services for the Village residents.



How are roads paid for?

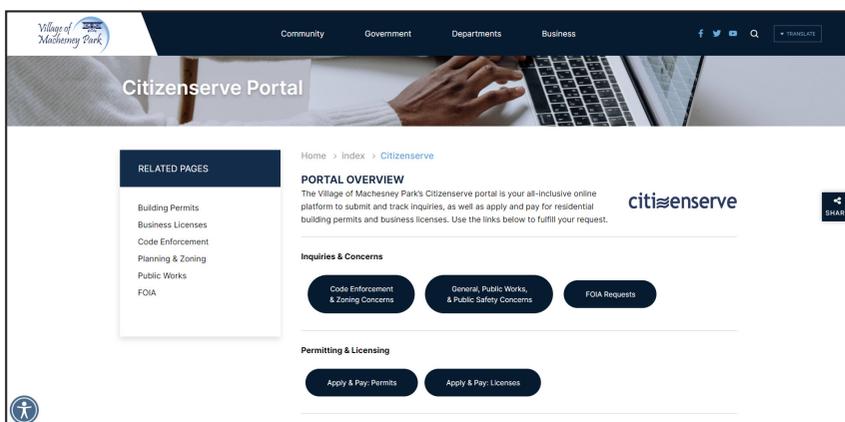
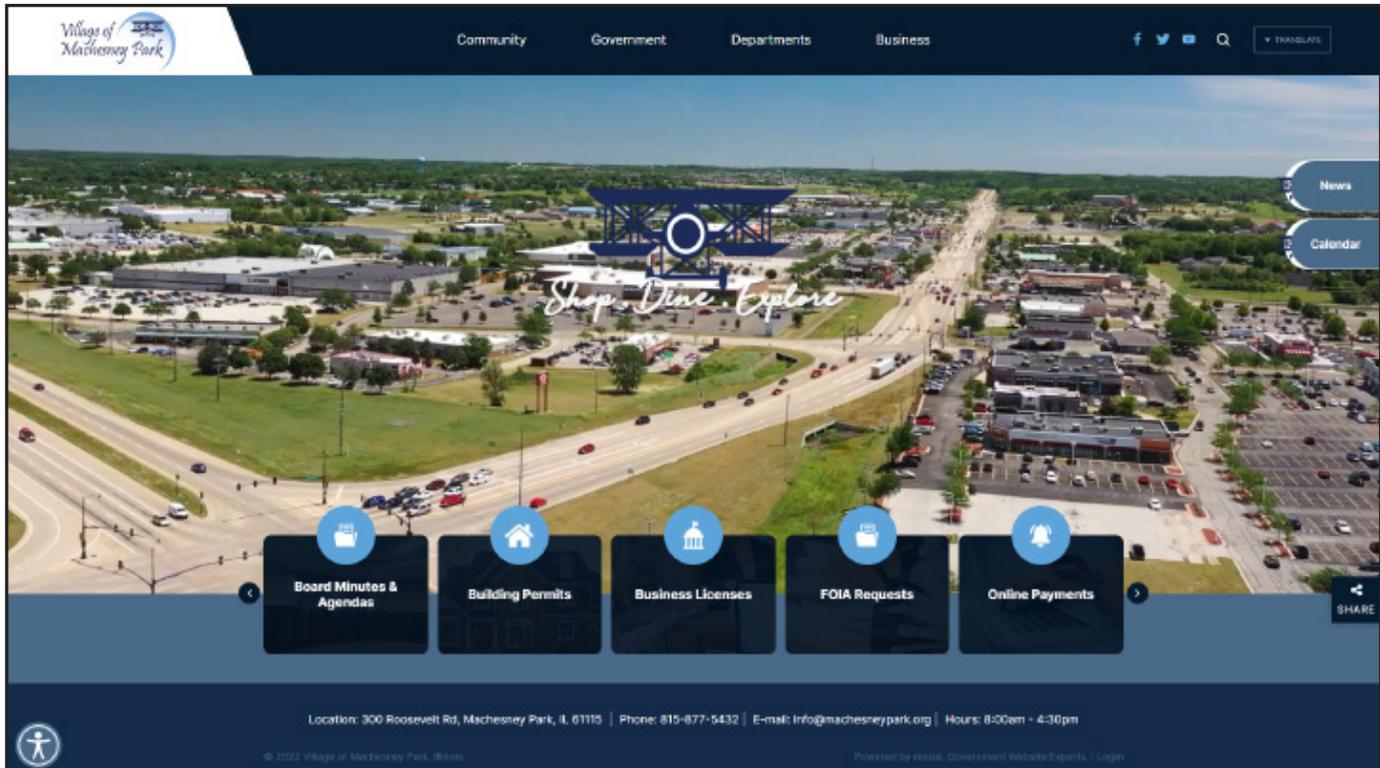
All of the major street maintenance and construction activities throughout the Village (*resurfacing, reconstruction, and sidewalk construction*) are primarily funded through the utility tax and an additional 1% sales tax paid for by those that shop within the Village. The graph shows the last five years of expenditures and all debt within the Road Fund has now been paid off.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

New Village Website Launching This Fall!

Final touches are being made to the Village's new website and municipal service portal. Launching later this fall, the new website will offer visitors a modern user experience, optimized for devices of all sizes. Please stay tuned to our current website, <https://machesneypark.org/>, and social media pages for the announcement of an official launch date.

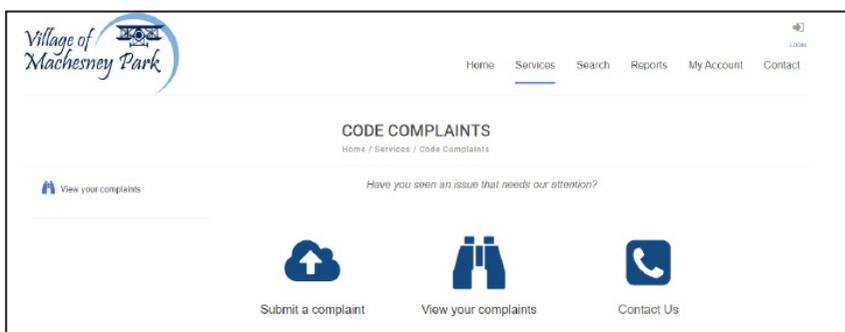


Our new municipal service portal, Citizenseive, is your all-inclusive online platform to access Village services 24/7/365.

Within Citizenseive, you may apply for residential building permits and business licenses, as well as submit and track a variety of inquiries and concerns.

Please note that you will be prompted to log in or create an account on the Citizenseive portal.

Select inquiries such as code enforcement complaints may be submitted anonymously by following the instructions on the portal login page.





PUBLIC WORKS

2022 Road Projects

The Village is in the process of its most productive season of road construction and infrastructure improvements to date, thanks in large part to the passage of the 1% sales tax referendum in 2020, in addition to utilizing motor fuel tax funds. In total, \$6.4 million is being spent during the 2022 construction season to repair and replace roadways in the Village.

The Village's largest road project yet is well underway with the improvements taking place on Harlem Road from Schnucks to IL-251. This project included resurfacing the roadway, adding a turn lane by the Parker Education Center, reconstructing the center medians, storm sewer inlets, sidewalks, driveway aprons, and various sections of curbing. Thank you for your patience during construction, the finished product is a great improvement to this area.

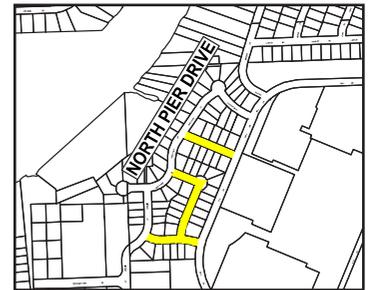


In addition to our Harlem Road project, the Village also reconstructed Indigo Lane, adding a new pavement surface, curb and gutter, storm sewer, and sidewalks along the west side of the road. This project was completed ahead of schedule and the final course of asphalt will be placed next summer, which will allow for settling to take place during the winter months. Darwin Drive, between Norman Avenue and China Berry Lane, is also being constructed this year.

The Village was also able to continue its yearly road maintenance program by resurfacing numerous streets. This year the Village will be resurfacing approximately 4.0 miles of roadway. This year's resurfacing project includes those shown on the maps below.



Ventura Boulevard
(between Miller Ln & Waidi Ave)



**Wingtip Way, Rudder Road,
Safe Landing Drive, and Propeller Lane**



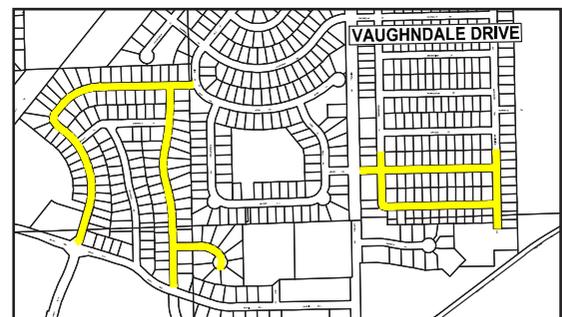
Apollo Drive (between Polaris Dr & Mariner Dr)
and **Apollo Court**



Gentian Drive (between Althea St & Poppy Dr)



Maple Avenue (between Elm Ave & IL-251)
Sycamore Lane (between Rodgers St & IL 251)



Lakindale Drive, Chandan Boulevard, Wimbledon Road, and Charnwood Court



PUBLIC WORKS

Snow and Ice Control

Snow Emergency

The Village declares a snow emergency when there is a snow forecast of 2" or more. The media is notified so that residents are provided with advanced notice to remove their vehicles off of the public streets to allow for plows to clear the streets efficiently and effectively. Once the plows have cleared the snow from the roadways in both directions, cars can then park on the streets. Please check the Village's website, Facebook, or local TV stations to check to see if a snow emergency has been declared in Machesney Park. If the forecast predicts for more than 2" throughout the late evening/early morning hours (*even if an "emergency" has not been declared yet*) please be prepared to remove your vehicle ahead of time. We understand that this does create difficult situations where parking is limited but the Village must consider the safety of everyone to have the snow removed as efficiently as possible. Those cars which are not removed once the emergency takes effect are subject to a fine. Deputies place the tickets on the windshield of the cars, typically under the wipers, when possible. The fines are \$25 and if not paid within 10 days the fine increases to \$100.



Snow Plowing Process

During snow emergencies, roadways are prioritized by type and use. Main roads are plowed first because they carry emergency vehicles and have the highest traffic counts. Collector streets, which are primary roads throughout neighborhoods, are handled next because they are the second busiest streets in the Village. Residential streets are normally plowed last during a snow event because they carry the least amount of traffic. Snow removal on all of the roads and streets in Machesney Park is important to the Village, but our snow removal process prioritizes safety first.

Driveways

The ridge of snow that is tracked along the end of your driveway comes as a result of normal snow removal operations. Please understand that our contractors do not purposely place this snow at the end of the driveway and that this is a natural result of the plowing process. Contractors do their best to minimize snow encroachment upon residential driveway aprons, but in many cases, it cannot be avoided. Please do not shovel or push snow into the roadway after it has been cleared.



Mailboxes

If the Village, or one of its contractors, hits a mailbox with a plow blade, we will investigate all claims and take responsibility when it is determined that the Village is at fault. If your mailbox or mailbox post has been broken or damaged due to direct contact with a snowplow, please complete the claim form located on our website and submit it to the Public Works Department at Village Hall, 300 Roosevelt Rd, or via e-mail at MitchH@MachesneyPark.org.



You can take preventative measures and check your mailbox to be sure the post is not defective, and your mailbox is in a firm, upright position between 41" and 45" from the ground. According to the USPS mailbox installation guidelines, the mailbox should also be 6-8" behind the curb or edge of pavement.

PLEASE NOTE: All claim forms must be submitted within 10 days of the date of the damage.

Any questions regarding damage should be reported to the Village Hall and a supervisor will investigate the claim.

Objects in Right-of-Way

If you have decorations or landscaping in the right-of-way, the Village is not liable for any damage caused by a snowplow or piles of snow. We encourage all residents and businesses to keep the right of way clear of any obstructions.

We appreciate you taking the time to read through these tips and guidelines to make this a safe and successful snowplow season for everyone.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



New Business Activity

Community Development cont. from pg.5



ABC Supply Company – ABC Supply Co. will soon open a new sales and distribution warehouse on Greenlee Road in Machesney Park. ABC is expanding an existing building in the Park 90 Business Park to house these operations. Upon the completion of construction, ABC will occupy 45,000 SF and employ 22 employees at this location.



D1 Training Gym – Construction is underway on a new fitness center at the Machesney Crossings shopping center. D1 Training will occupy a 4,500 SF gym in the former Anytime Fitness space behind Old Navy. For more information about D1 Training, visit <https://www.d1training.com>.

Local Business Spotlight

North American Clutch & Driveline (NACD), located at 10901 N 2nd Street, is a leading clutch, clutch systems, and power take-off assembly manufacturer. Since 1973, the family-run business has led an innovative team that produces tough, reliable, and ready-to-ship products. The company recently announced plans to begin construction on a 49,000 SF addition to their existing facility. The expansion project is slated to be completed in summer 2023.



Homeowners Associations and How They May Affect You

An HOA, or homeowner's association, is a self-governing, private organization representing a neighborhood or group of homeowners who collectively pay fees to maintain certain non-public services or improvements. Homeowners or renters of homes located within a neighborhood managed by an HOA pay a monthly or annual fee to cover the costs of services such as the maintenance of landscaped areas, shared utilities or subdivision identification signs. HOA's are often created by real estate developers and handed down to the residents after construction of the subdivision is completed.

The Village does not have any management authority over the activities of any HOA, nor can we step-in and take over its maintenance responsibilities. If you find that your property is part of a HOA that may be neglecting its responsibilities, you should refer to a copy of the association's covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&R's) to find out who is responsible for upholding the duties of the HOA. The CC&R's should have been provided to you when you purchased or rented your property. If you or a neighbor is paying association fees and are not receiving the benefits, you should contact a private attorney to assist you with seeking a resolution with the agents of an HOA.



FINANCE

Voluntary Flood Buyout Program Update

Finance & Human Resources from on pg. 4

If your property is currently insured through the NFIP (*National Flood Insurance Program*), it may be eligible for the next grant application the Village is submitting to FEMA in the fall. To check whether you have NFIP coverage, please review your flood insurance policy declaration page for an NFIP policy number.

For properties not covered through the NFIP, the Village continues to actively search for funding opportunities to assist flood-prone property owners to move to higher ground. We appreciate your patience and we will be in contact as we have new information to share.

The flood buyout program is voluntary. If you would like to have your home added to the waiting list to be considered for a future buyout grant, please visit <https://machesneypark.org/voluntary-flood-buyout-program/> to fill out the Notice of Voluntary Interest (NOVI) Form and return it to Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding the flood buyout program, contact Michelle Johannsen at 815-877-5432, or you can email her at michellej@machesneypark.org.

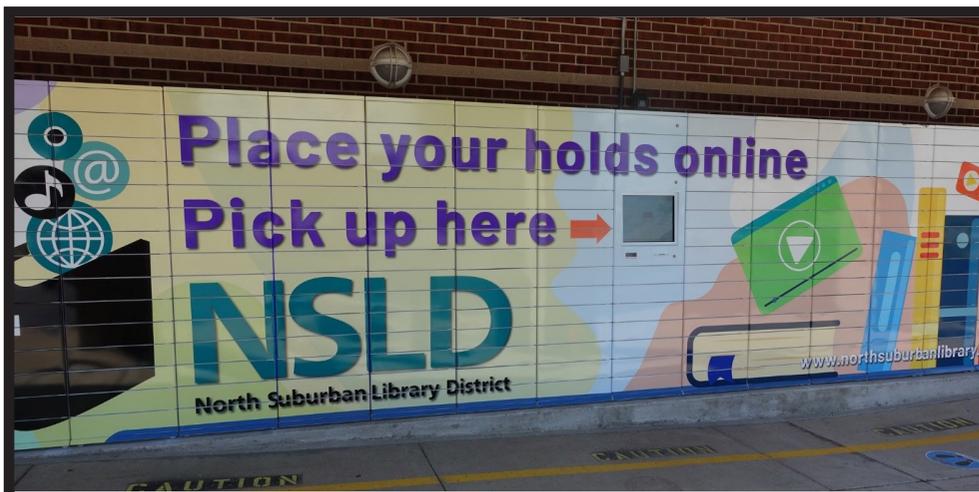
PUBLIC WORKS

Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance

Public Works cont. from pg. 7

Did you know that property owners whose property is adjacent to the public sidewalks are responsible for repairing or replacing them?

Before completing any sidewalk repairs, make sure to contact Village Hall to obtain a right-of-way (ROW) permit, the cost is only \$5 and the permit is good for a year. Please do your part in ensuring that Machesney Park is a pedestrian safe and friendly community. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (815) 877-5432.



North Suburban Library District

Did you know that you can place materials from the North Suburban Library District (NSLD) on hold online and pick them up at your convenience?

Visit <https://www.northsuburbanlibrary.org/> for more information. NSLD has branches in Loves Park (6340 N Second Street) and Roscoe (5562 Clayton Circle).

ZONING APPROVAL & REGULATING DEVELOPMENT

Permit Requirement for Waterfront Projects



Approvals are required for projects such as boat docks, boat ramps, filling in eroded areas or stabilizing the shoreline. Depending on the scope of the project, the Village may be able to issue a floodplain development approval. However, in some circumstances, the approval needs to come from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). These regulations also apply to some of the land abutting Willow Creek that runs through the Village.

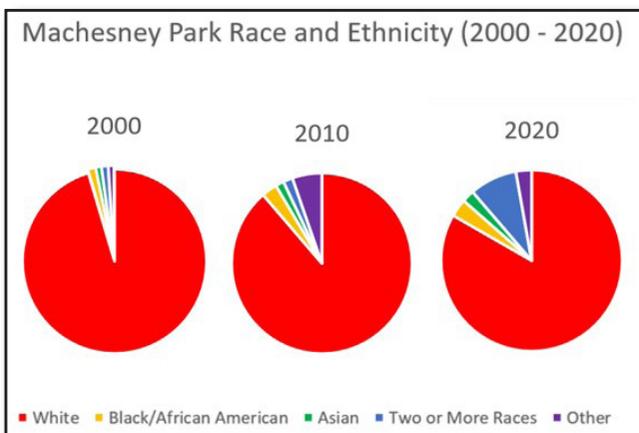
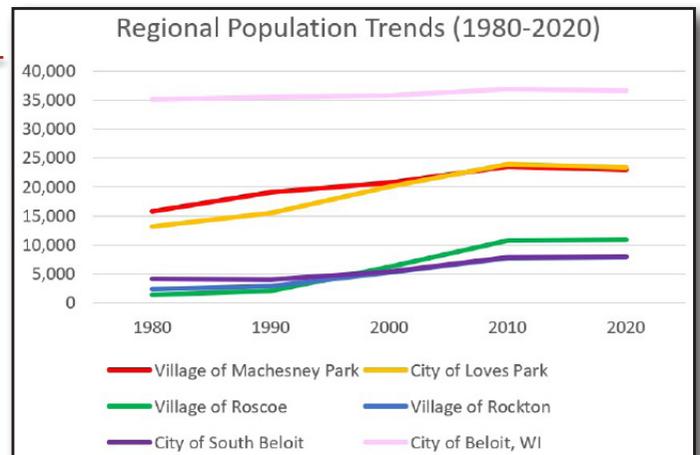
Residents considering these types of improvements should contact to the Village's Planning and Zoning Division to find out the regulations relating to their planned projects, and whether they are required to apply to the IDNR before any construction can begin.

2020 Census Snapshot

The U.S. Census Bureau has released data from the 2020 Census.

Due in part to an aging population, declining birth rates, and the Village's Voluntary Flood Buyout program, the Village's population has slightly declined since 2010. This is consistent with trends regionally, as most area communities have experienced a population decline of about 2.5% over the past 10 years. Between 2010 and 2020, the Village population declined by 549 totaling a new population of 22,950.

Although there are slightly fewer residents in the Village than 10 years ago, the population continues to become more racially diverse.

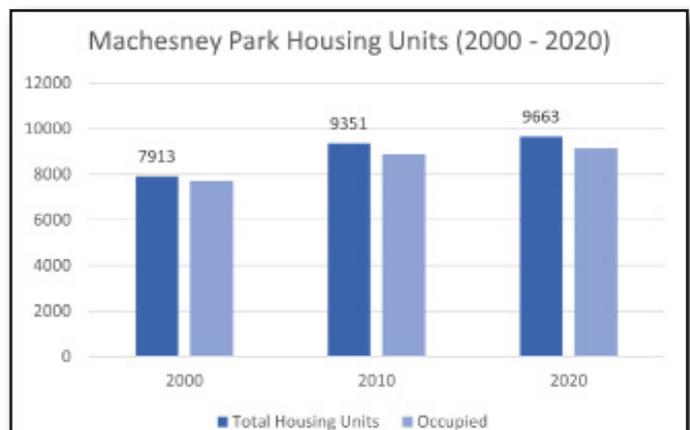


A "Housing Unit" is considered a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is intended as separate living quarters. The number of housing units in the Village has increased between 2010 and 2020, with an addition of 312 housing units.

Not all of the housing in the Village is occupied, however. Housing may be vacant because it is currently for sale or for rent, it may be used only seasonally, or it may have been abandoned.

In these past 10 years, the vacancy rate of housing in the Village has stayed consistently around 5%. This is comparable to vacancies in nearby communities.

In the coming year, the U.S. Census Bureau will be finalizing and releasing more data relating to age, gender, education, employment, income, and other detailed statistics. This information is all helpful as we plan for the Village's future prosperity.





Leaf Vacuuming & Yard Waste Removal

During the fall season, we encourage residents to utilize two options for disposing of their yard waste in place of burning. Leaves can be disposed of as part of your regular weekly garbage pick-up through the first week of December by placing yard waste out to the curb on pick-up days in brown yard waste bags or in cans marked with an "X".

In addition to the weekly yard waste pick-up, the Village offers leaf vacuuming as part of the contracted garbage service. Residents of Machesney Park can begin placing leaves at the side of the road for leaf vacuuming starting the week of October 17th through the first week of December. To utilize the leaf vacuuming service residents can place their leaves along the road edge for collection by leaf vacuum trucks. Leaves should be raked to an area away from gravel and just off the roadway where trucks can reach them. Leaf vacuuming services are provided on a bi-weekly basis. **Starting the week of October 17th, residents living east of IL Route 251 will receive leaf vacuuming services one week and residents living on the west side of IL 251 will have pick-ups occur on the following week, alternating weekly, until the first week of December, or until the first major snowfall, whichever occurs first. Illinois Route 251 (N. 2nd Street) is the dividing line between the west and east sides of the Village for leaf vacuuming.** Please note that leaf vacuuming is dependent on weather and other factors and schedules are always subject to change.

Please note that burning yard waste is only allowed during the months of April and November. Residents are urged to take advantage of the leaf vacuum and weekly yard waste pick-up as an alternative to burning.

Please check the Village website or follow the Village's Facebook page for updates to pick up schedules as weather can have an effect on yard waste removal. Questions about leaf vacuuming can be directed to Rock River Disposal at 815-965-2489.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Recreational & Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations

All small, non-street legal, motorized vehicles designed for recreational enjoyment, including all-terrain vehicles, gators, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, golf carts, dirt bikes, etc. are regulated in the Village.



- **On private property** – These types of vehicles may not be operated on private property, except for unloading or storage purposes. Golf Carts may be operated on private property for use with legitimate grounds maintenance activities. These types of vehicles may be stored on private property, so long as they are in a rear or side yard and on an approved hard surface. Use of these types of vehicles on private property is subject to fines.
- **On public right-of-ways and roads** – It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate an off-highway vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in the State of Illinois. The Village also prohibits the use of these vehicles on Village streets. The use of these types of vehicles on any roadway is subject to fines and confiscation. If you witness anyone using recreational or off-highway vehicles illegally, please contact the non-emergency number at 815-282-2600.

Property Lines

It is solely the responsibility of a property owner to know where their property lines are located. Your property lines are shared with your adjoining neighbors, there are not individual lines for your lot. The only accurate way to know where the property lines are located is to either locate the pins (metal rods) which were driven into the ground at the corners of every lot or to hire a state-licensed surveyor to do so. The Village is not responsible for locating property lines nor does it have exact records of property line locations. When there is a disagreement or conflict in relation to property lines the resolution is ultimately a legal matter through civil court.





300 Roosevelt Road
Machesney Park, Illinois 61115
Phone: (815) 877-5432

PUBLIC SAFETY

School Zone

School zone speed limits are set to reduce the speed of travelers during school hours when children are present. Machesney Park Deputies are assigned at various grade schools and Harlem High School during drop-off and pick-up hours to ensure the safety of our children.



Tips:

- Pay attention to signs indicating you're approaching a school zone
- Slow down to 20 mph
- Never pass a child, adult, or school bus in a school zone
- Prepare to stop when yellow lights are flashing on a school bus
- Always stop when the red flashing lights and stop arm are out on a school bus

Holiday Safety Tips

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are one of the busiest travel times of the year in the United States. If you are planning to travel out of town during the holidays for any extended period of time, here are some tips to protect your house and property while you are gone:

- ❖ Have a neighbor or trusted friend watch your home, pick up your mail and shovel snow while you are gone. Nothing says "I'm not home" like a mailbox full of newspapers or a snow covered driveway or sidewalk.
- ❖ Get an automatic timer for some of the lights in your home. If burglars see lights on, they assume someone is home. Consider putting outdoor holiday lights on a timer also.
- ❖ Consider investing in a home security system from a reputable dealer.
- ❖ Secure your doors and windows. Also put ladders or other items in a garage or shed so they can't be used to access your roof or second floor.
- ❖ Avoid posting on social media that you are out of town or planning to take a trip. If you must do so adjust privacy filters so this information is not available to the public.
- ❖ Don't hide a spare key outside your house. Instead leave it with a neighbor or friend, if a burglar thinks you are not home

Package Theft Prevention

- ✓ Never leave your packages out for long periods of time.
- ✓ If you are expecting a delivery and are not home, have a neighbor pick up the package for you.
- ✓ Ring door cameras and other security cameras can help in deterring criminals.

Holiday Shopping Tips

While you are out shopping at the many stores of Machesney Park, keep these things in mind for your safety.

- Park in a well-lit spot and lock your vehicle.
- Put any purchases in the trunk or otherwise out of sight.
- Stay alert and be aware of who is around you and what is going on.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a debit or credit card.

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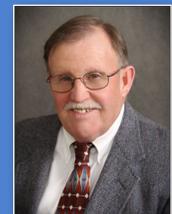
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