



NEW NONPROFITS OCCUPY MARIE AVENUE STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Through a collaborative effort, the Village of Machesney Park & United Way of Rock River Valley have welcomed three new nonprofit organizations into the Strong Neighborhood House at 825 Marie Avenue in Machesney Park. The organizations are Secondary Success and Beyond, the Live R.E.A.L. Foundation (LRF), and the Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation (TCMF).

Secondary Success and Beyond provides high school students with advising and mentoring from young professionals in the Rockford area, including assistance with post-high school plans, the FAFSA, study skills, time management, college applications, and more. The Live R.E.A.L. Foundation's purpose is to reduce opioid overdoses and deaths by giving community members resources necessary to gain resiliency during hard times, traumas, and everyday struggles. Finally, the Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation works to increase awareness of factors that lead to suicide. By developing resources and providing financial support, TCMF aims to enhance the mental health of individuals, their families, and their community through awareness, prevention, support, and education.

All three organizations will work out of the house individually and collectively to provide support to the local community. You can stay up-to-date on programming at the Strong Neighborhood House by following its Facebook page: Strong Neighborhoods - Marie Avenue House.



What's Inside...

Community Development	Page 2
Finance	Page 3
Administration.....	Page 4
Code Enforcement.....	Page 5
Public Works.....	Page 6/7
Public Safety.....	Page 8



Save the Date!

The community is invited to learn more about the organizations and the services they provide at an Open House event on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 825 Marie Avenue.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Downtown Beautification Planning

Located at the intersection of North Second Street and Harlem Road/Bauer Parkway, Downtown Machesney Park is the focus of a new beautification plan. The ultimate goal of beautification efforts is to give the area a unique identity and increase traffic to downtown businesses and events. Possible improvements include new wayfinding signage, median landscaping, lighted median and parkway trees, illuminated street name signs, and more! It is important to note that improvements will come at no cost to downtown businesses or homeowners.

Following consensus from the Downtown business community and residents, the Village intends to seek funding from a variety of sources, including grants, to construct improvements. More information about the plans can be found at machesneypark.org/downtown.



New Development at Machesney Crossings

A new three-tenant outlot building is currently being constructed at Machesney Crossings west of Old Navy. The new building will be home to Tropical Smoothie Café, Five Guys, and an additional tenant to be determined.

In addition, D1 Training has opened a new 4,500-square-foot-gym in the old Anytime Fitness space south of Old Navy. D1 provides specialized and custom training programs to help clients achieve their sports and fitness goals. More information can be found at d1training.com.



NEW PIZZA PUB & GRILL COMING SOON

Renovations are underway to open Top Dog Pizza, a pizza pub and grill, in the former Baking Ground North building in front of the Machesney Park Town Center (formerly the mall). Stay tuned to the Destination Machesney Facebook page for a forthcoming opening date announcement.



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Les' Cleaning Service - Machesney Park's newest professional cleaning service company, Les' Cleaning Service, is now open at 7910 Scott Lane. Learn more online at lescleaningservices.com.

Zo's Deli & Slots - Located in front of Hobby Lobby on Route 173 next to GNC, Zo's Deli & Slots is now open. Search Zo's Deli & Slots on Facebook for more information.

The Mill Bar & Grill - After navigating construction delays due to supply chain issues, The Mill Bar and Grill at 9032 N 2nd Street will be opening this Spring. The owners are currently hiring staff and will announce an opening date soon. Stay tuned to our Destination Machesney Facebook page for an official announcement.



FINANCE

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Overview

The Village's budget is drafted each year with careful consideration. Revenues are estimated through a conservative approach and expenses are contemplated with as much, if not more, consideration to efficiency. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget is focused on protecting the Village's stable financial position while maximizing services to the community through cost-effective and improved processes. As a guiding document, the budget reflects the Village's primary goals:

Organization Goals

- Ensure that Machesney Park is a safe, clean, and enjoyable community.
- Demonstrate high standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, and honesty in public activities to inspire public confidence and trust in the Village.
- Maintain fiscal integrity and efficiency through ethical and responsible management of public funds.
- Aggressively pursue economic development opportunities to grow our community.
- Provide a safe and supportive work environment for employees.

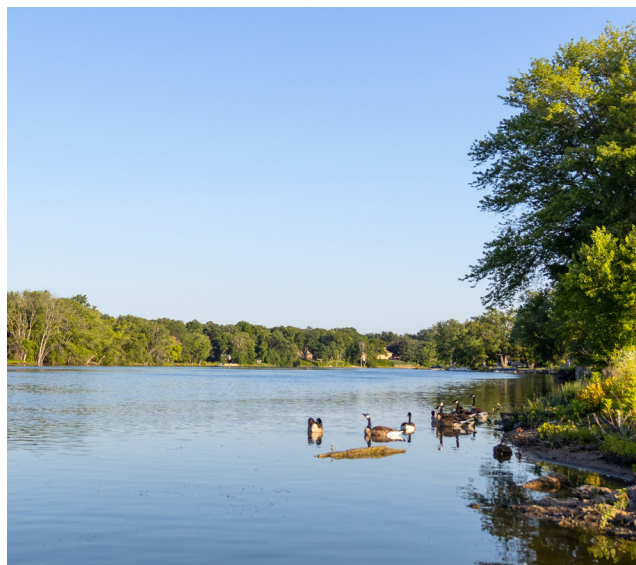
In April, the Village Board will be approving a balanced budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024. A copy of the proposed budget is available on the Village's website.

Property Acquisitions within the Floodway

The Village continues to acquire and demolish flood-prone homes utilizing grant assistance. The Village received \$1.7M from FEMA in 2022 to acquire 17 properties that had NFIP flood insurance. An additional grant is currently under review by FEMA and the Village hopes to be contacted by this summer and will reach out to homeowners as soon as information is provided.

Furthermore, the Village was recently awarded a \$506,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to acquire properties near the boat launch. Eligible homeowners will be contacted and advised of the process once a grant agreement is formalized.

For those properties on the waiting list without flood insurance, the Village continues to search for grants to provide funding. If you have any questions regarding the Flood Buyout Program, please contact Michelle Johannsen at (815) 877-5432 or michellej@machesneypark.org.



ADMINISTRATION



Village Hall Renovation

A renovation project is slated to begin this summer at Village Hall. Improvements required by state statute are set for the police department, which is located on the north side of the building. Planned renovations include surveillance upgrades and a new suspect processing and holding area. These upgrades will ensure that our Deputies have a modern and secure facility to better help protect and serve our community for years to come.

Notifications of any disruptions to Village Hall services and hours due to construction activity will be posted to the Village's website and social media pages.

24/7 Village Hall Services

Did you know that you can access a variety of Village Hall services from our new website and Citizenserve portal?

Visit machesneypark.org/Citizenserve on your computer or smartphone to seamlessly apply and pay for residential building permits & business licenses. You can also submit and track a variety of service requests and inquiries from the portal.

Contact Village Hall at (815) 877-5432 if you need any assistance.

2023 Consolidated Election Information

The 2023 Consolidated election was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Seats in Trustee District 2, District 5, and District 6 were on the ballot. Election results may be viewed on the Winnebago County Clerk's website at clerk.wincoil.gov.

The newly elected Village Trustees will take office in May.

IHDA Grant Update

The Village is proud to announce that we have received a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority to help low-income residents with health and safety repairs to their homes. These funds will allow us to help a minimum of 6 homeowners.

Homes must be owner-occupied, single family detached homes within the Village of Machesney Park limits. Applicants must be credit worthy and meet total income requirements. Homes in the floodplain do not qualify. Condominiums and mobile homes do not qualify.

The Village will begin accepting applications in the near future. Information will be posted on the Village's website and social media pages as it becomes available. Please contact Penny Miller at (815) 877-5432 with any questions.

Important Reminders

Upcoming Garbage Collection Delays

Garbage & recycling collection will be delayed by 1 day during the week of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day**
Collection to occur on Saturday, June 3
- **Independence Day**
Collection to occur on Saturday, July 8

Upcoming Village Hall Closures

Village Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day** Monday, May 29
- **Independence Day** Tuesday, July 4
- **Labor Day** Monday, September 4



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Agency Contacts

The Village is committed to enforcing zoning and property maintenance rules to help preserve the community as well as incrementally improve the quality of life in Machesney Park. Please note that there are many issues handled by a partnering agency. In these cases, the Village will connect residents with the appropriate agency.

Below is a list of agencies, their respective phone numbers and a listing of some of the areas in which they provide assistance. This is not a comprehensive listing of each agency's responsibilities, if there is a situation not listed below please contact Village Hall for assistance.

Machesney Park Code Enforcement Division:

(815) 877-5432 or machesneypark.org/Citizenserve

Zoning code violations (signs, fences, land uses, nuisances), tall grass/weeds, abandoned and vacant property, garbage can placement and removal, work without permits, exterior property maintenance issues, exterior garbage storage/clutter.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department:

Non-Emergency: (815) 282-2600

Snow emergency parking enforcement, public and private property motor vehicle parking regulations (inoperable vehicles, street parking violations, parked on front lawn), and nuisance noise complaints.

Winnebago County Health Department – Neighborhood Environmental: (815) 720-4100

Unsanitary living conditions, over crowding, substandard and/or unsafe housing, Insect and/or rodent infestation, lead based paint, and wells and septic issues.

Winnebago County Animal Services: (815) 319-4100

Domestic animal registration, animals running at large, animal welfare checks, and dangerous and vicious dog complaints.

Rock River Disposal: (815) 965-2489

New garbage service, calls regarding quality of service, and garbage not being collected.

Yard Waste Burning & Collection

Controlled yard waste burning is only allowed during the months of April & November. The Village's waste hauling company, Rock River Disposal, will also begin collecting yard waste on April 7. Grass clippings and yard waste can be set out as part of your weekly garbage pickup in cans marked with an X or in brown yard waste recycling bags.

Garbage Storage

Garbage must be stored in an approved container with a tight-fitting lid or in the Rock River Disposal issued tote with the lid closed at all times. Cans and totes must be stored in your side or rear yards and may not be stored in any area between the home and the street.



PUBLIC WORKS

Department Update

The Village is looking forward to another busy construction season! From resurfacing to stormwater management improvements and sidewalk improvements, there will be a considerable amount of construction activity taking place in the Village. The Village's Public Works and Engineering staff work closely with IDOT and other agencies to collectively oversee the Village's roadway improvements program.

During the construction season (approximately April-November) notices and updates are sent out to local residents affected by the current construction, to keep them informed on updates, issues, and timelines for construction projects. You may access these updates on the Village's website at machesneypark.org/constructionalerts.

2023 Construction Projects

As the weather continues to get warmer, the Village will once again be busy planning this year's pavement maintenance program. We anticipate that over five (5) miles of streets will be resurfaced, and other repairs such as patching, upgrading sidewalk ramps, and fixing curbs/inlets will be completed as well. Construction should start in July, and residents who live on a street that will undergo resurfacing will receive a notice from the Village so they know what to expect during construction.

IL 251 East Service Drive Improvements

The IL 251 East Service Drive, generally between Gateway Drive and Marlin Drive, will undergo pavement reclamation treatment where the existing pavement is recycled in-place (which is a "green" practice) and a new driving surface is then constructed after the recycling process is complete. The roadway will also be widened at many of the industrial driveways in order to make the road more truck friendly. We expect that construction will begin in mid-July and will wrap up by the end of August.



Public Works cont. on pg. 6

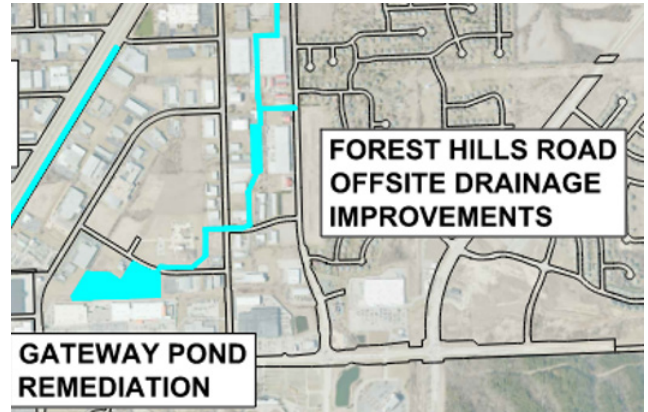


IL 251 Sidewalk Improvements

Originally planned for last year, this project was delayed due to material shortages in the construction industry. New sidewalks are planned along the west side of IL 251 between Shoreland Road and Peachtree Court. Construction is planned to begin in April and should be complete in July.

Gateway Pond Remediation

Gateway Pond, which is located on the south side of Steele Drive between Burden Road and Alpine Road and provides stormwater management to the Gateway Shopping Center, Willow Creek Industrial Park and the north tributary to Willow Creek, is scheduled to undergo remediation this summer. The silts and sediments that have accumulated over the past 20 years will be removed, as will the dead trees and overgrowth. Improvements will be made that will make future maintenance easier and less costly, and help improve water quality. We expect construction to commence in mid-June and wind down in early September.

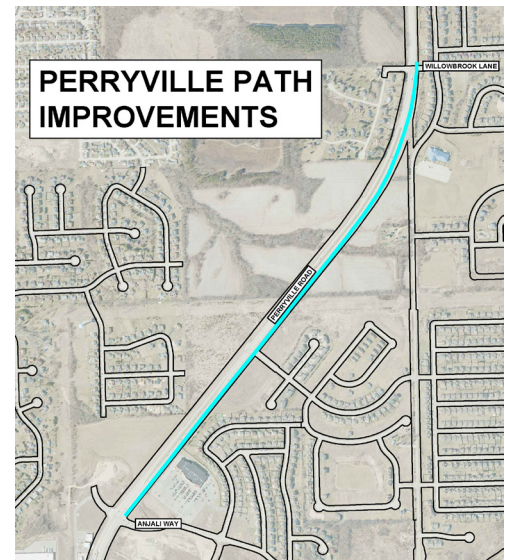


Forest Hills Road Offsite Drainage Improvements

The Village will provide much-needed drainage improvements in the industrial park between Forest Hills and Burden Roads. This project entails the construction of new storm sewer and stormwater management improvements beginning at the Gateway Pond and following Steele Drive and Willow Creek Road before turning north into the industrial park. New inlets and grading will be completed to remedy the spot flooding throughout the project corridor. Most of the work will take place in existing drainage easements so disruptions to traffic will be minimal. Work is expected to begin in late May and be complete by the end of September.

Perryville Path Improvements Coming Soon!

The Winnebago County Highway Department has announced an extension to the Perryville Path from Anjali Way to Willowbrook Lane that will be constructed in 2023. This is part of the 2021 Regional Greenway Network and is being funded by an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant which will pay for 80% of the construction costs. Much of the work will take place away from Perryville Road so there are no traffic disruptions expected as part of the overall construction. The County is currently seeking final plan approval from IDOT so the exact construction schedule is still unknown, but construction is expected to occur this year. The County has submitted a request for additional ITEP funding to help pay for the next phase of the project from Willowbrook Lane to McDonald Road and Porter Park in Roscoe.



Mosquito Spraying

The Village contracts with Clarke Mosquito Control to provide environmentally-responsible mosquito control services in the community. Should any questions arise about the treatment or control of mosquitoes, residents may contact Clarke Mosquito at 1-800-942-2555 or visit their website at clarke.com.



Notifications of scheduled treatments will be posted on the Village's website and social media pages.



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

PUBLIC SAFETY



Impaired Driving

Although several states have legalized recreational and medical marijuana use, driving when impaired by any substance remains illegal in all 50 states. Research shows marijuana can slow reaction time, impair judgment of distance, and decrease coordination – all skills necessary for the safe operation of a vehicle. Deputies of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department will continue to enforce all impaired driving laws.

Boater Safety

During the summer months, the Sheriff's Department will also be enforcing impaired boating rules on the Rock River and other waterways throughout Winnebago County.

The Department has a dedicated river patrol unit to enforce boating safety rules and laws.

Please do your part to keep everyone safe while enjoying the wonderful waterways in Winnebago County.



National Night Out

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Village of Machesney Park, is planning to co-host this event with the Loves Park Police Department at Harlem High School. Please keep an eye on the Village's website and social media pages for more up-to-date information.

Village of Machesney Park President and Board of Trustees



Steve Johnson
Village President/Mayor



Joe Seipts
Trustee - District 1



Jake Schmidt
Trustee - District 2



James Kidd
Trustee - District 3



Aaron Wilson
Trustee - District 4



Terri Bailey
Trustee - District 5



Erick Beck
Trustee - District 6

