

THE VILLAGE VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Machesney Park



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Community Shred Day

Protect your personal information and securely destroy your confidential documents, such as old tax returns, credit card receipts, legal documents, and more, at our upcoming Community Shred Day.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Machesney Town Center (8702 N. 2nd Street). This free community event is being hosted in partnership with Paper Recovery Service Corporation and Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP.



Things to Note

- For your safety, please stay in your vehicle. We will remove the paper from your car.
- There is a maximum limit of five boxes per car.
- We will only accept paper. All boxes, plastic bags or other materials will be returned to you.
- Check for important documents you don't want to shred.
- The event may end early or be canceled if the truck fills before the scheduled end time or if there is inclement weather.

Perryville Path Extension Project

The Winnebago County Highway Department is excited to share news of the upcoming construction of a new segment of the Perryville Path, stretching from Anjali Way to Willow Brook Lane, slated for completion this summer. Initially planned for 2023, the project faced a delay due to permitting issues beyond the County's control. This path is a key component of the 2021 Regional Greenway Network, with funding secured through an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant covering 80% of the construction costs.

The construction activities will take place away from Perryville Road, ensuring that there will be no major traffic disruptions during the project's duration. Future plans for the path include an extension from Willowbrook Lane to McDonald Road and Porter Park in Roscoe, enhancing connectivity and recreational access within our community.



Upcoming Village Hall Closures

May 27 – Memorial Day ★

June 19 – Juneteenth National Independence Day

July 4 – Independence Day ★

September 2 – Labor Day ★

October 14 – Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 11 – Veterans Day

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in Brief

FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Village of Machesney Park's Budget in Brief, a summary of the Village's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget that runs from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. This article provides a simplified summary of the Village's budget, the process to develop it and the resulting key outcomes.

Throughout the development of the budget, the Village Board and staff has maintained its long-established commitment to excellent service delivery and prudent financial decision making. By doing so, we have ensured that we operate within a balanced budget while maintaining healthy reserves.

I hope you take a few minutes to review this article and learn more by viewing the full budget document on the Village's website: machesneypark.org/budget

The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget is pending final Village Board approval on April 15, 2024.

Steve Johnson
Mayor

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

- Ensure 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.



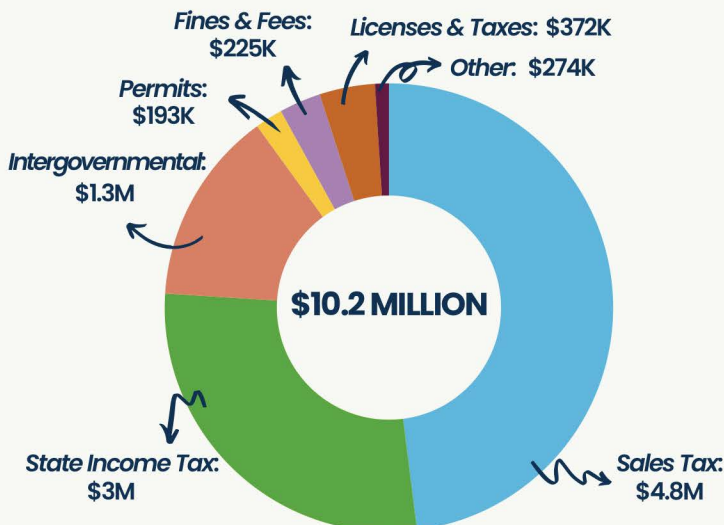
- Provide a **safe** and **supportive** work environment for employees.



Did you know?

The Village **does not** collect a property tax!

REVENUE ESTIMATES



Sales Tax A 8.75% tax is collected on all sales of tangible property and forwarded to the State, which remits 1% to the Village

State Income Tax The State levies an income tax which is then redistributed to local governments on a per capita basis

Intergovernmental Miscellaneous tax distributions including: video gaming, cannabis use, and road/bridge taxes

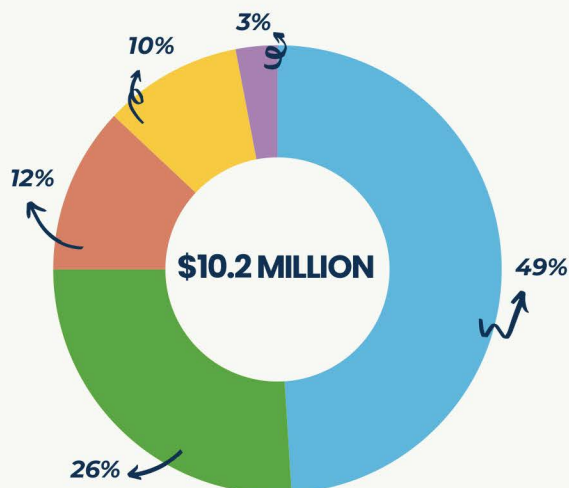
Licenses & Taxes Liquor license and tobacco license fees, cable franchise fees, and other miscellaneous taxes and fees

Fines & Fees Circuit court, parking, zoning, and impound fees

Permits Building permit and plan review fees

Other Investment income, grants, and other miscellaneous revenue and reimbursements

EXPENDITURES



- PUBLIC SAFETY
- PUBLIC WORKS
- ADMINISTRATION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- EXECUTIVE

A BALANCED BUDGET



The proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 ensures a structurally sound and sustainable financial future for our community, with recurring revenues fully covering ongoing expenditures.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Thank you for taking time to learn more about the Village's fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. More information about the Village's financial position, including the full budget document and annual financial reporting, is available on the Village's Finance Division webpage at machesneypark.org/budget or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone!



Solicitor Permit Requirements

NO PERMIT? NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION IS ALLOWED

In Machesney Park, anyone looking to solicit for the sale of goods, services, monetary donations, or contributions must secure a permit. If a permit is granted, commercial solicitors are given a Village permit badge, which they must display at all times during their activities. Non-commercial and charitable groups, while exempt from needing a permit, must still adhere to the Village's Do Not Knock Registry guidelines. To report a violation please call the non-emergency police line at (815) 282-2600.

The Do Not Knock Registry prohibits solicitation at registered addresses. If you would like your address to appear on the Do Not Knock Registry, please complete the Registry Application on the Village's website at machesneypark.org/donotknock. Your registration will become effective on the first day of the month following receipt of your application.

NO SOLICITATION



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Building Safety Month

BUILDING SAFE COMMUNITIES

At the heart of building safety are building codes, which are sets of regulations that govern the design, construction, alteration, and maintenance of structures. These codes ensure that buildings are safe, healthy, and accessible for all occupants and are resilient enough to withstand natural disasters.

Building codes cover a wide range of considerations, including structural integrity, fire prevention, energy efficiency, and environmental impact. They not only aim to protect the lives and safety of individuals but also contribute to the economic well-being of communities by reducing the costs associated with disasters and by ensuring sustainable development practices.

Municipalities, like the Village, play a crucial role in the enforcement of building codes. Through our planning and building departments, local governments are responsible for reviewing building plans, issuing permits, and conducting inspections to ensure compliance with the applicable codes. This local oversight is essential for adapting national and international codes to the specific needs and risks of the local community, such as flood zones.



Local Business Spotlight

QUEST7, INC.

Located at 9853 N Alpine Road, Quest7, Inc. is a manufacturer and distributor in the corrugated box industry. The company was established in 2003 in an effort to provide both supplies and service support to the industry and has since expanded its product offerings to include converting and corrugator knives.

By embracing a culture of innovation in manufacturing processes and diversity among its team members, Quest7 continues to achieve their goal to "Seek Perfection" from their manufacturing facility here in Machesney Park. More information about Quest7 can be found online at quest7.us.



The owners of Quest7, Inc. also operate the Quest7 Retail Shipping Center, located just across the street at 9853 N Alpine Road. The center offers a full suite of business products and services including: pack and ship service and copy, print and document services. More information about the center can be found online at quest7rsc.us.



Does Your Summer Project Require a Permit?

It is important to remember that even minor outdoor improvements may require a building permit. Make sure you've obtained a permit before adding or improving any **driveways, decks, sheds, pools, or fences** on your property. Contact our Building Division at (815) 877-6072 or visit machesneypark.org/permits to learn more about which home improvements require a permit.



CODE ENFORCEMENT



Animal Control

REGULATIONS OVERVIEW

The Village partners with Winnebago County Animal Services to provide and enforce regulations governing the ownership and management of dogs, cats, and other animals within our community. In Machesney Park, each household is limited to a maximum of **three dogs**. Dogs must also not be off the premises of their owner without direct control, such as by a leash. Dogs found violating this rule may be impounded by Animal Services.

PET REGISTRATION

Registering your pets through Animal Services is required by law and a great way to keep them safe and healthy. Here are a few of the reasons pet licensing and registration are important.

It keeps your pet healthy. A pet registration ensures that your cat or dog has been to the vet and is up to date on its rabies vaccinations.

It helps reunite you with your pet in the event it gets lost.

A current registration provides the information needed to help find or reunite you with your lost pet.

It's the law. A current Winnebago County registration tag and rabies vaccination is required by law for all cats and dogs and is an important part of responsible pet ownership. Having an unregistered pet could result in fines.

LOST & FOUND PETS

If you think you've found a stray cat or dog that has lost its way back home, or have lost your cat or dog, call Animal Services at (815) 319-4100 to report it. If you are unable to hold a stray pet you can bring them to Animal Services at 4517 N Main Street. If you are unable to bring them to the shelter, call Animal Services and they will arrange for an Animal Control Officer to pick up the stray cat or dog.

More tips and resources are available on Animal Service's website at winnebagoanimals.org/lost-and-found-pets/



Property Maintenance

LONG GRASS & WEEDS

It is the responsibility of every property owner and/or tenant to maintain the growth of grasses and weeds throughout their property. At no time should the grass/weed height be greater than seven inches. Once a property is cited, it must be corrected in seven days. If after seven days, the violation is not corrected, the Village will hire a contractor to have the property mowed and lien the property. The process from initial complaint until a property is mowed by the Village could take as long as 14 days. Please contact our Code Enforcement Division as soon as you notice a property in violation so that property can be inspected in a timely manner.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Residents are encouraged to refrain from discharging or disposing of grass clippings or any foreign materials into the roadway or storm drains. These materials can clog storm drains and cause safety hazards for motor vehicles. Discharging or dumping of any material into the roadway is a violation of Village ordinance and may be subject to fines.



GARBAGE STORAGE

At all times 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. Cans and totes should be stored in a garage or on the side of your property. Garbage collection is on Friday therefore cans and totes should not be placed on the curb any earlier than Thursday evening and should be returned no later than Saturday morning.



PUBLIC WORKS



Spring Service Reminders

YARD WASTE COLLECTION & LEAF BURNING

Yard waste can be disposed of as part of your regular weekly garbage pick-up starting in April. Yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags or in containers marked with an "X".



Leaf burning is also permitted during the months of **April & November**. During this time period, residents may burn sticks, woods, leaves, and other yard waste. Burning of garbage or any other items is prohibited.



COMED TREE TRIMMING

DID YOU KNOW? Trees and other vegetation cause about 21% of all electric service interruptions. As a result, ComEd performs routine tree and vegetation maintenance on regular cycles to ensure reliable electric service.

You may notice tree trimming occurring in your neighborhood this spring and summer. ComEd's vegetation management crews are trained in proper arboricultural pruning techniques and take into account the species, growth rate and location of the tree in relation to the overhead wires, as well as the health of the tree, site conditions, and regulatory requirements before beginning any trimming project.

For more information, visit comed.com/trees or call 1-800-334-7661.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNERS AT...

North Park Public Water District



Safe Drinking Water Starts at the Source

Protecting these sources from pollution and contamination is the smart thing to do because it helps the environment where we live and actually **helps save money too!** The cleaner the source water, the less energy and fewer treatments are needed to treat the water before it gets to you.

Protecting Drinking Water Sources Starts with **YOU!**

Everything that happens on the ground eventually makes its way to our waterways - animal waste, fertilizer, trash, oil, yard clippings, and more. Here are some ways you can help protect our drinking water sources:



For additional information, visit:
[northparkwater.org/
source-water-protection](https://northparkwater.org/source-water-protection)

ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE



2024 Road Projects

BURDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Burden Road will be completely reconstructed to a curb and gutter standard road. The project is slated to begin in May and conclude in October. Access to businesses will remain open during construction.

NORTH PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

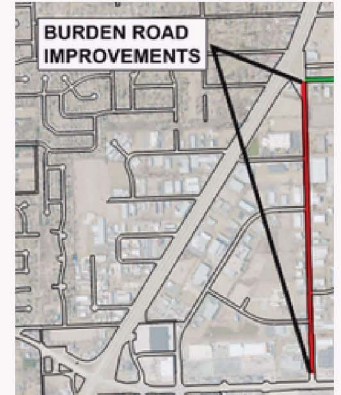
North Park Road, between Victory Lane and Waterview Road, will undergo a full reconstruction. The project includes widening of the road to help improve drop-off and pick-up at Marquette School. Construction will be completed over the summer months while school is out of session.

IL 251 MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The Village and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are working together on a joint project to improve IL 251. This year, the Village will reconstruct the medians between Harlem and Roosevelt Road, and make certain sidewalk ramp improvements. IDOT is then slated to resurface the road in 2025.

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Between 4-5 miles of streets will undergo resurfacing this summer. Residents who live on an affected street will receive a letter before construction begins.



Safety Reminder

Please slow down and pay attention when driving in construction zones.



Stormwater Management

OUR COMMITMENT TO CLEAN STORMWATER

Stormwater management involves collecting and managing rainwater or melted snow that runs off streets, lawns, and other sites. Its primary goal is to reduce flooding, erosion, and pollution in our waterways. On the other hand, drinking water management focuses on treating and distributing water that is safe for consumption. In Machesney Park, stormwater is managed by the Village and drinking water is managed by North Park Public Water District.



Soil erosion and sedimentation significantly impact waterway pollution and can clog our waterways. To prevent this, we require an erosion and sediment control permit for any project disturbing more than 1,000 square feet of soil. This permit ensures that an erosion control plan is both approved before commencement and maintained throughout any construction project. To learn more about the Village's Stormwater Management operations and for erosion and sediment control tips and permit information, visit machesneypark.org/storm_water.



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New Public Safety Services Now Available at Village Hall

Residents now have broader access to an array of Sheriff's Department services in Machesney Park, thanks to the introduction of a new police liaison. The liaison can assist with filing police reports, requesting deputy assistance, and more. They are conveniently located at the new 'Public Safety' window inside Village Hall.

Coyote Sightings

As spring and summer approach there may be some unwanted visitors that are spotted within the Village. Please note, coyotes are common across Illinois and are not considered a human safety risk.

TIPS FOR KEEPING COYOTES AWAY



- Keep garbage properly contained
- Dispose of fruit that has fallen from trees
- Do not leave small pets outside unattended
- Do not feed wild animals or keep pet food outdoors

CAN THE VILLAGE GET RID OF COYOTES?

Removing coyotes may not be practical or economical because they are wild, nomadic animals. If some coyotes are removed, others will move in. The Village has a Coyote Management Plan in place with the goal of increasing resident knowledge and understanding of coyote behavior. To report a coyote incident, please complete our online form at machesneypark.org/coyotes, or call (815) 877-5432.

Village of Machesney Park Elected Officials



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MAYOR



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TREASURER



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Jodi Stromberg
TRUSTEE | DISTRICT 2



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TRUSTEE | DISTRICT 3



Aaron Wilson
TRUSTEE | DISTRICT 4



Terri Bailey
TRUSTEE | DISTRICT 5



Julie Boggie
TRUSTEE | DISTRICT 6

machesneypark.org/villageofficials

National Night Out Tuesday, August 6 at 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | 1 Huskie Circle

Mark your calendars for an evening full of fun and community at Harlem High School! National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

