

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Greetings, Matteson Residents!

Hopefully, you've been able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends at one of the Village of Matteson's community events, retailers, or restaurants. The Village of Matteson offers much to see and do, and I encourage you to explore your Village over the new year.

2022 will be remembered as a successful and transformative year for the Village of Matteson. Driving down Central Avenue, we recently opened the South Suburban Humane Society, Central Park Trucking, and welcomed the development of the 4Front Cultivation site. We also welcomed Matteson Nutrition, located in Marketplace Plaza, and an excellent new restaurant, Fogon Contemporanean Kitchen, which offers Mexican fusion cuisine. In addition, Midwest Express Clinic, offering urgent care at affordable costs, and Harbor Freight as our latest store openings.

It is evident that we have much to be grateful for here in the Village of Matteson. Our Village continues to attract investments, grow in businesses, and gain popularity. We look forward to continuing our popular annual community events, including our grand summer concert. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all the happiest and healthiest new year. The Village of Matteson's future remains bright, and I want to thank you for the honor of serving as your Village President.

Sincerely, Sheila Chalmers-Currin Sheila Chalmers-Currin Village of Matteson President

2022 EVENTS AT A GLANCE





8:00 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Center Hours

Monday – Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm 8:00 am - 4:00 pm 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Board of Trustees

Robbie Craig Paula Farr Juanita Hardin Carolyn Palmer Andre Satchell Village Clerk Yumeka Brown

SAVE THE DATE

Now Open

Daddy Daughter Date Night 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Mother Son Dance March 24th

Easter Egg Dash April 15th | 11 am

HOLIDAY HOURS PRESIDENT'S DAY:

MCC: Building: 6 am - 9 pm Office: CLOSED









ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DEPARTMENT

HOME RULE REFERENDUM PASSED BY MATTESON RESIDENTS

The Village of Matteson ends the year 2022 with great success and begins 2023 with the expectation of even greater success! On June 13, 2022, residents of the Village of Matteson passed a referendum to make the Village of Matteson a Home Rule community. In the Village's third attempt since 2003 to pass the Home Rule referendum, theresidents voted in favor of the referendum by a 54 to 46 percent margin. The magnitude of this victory was immediately felt, and the Village of Matteson opened a new chapter in its history. In 2023, the Village President, Board of Trustees, and Village Administrative staff have started planning to ensure that this recent victory is advantageous to the nearly 20,000 residents and over 300 businesses in the community.

The first step after passing the Home Rule referendum was for the Village Board of Trustees to pass several ordinances that were pledged to residents by resolutions prior to the election in June of 2022. In keeping with the Village's pledge, the ordinances listed below were all passed by the Village Board of Trustees at the August 15, 2022, Board meeting:



- Ordinance No. 4523 A property tax levy freeze of the Municipal portion of the taxes for 5 years.
- Ordinance No. 4524 The elimination of annual vehicle sticker fees, starting in the year 2023.
- Ordinance No. 4526 A guarantee that no proposition will be submitted to create a real estate transfer tax on the sale and purchase of a residential real estate in the Village of Matteson.

The Administrative staff and the Village's attorneys continue to work on an ordinance that will establish an effective Crime-Free Housing Plan that will combat chronic nuisance properties in the Village. This ordinance will be presented in the spring of 2023 at a Board of Trustees meeting.

The success of Home Rule has allowed the Village of Matteson to eliminate the Business District Tax and Eat-in Tax on individual shopping and dining within the Village. The elimination of the other taxes will leverage the taxes on goods purchased in Matteson and a decrease in sales taxes to individuals dining in the Village of Matteson. The ordinance to eliminate the Business District Tax and Eat-In taxes was passed at the September 26, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting.

The passage of Home Rule will minimize some of the budget restraints that the Village has felt for over a decade and will allow the Village to be more competitive with neighboring communities that have Home Rule. This will also allow the Village to begin to plan and strategize how to effectively use any new funds generated as a result of the Home Rule referendum. The Village will now have access to revenue generated from the Hotel/Motel Fund. These funds will assist in the stabilization of our reserves and provide funding for future capital projects like streets, sidewalks, and water infrastructure.

We are excited about all the possibilities that Home Rule will provide to residents and businesses. We are also confident that by being a Home Rule community, the Village can better meet the needs of our residents going forward!

IN MEMORIAM 2022







FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE

Once again, the Village of Matteson has been awarded the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program and is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

2022 GRAND OPENINGS MATTESON ON THE MOVE

- South Suburban Humane Society: 21800 Central Avenue Largest Animal Rescue Shelter in the Southland, this unique architecturally designed shelter has the capacity to house 60 dogs and 75 cats and features an expansive outdoor area, complete with a pond, a "catio" (enclosed outdoor patio for cats), outdoor exercise/relief area for dogs, an education center, and a veterinary clinic.
- Rugs & Furniture: 5001 Lincoln Hwy Relocated, reinvested, renovated, and expanded the former Toys R Us store, in the Town center Shopping Center to provide more inventory to shop and select.











- Cricket Wireless: 4061 211th St. Relocated and reinvested the business to the Matteson Plaza.
- Matteson Nutrition: 4318 211th St. A premier wellness center that offers vitamin and supplements, mega teas, protein shakes, hydro bombs, energy teas, and specializes in protein smoothies. Located in Marketplace Plaza
- Fogon Contemporanean Kitchen: 4601 Lincoln Hwy, Unit B -A quality family restaurant that specializes in traditional Mexican dishes with a fusion twist. Famous for outstanding Mexican food and service, providing guests with a dining experience they will never forget.





- Central Park Properties: 5501 Adams St. A 63K sq. ft. truck terminal logistic center. Home to a truck driving school, truck repairs, and truck sales.
- Midwest Express Clinic: 402 Town Center Rd. An Urgent Care Clinic staffed by healthcare professionals offering years of experience and providing high-quality, comprehensive non-emergency care at affordable costs.
- Mustacchi Manor: 5050 Southwick Dr. A 16-unit apartment building designed to increase the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities by providing barrier-free, accessible living, and person-centered services that encourage independent living.



Harbor Freight: 20909 S. Cicero Ave. -A discount hardware store that is located in the former Century Tile location.



- Lightways Hospice: 6301 Lincoln Hwy Alexi Senior Living & Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care have partnered to develop a 14-bed facility. The facility will provide exceptional care to hospice patients who are unable to comfortably manage their pain or symptoms at home. Slated to open in the first quarter of 2023.
- Matteson 57 Industrial Project: a 758,000 sq. ft. industrial building will be developed on 53 acres off Cicero Ave (located behind Menards). Tenants will operate the building as a traditional bulk distribution warehouse.
- 4 Front Ventures: Largest Recreational Cannabis Cultivation Center in Illinois calls Matteson home.

- Captain D's, Jet's Pizza, & Smoothie King: 4605 Lincoln Hwy - The former Sears Auto Repair shop will be redeveloped into a multi-tenant strip center with double drive-throughs.
- Fairways Golf: (Liberty Plaza) A five-bay golf simulator and training facility geared towards improving a golfer's skills through the utilization of technology. The Fairway Indoor Golf Center will provide golfers of every level with the ability to improve their game by measuring a golfer's swing. The year-round indoor facility will cater to dedicated scratch golfers and outdoor golfers who cease golfing during seasonal changes in the weather.

SUPPORTING & APPRECIATING BUSINESSES IN 2022

DAY OF HIRING:



Enhancing the Workforce with a Day of Hiring Event

BUSINESS BREAKFAST:



Annual Business
Appreciation Breakfast

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY:



SHOP LOCAL, (Supporting our Businesses)

ON THE HORIZON

Market Square Crossing (formerly known as Lincoln Mall) will be a 60-acre mixed-use development project slated for residential, entertainment, sports, retail, open space for gatherings, and walking trails. A golf facility and family entertainment will also be included in this new development.



COMMUNITY BANNER PROGRAM

To enhance the community's streetscape, the Village will be launching a brand-new series of decorative streetscape banners featuring Matteson's brand-new logo design and slogan "A Home for Business. A Heart for Family" in partnership with CGI Communications. As part of the initiative, the Village has created an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to be featured as project sponsors.

BRANDING MATTESON

Village of Matteson is proud to announce the launch of Matteson's new logo. Our Village has grown and evolved over the years. The logo was refreshed with the input of residents that reflects a more modern look and captures our mission to deliver excellent quality of life and service. Matteson continues to focus on the needs and desires of those we serve, which reflects our tagline "A Home for Business, A Heart for Family".



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT STRENGTHENING OUR TEAM

Village of Matteson family continues to grow to better serve the growing community and provide a stimulating environment for employees to learn, grow, and make a difference. The Human Resources Department is reinvigorating the workforce by adding key talent at all levels. A total of 29 new employees were hired in 2022, adding to a staff of 200 + (full-time and part-time) employees.

Human Resources also provides development for the existing team by continuing to invest in retaining the best and the brightest talent that empowers people and positions the Village for continued success moving forward. Visit our website for new career opportunities at www.villageofmatteson.org.

In 2022, we added new staff to the administrative leadership team. Three well-respected industry leaders with deep experience have joined the Matteson family. N. Keith Chambers as the new Deputy Village Administrator, assisting in the development and administration of public policy. Gladys Foster, Executive Administrative Assistant will work closely with the Village Administrator and LaTonya Menzies filled the role of Deputy Village Clerk & FOIA Clerk.







GLADYS FOSTER



LATONYA MENZIES

NOW HIRING ENTRY-LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS & LATERAL TRANSFERS

Village of Matteson is now accepting applications for Entry Level Police Officers (no law enforcement experience required) and Lateral Transfers (experienced police officers) for the Matteson Police Department (MPD). Please visit the Village website (www.villageofmatteson.org) for additional information.

Matteson Police Department (MPD) serves the community with a staff of forty-three (43) sworn officers and sixteen (16) civilian employees.

POLICE (MPD) & FIRE (MFD) DEPARTMENTS

COMMITMENT & DEDICATION – JOB WELL DONE





During the past year, several members of the police department achieved a monumental milestone by completing their careers and reaching retirement. Deputy Police Chief Paul Jordan retired after 30 years of service while Sergeant Thomas Johnson retired after nearly 43 years of service. Both officers served their communities with pride, professionalism, and dedication. On behalf of the Village of Matteson, we wish Deputy Chief Paul Jordan and Sergeant Thomas Johnson the best in their next chapter of life.



Community Police Liaison Mia Carter retired after 20-plus years of selfless, dedicated service to the community, including all of the south suburbs. Although Ms. Carter retired as a full-time member of the police department's team, she has agreed to continue to provide her wisdom, compassion, and expertise on a part-time basis.

COMMITTED TO SERVING AND PROTECTING

While retirements mark the final chapters of some officers' careers, they opened opportunities in other officers' careers. Congratulations to newly appointed Deputy Chief Jeremy Sims and the promotion of Officers Justin Ramel, and Blair Brnicky to Sergeants.

COMMITTED TO KEEPING MATTESON SAFE

Matteson and Richton Park Police Departments partnered once again to host a successful Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The CPA held eight courses over two months that allowed citizens to gain insight on what it means to be a police officer by having officers instructing them on general police operations, traffic stops, criminal law and procedure, range, and firearms training, conducting criminal investigations, and mental health resiliency. This course not only provided insight into the profession but also created a powerful bond between the two police

departments and their communities. Graduates of the (CPA) were then invited to continuetheir training through the (CPA) Alumni Association where they will continue to broaden their experience through coursework and a ride-along.



PROVIDING SAFETY FROM ABOVE

Matteson Police Department (MPD) will be utilizing US Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs/Drones) to utilize during law enforcement-related activities. These (UAVs/Drones) will be utilized in event planning and monitoring, emergency, and natural disaster responses, performing ground searches, accident reconstruction, situational awareness, and critical operations support.

MPD EARNS ACCREDITATION

Matteson Police Department (MPD) is proud to say that the agency's policies are the gold standard for police agencies across the country as they earned their accreditation status this past fall. Accreditation is an ongoing process wherein the police department must maintain compliance on an annual basis to ensure continued professionalism, accountability, and transparency. To date, there are only approximately 40 agencies accredited through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

BADGE OF HONOR – FUNDRAISING FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS IL

Matteson Police Department (MPD) continues to be a valuable ally to the Special Olympics Community by conducting a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, including the Polar Plunge, Dunkin Cop on Top, 5-0 Race event, Torch Run, Light Up the Night Bike Ride, and the Culvers Butter Burges and Badges celebrity waiter event. To date, the Matteson Police Department has raised \$32,000 for Special Olympics Illinois.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (MFD) FIREFIGHTER FAREWELL

A long-term Matteson Fire Department (MFD)
Firefighter/Paramedic celebrated his last days as a
Firefighter in December 2022. Firefighter/Paramedic
Gregg Abbott served on the Matteson Fire Department
for 25 years. Thank you for your bravery and the service
you provided to our community.

NEW FIRE & RESCUE VEHICLES



Matteson Fire Department (MFD) received two new specialty response vehicles in 2022. A 2021 Ford F-450 will be used for Matteson Combined Agency Rescue Team (C.A.R.T). This specific vehicle will be used for specialized technical rescue incidents and rescue training.

MFD also received a Polaris Ranger UTV equipped with a Fire Pump, 70-gallon water tank, 3-gallon foam tank, hose reel, EMT equipment, and a stokes basket (used to transport patients who need to be secured on a backboard). With this vehicle, MFD can improve response times and get to hard-to-reach areas without compromising mission effectiveness.

FIRE & RECREATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

In 2022, MFD had a successful year with the public education division. Dedicated to providing fire safety information to all Matteson residents, the Matteson Fire Department's Public Education Division visited local schools during fire prevention month, provided station tours, and showcased fire apparatuses. Fire Safety Education is a key component in reducing the number of preventable fires and unfortunate deaths that occur from such events. Knowing what to do in the event of a fire is important and these fire safety tips will give you essential information to take the necessary steps to stay safe.







FIRE & SCIENCE TRAINING ACADEMY

Village of Matteson will be partnering with Prairie State College on a new state-of-the-art Fire & Science Training Facility. Prairie State College approved a 5.8-million-dollar project cost to develop the training facility at the former Prairie State College on Southwick Drive. Hundreds of potential firefighters throughout the state will train at the facility.

TRAINING FOR LIFE EMERGENCIES

Last year, MFD hosted several agency trainings with other communities. A live fire training was conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI). This training involved incident command, fire suppression, search and rescue, ventilation, fire behavior, water supply, and pump operation. MFD also hosted, in partnership with Park Forest Fire Department, an Extrication and Entrapment Training. This training was held at Coy's Auto Rebuilders in Matteson, where they provided vehicles. The Extrication and Entrapment Training was hosted over three days to get hands-on training with the extrication equipment and experience different types of vehicle crash scenarios. The importance of these trainings was to help enhance local department communication and provide firefighters with experience in working together with multiple fire departments and preparing for real-life rescue experiences.









PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES

A new program that hit the ground running in 2022 is Project Fire Buddies. The Matteson Fire Department (MFD) joined Project Fire Buddies last year, where firefighters support and give back to children fighting critical illnesses. Project Fire Buddies has partnered with multiple Village Fire Departments and each department is responsible for its community. Currently, MFD is looking for its first Fire Buddy. For more information visit https://www.projectfirebuddies.org/.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PARK REVITALIZATION

Matteson Recreational Services Department was awarded a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Office to fund new park equipment for Allemong, Governors Trail, Memorial, Oakwood, and Woodgate Parks. Completion of the project is projected to be finalized in late Spring of 2023.

ASPIRING HEALTHY MEMBERS



Matteson Recreational Services
Department has boosted senior
membership by 75% with the
re-introduction and marketing of
the Silver Sneakers Class.

In partnership with the Family Christian Health Center in hosting a variety of health screenings, seminars, testing, and wellness checks. Recreational Services aspired to make Matteson Community Center members healthy, both mentally and physically by providing and adding new classes to the weekly group fitness schedule.

INTRODUCING NEW PROGRAMS

This year the Matteson Community Center has broadened its lineup of programs by introducing a Wrestling Thunder Club, Majorette, Baton Twirling, and Cheer Program, Ivy Hue Dance Company Dance Classes, Stepping Class, and the Audio Engineering & Music Production Program. For more information on upcoming events and new programs visit www.mattesoncommunitycenter.com.

COMING SOON IN 2023 – ONLINE PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

CommunityPass will enable individuals and families to register online for memberships, programs, and events quickly, easily, and securely. Stay tuned for an announcement!

BOOK YOUR NEXT FAMILY REUNION

Village of Matteson Park Permit application will be available for Matteson residents starting Saturday, January 21st. Park Pavilion Permit Lottery will be held at the Matteson Community Center starting at 9:00 am for residents only. This lottery allows residents to book family reunions, and picnics on a first-come first served basis. Applicants must be 18 years or older to obtain a picnic permit and provide a valid driver's license with a photo or State ID upon applying for the permit. Non-residents may obtain permits beginning the next business day.

MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR SUSTAINABILITY:

- Awarded the Cook County Grant for Preservation Bike Path Reconstruction from US Route 30 to Old Plank Trail (construction planned for Spring 2023)
- Village of Matteson and Richton Park collaborated in a joint venture to widen and connect the biking/walking path on Cicero Avenue from the Old Plank Road connections (at North Gateway Dr) to run South on Cicero, and over the railroad tracks to Richton Park's biking and walking trail
- Code Enforcement Officers were added to cover the Village to enhance property maintenance compliance
- Residential Property Maintenance Guide is now available online at www.villageofmatteson.org or at the Village Hall
- Updated Complete Streets Map for residential neighborhoods, available online at www.villageofmatteson.org
- Two major thoroughfares were restriped for safety,
 Main Street from Lincoln Hwy to 218th Street, and Village
 Commons from Central Avenue to Matteson Avenue
- Several aprons and sidewalk squares were removed and replaced to even the surface, to prevent trips and falls
- French-style storm drain systems were installed in the Brookmere Subdivision to reduce flooding
- Over 287 trees were trimmed or removed throughout various neighborhoods
- Improved infrastructure with over 36 water main breaks repaired and replaced inoperable water main valves
- Total of 250 fire hydrants were sandblasted and repainted along all major thoroughfares throughout the Village; this will assist the Fire Department in better-identifying hydrants in case of emergency
- Village Hall and Police Department parking lots were repayed, resurfaced, and restriped

FUTURE PROJECTS

- US Route 30 (Lincoln Hwy) and IL Route 50 (Cicero Avenue) Intersection Improvements (anticipated construction - Summer 2023)
- Median removal and replacement along US Route 30 from Matteson Avenue to Harlem Avenue (anticipated construction - Summer 2023)
- 207th Street Strategic Transportation Program (STP) Resurfacing & Culvert Replacement over Butterfield Creek (anticipated construction – Spring 2023)
- High-pressured sodium streetlight heads will be replaced throughout the Village with energy-efficient LED lights, for a brighter and better view of our roads





PAVING NEW ROADS

Based on the Pavement Condition Map which reflects the severity of roads, the following streets will be completed in 2023. (Reference the complete Pavement Condition Map on the Village's website www.villageofmatteson.org under Community Development Engineering Division page).

- Holden Park Subdivision
- Cedar Park Subdivision
- Lincoln Terrance Subdivision (various streets)
- Village Commons
- Green Street
- Matteson Avenue

Other eroded streets throughout the Village will be included in the 2023 paving project. The existing brick pavers will be removed from both sides of Dewitt Drive to Cicero Avenue (anticipated construction for Spring/Summer 2023).

SNOW REMOVAL FACTS & POINTERS

Did you know that the Public Works Department salts and clears snow for approximately 72 miles throughout town? Here are a few points and reminders to keep handy for when the region is anticipating the arrival of a snow or ice storm. While the Village is responsible for plowing most local roadways, our jurisdiction does not include the plowing and salting of four main thoroughfares that stretch throughout the corridor. Cook County is responsible for Ridgeland Ave and Vollmer Road and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), maintains Lincoln Highway (Rte. 30), Governor's Highway, and Cicero Ave. Visit www.villageofmatteson.org for more safety tips.



- In the event of a snow or ice storm, please be diligent and watchful of Village's plow trucks.
- During a snowstorm, plow trucks will first work to keep main thoroughfares open and will additionally make two passes on side streets. During the storm, large plow trucks will only make one pass in cul-de-sacs and round outs. Once the storm has passed, trucks will work to clean all remaining snow from cul-de-sacs and round outs, as well as curb to curb (to ensure mail deliveries). This means it may take several passes at different times to completely open the roadway.
- Please understand that snowplows must push snow from the center of the roadway towards the parkway (curb). This is also the location of the homeowner's driveway. Although residents often request that drivers avoid pushing snow into their driveways, it is inevitable that snow will come off the side of the plow and into this area. Drivers will additionally need to make multiple passes in each direction to clear the roadway of snow. Trying to direct the plow away from each driveway as it passes is not manageable and would result in snow left in the street.



- Please be mindful of the "No Parking After 3-Inches of Snowfall" street signs.
- Empty trash containers should be removed from the curb as soon as possible to avoid contact with snowplows, as well as to allow an efficient path for the driver to remove snow along the block.
- Remember, shoveled snow should not be pushed back into the streets. This can cause ice patches to form that could put motorists at risk.
- In some instances, snow will be plowed to the center of a cul-de-sac or round out, dependent upon the volume of snowfall.
- When shoveling the end of the driveway, place snow away from the edge of the street, and to the right (when facing the direction of the street), which will help avoid additional snow being pushed back onto the property. When snow is on the other side of the driveway, there is more snow for the plow to catch and spread.

Winters in the midwest can be extreme, this is especially the case when large accumulations of snow are present. As crews work to clear roadways, we sincerely appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding. Stay warm and safe!



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