



MATTESON AVENUE NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 23



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Residents,

We have many wonderful things happening here in the Village of Matteson. Staff continues to be very busy with goal-related projects in addition to day-to-day operations bringing many services to residents and businesses of the Village. The Board and I are always so proud of the great work of the Village staff.

We are happy to announce that our Summer Youth Employment program will return this year, offering employment opportunities for Matteson residents who are registered students with a minimum age requirement of 16 years of age. The program will run from June 5th – July 14th and will pay \$13 an hour.

Please join us as we jump-start the summer with our annual Concert at the Hall, featuring acts that include our local favorite Delivery Point Band, R&B recording artist Jon B and Grammy Award-Winning artist Melanie Fiona. We will also host National Night Out and conclude the summer with Taste of Matteson. These events will be an excellent opportunity to gather as a community.

We are always looking to expand community opportunities; we hope these festivities will add joy to your summer months. I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events we have planned in the Village of Matteson.

Sincerely,
Sheila Chalmers-Currin
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Village of Matteson President



Village Hall Hours:
Monday – Friday:
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday:
8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Matteson Community Center Building Hours:
Monday – Friday:
6:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday:
8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday:
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday:
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday:
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Board of Elected Officials

	Trustee Robbie Craig
	Trustee Paula Farr
	Trustee Juanita Hardin
	Trustee Carolyn Palmer
	Trustee Andre Satchell
	Trustee Adam Shorter
	Clerk Yumeka Brown

FUTURE REMAINS ON AN UPWARD TRAJECTORY

The Village of Matteson celebrates a high-grade credit rating reported by S&P Global Ratings in February. Matteson received an astonishing AA-/Stable for improving its economic profile, evidenced by numerous economic development initiatives and the opening of a massive Amazon warehouse distribution facility.

Matteson has significantly improved budgetary flexibility during the past three audited fiscal years with available general fund reserves increasing to 22.2% of expenditures. Matteson's Home Rule status also plays a role in increasing revenue streams and the elimination of restricted funds. Matteson continues to maintain a positive operation while improving the available fund balance. Matteson's plan to sustain very strong liquidity during the next fiscal year creates a thriving community well-positioned for the future.

EXCUSE OUR WORK AS WE PREPARE FOR PROGRESS

Paving the Way - Capital Infrastructure Improvement

During the Spring and Summer construction season, various road improvement projects will be scheduled around town to improve the roadways and sidewalks. These projects are a part of the complete Streetscape Plan. Each year, the Village will continue to improve the roadways and sidewalks according to this plan. A list of upcoming projects for 2023-2024 is provided below.

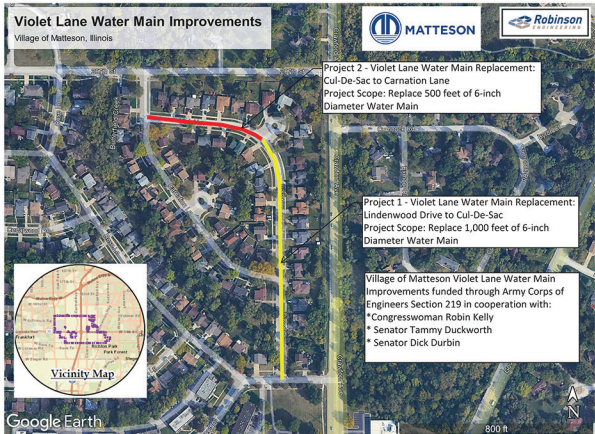
- US Route 30 (Lincoln Hwy & Cicero Ave)
- Preservation Path Bike Connection
- 207th Street Culvert Replacement
- Sidewalk Improvement Connections
- Roadway Resurfacing Improvements



Water Flowing Illinois Congresswoman & Senators support funding

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Section 219 in cooperation with **Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Senator Tammy Duckworth, and Senator Dick Durbin** have funded the Village of Matteson's Violet Lane Water Main Improvement Project. This project will replace approximately 1,500 ft. of 6-in diameter water main on Violet Lane from Lindenwood Drive to Carnation Lane.

For more details visit www.villageofmatteson.org



SAVE THE DATE

Concert at the Hall
June 30th @ 5:30 pm
Village Hall

National Night Out
August 1st @ 6:00 pm
Village Hall

Senior Luncheon
August 23rd @ 12:00 pm
Matteson Community Center

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SPRING INTO ACTION: YOUR MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

With Spring and Summer in the air, the Village of Matteson would like to remind residents of top property maintenance tips for homeowners. Please assist us in beautifying our community. **Note:** Street sweepers will be out throughout the season. Please be mindful of NO parking signs placed on roadways prior to the arrival of the sweeper.

- **Landscaping:** Grass must be kept cut below 6 inches and no presence of weeds. Landscapes including trees, shrubs, plants, and beds must be kept well-maintained. **Reminder:** Yard Waste season began the first week of April and will run through the first full week of December. Please place yard waste in a brown paper bag or a yard waste cart. Yard Waste Carts can be rented or purchased directly from Waste Management at 1-800-964-8988.
- **Planning to Dig:** Avoid damaging underground utility lines on your next project. Call JULIE at 811 or visit www.JULIEbeforeyoudig.com before you dig.
- **Trash Storage & Pick-Up:** All trash, recycling, and yard containers must be stored at the rear of the house out of public view. Trash cans may not be placed at the curb earlier than 12 pm the day before collection and must be removed within 12 hours of service.
- **Exterior Property Maintenance:** Take a walk around your property and make a visual inspection. Exterior paint must be well-maintained without chipping, siding intact, window and door hardware must be in good repair and weather-tight, and sidewalks and driveways kept clean and in good condition.
- **Street Numbers:** Street addresses must be displayed and affixed to the house or attached to the garage for easy observance and readability to the public.
- **Vehicles:** All vehicles must be parked on an approved surface; vehicles are not allowed to be parked on the grass.
- **Lighting:** Assist us with keeping the Village well-lit. Report any observed streetlight outages to the Public Works Department at 708-748-1411.
- **Toilet Running or Sewer Backup:** If you detect a running toilet or leak contact the Water Department at 708-283-4790 to schedule an appointment with a water technician or if you have a sanitary sewer backup in your home contact the Public Works Department at 708-283-1411 or SouthCom after hours at 708-748-1564 to check on main sewer lines.

For more information on property maintenance and tips visit www.villageofmatteson.org

SPRING CLEANING - GARAGE/YARD SALE APPROACH

As summer approaches, along with flowers, garage sale signs will be sprouting up around the area. Residents should be aware of the steps before starting spring cleaning this year. The Village of Matteson requires residents to obtain a permit to hold a garage/yard sale. Garage/Yard sale shall not extend over more than three (3) consecutive days and must be conducted between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

Residents wanting to host a garage/yard sale are asked to give the Village a minimum of two (2) days' notice so that everything can be processed. Garage/Yard sale shall not be held more than two (2) times in a calendar year at the same location. No fees are required for permits but permits must be displayed when a sale is in progress. Signs advertising or giving directions shall not be used or allowed except where the sale is being held.



For more information on Garage Sale Ordinances/Garage Sale permits, visit www.villageofmatteson.org.

PARTNERING TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE

S.M.I.L.E. Say hello, Make eye contact, Interact with respect, Listen to the customer & Express thanks. The Village of Matteson Economic Development Commission is proud to launch the SMILE Customer Service Program on May 1, 2023. The program will acknowledge Village businesses and/or their employees that have provided excellent customer service. Matteson Elected Officials and Commissioners will award Matteson employees who provide outstanding customer service with a SMILE ticket. Every month, the names of those employees will be raffled off for great prizes, and the business awarded with the most SMILE tickets will receive a SMILE Award Plaque at Matteson's annual Business Breakfast. The purpose of this program is to create a business community that is well-known for providing excellent customer service in all establishments.

For more information on this program visit www.villageofmatteson.org.

MATTESON FOCUSES ON GROWING SMALL BUSINESSES

The Village of Matteson and T.R.I.B.E. Insight, a not-for-profit organization, are partnering to create an Ecosystem Accelerator program for small businesses. This program will enhance a network of resource partners to accelerate small business goal attainment and scale-up. Many of these resources are not always known to entrepreneurs. The Village of Matteson initiative is supported through the National League of Cities' City Inclusive Entrepreneurship program to help communities identify and organize resources to better support entrepreneurship.

MCC LAUNCHES ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

The Matteson Community Center has launched Community Pass, which is a comprehensive cloud-based recreation management software program that provides state-of-the-art program registration, memberships, and facility software to help streamline operations and the registration process. The launch is rolling out into three phases. The first phase is focused on membership, the second phase will move toward programs including but not limited to youth, adult, and athletic programs. Finally, the third phase will focus on parks and room rentals.

Please check out Community Pass today by visiting www.register.capturepoint.com/VillageofMatteson.

KEEPING RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES SAFE

The Matteson Police Department is constantly striving to keep our residents safe through the use of technology. As we continue to navigate the tech area, the police department focuses on utilizing the tools that have proven to be reliable in community safety, investigative techniques, evidence documentation, and criminal court case preparation. The two newest pieces of tech that the police department has utilized to achieve these goals effectively and efficiently are automated license plate readers, through Flock Safety and UAV drones.

- **Flock Safety:** is a nationwide network of automated license plate reader cameras; the goal of Flock Safety is to "eliminate crime". The Village of Matteson has entered into an agreement and has installed 15 cameras at key locations within the Village. A few local businesses have also purchased cameras that will be on the MPD's network. Flock ALPR System database relates to stolen cars, stolen license plates, wanted subjects, missing persons, Amber alerts, and more.
- **UAV Drones:** Recently, the police department purchased two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, using federal asset forfeiture funds. Currently, the department has two certified Federal Aviation Administration certified UAV operators. Drones are an invaluable tool that can be used to quickly search areas that are dangerous or difficult to access. The police department's Drone Program should be functional within the next month or so and will be utilized in the following ways:
Disaster Response,
Traffic Collision
Reconstruction, Crime
Scene Analysis, and Investigations involving criminal incident response.



For more information visit
www.villageofmatteson.org.

PROVIDING BETTER QUALITY VEHICLES TO SERVE RESIDENTS

The Matteson Fire Department just received a new 2022 Ford F550 ambulance that will be stationed at Fire Station 2, located at 1015 Central Ave. The new ambulance replaces a 2017 Ford F550 that responded to over 2,900 calls for service in 2022.



It will be staffed by two Paramedics 24 hours a day. The current ambulance will be refurbished and used as a reserve ambulance, in case one of the front-line ambulances is out of commission and will also be utilized for community events.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- **4 Front Ventures:** Largest recreational Cannabis Cultivation Center in Illinois.
- **Captain D's, Jet's Pizza & Smoothie King:** The former Sears Auto Repair shop will be redeveloped into a multi-tenant strip center with a double drive-thru.
- **Fairways Golf Center:** The Fairway Golf Center will provide golfers of every level with the ability to improve their game. The year-round indoor facility will provide a five-bay golf simulator and training facility geared towards improving a golfer's skill through the utilization of technology.
- **Lightways Hospice:** A 14-bed facility that will provide exceptional care to hospice patients who are unable to comfortably manage their pain or symptoms at home. Schedule to open by Fall 2023. .
- **Matteson 57:** A 758,000 sq. ft. industrial building will be developed on 53 acres off Cicero Ave (located behind Menards). The building will operate as a traditional distribution warehouse.