

The Legend

A Quarterly Newsletter
for Village Residents

Spring 2024



*Easter Egg Hunt
March 30th
Sabatino Park*

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President's Message

Stephan K. Pickett
Village President

It is now 2024, which means that a big anniversary year for the Village has come to a close. The 65/50 festivities included some new events that were so well received that they will be held again this year and hopefully become additional annual events that bring our community together. Beyond the celebrations of 2023, several noteworthy items occurred. Three new trustees were sworn in, improvements to Sabatino Park began, water meters got swapped out, and Locust was repaved at last to the delight of many.

2023 was also a year of community involvement. Residents of Saddle Club Estates organized the subdivision's first block party in over a decade. The Safer Together Sleepy Hollow Advocacy Group has gained new members and another group with a goal of fundraising to help ensure fireworks remain a part of Sleepy Hollow's Independence Day celebration was founded. When neighbors band together for a common purpose, a lot can be accomplished.

Remember, this is a small village with limited revenues. These resident-formed groups do not receive direct funding from the Village much like the Service Club.

As I look back at all the accomplishments of 2023, I can only imagine what the rest of 2024 will bring. See you in the Hollow and at the gala event on April 27th at Moretti's Restaurant in Elgin.

Stay Safe. Stay Well. Peace.



Connect with the Village

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Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm

Email: sleepyhollow@sleepyhollowil.org

Website: www.sleepyhollowil.org

Meetings: Regular meetings of the Village Board are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm. Residents are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak at a board meeting, you must sign in prior to the start of that meeting. The Planning and Zoning commission meets on an as needed basis. Anyone interested in volunteering for this commission should contact President Pickett. All meetings are now livestreamed from Village Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KYLE

Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works, recently celebrated his 10th Anniversary with the Village of Sleepy Hollow. Over the last 10 years, Kyle has served in various part-and-full time roles within the public works department. He is always prepared for snow, water main breaks, and everything else his department contends with. Kyle grew up in Sleepy Hollow and is very familiar with the unique nature of our village. He takes great pride in being the Director of Public Works. Congratulations!



SPRING SHREDDING EVENT

The free Village-sponsored shredding event will take place on Saturday, May 18th from 8 to 11am (or when truck is full) in the Village Hall parking lot. Please remove hanging folders, binder clips, spirals, and other large metal pieces (staples and small clips are okay).

VILLAGE SURVEY TO BE ISSUED

The Village Board will be including a survey in the envelope with the upcoming vehicle sticker and pet tag mailing. This survey will encompass questions about village services, infrastructure, regional issues, etc. Responses will be analyzed to determine how the Village can better meet the needs of residents as well as what residents would like to see from the village. The last time a village-wide survey was issued was over fifteen years ago. The Village has changed a lot since then, with many questions on the previous survey now irrelevant. It is crucial that responses be honest as survey results will aid in future planning and allocation of Village resources. Completed surveys can be dropped off at Village Hall or be mailed. The Village thanks you for your cooperation and willingness to complete the survey.



VEHICLE STICKER AND PET TAG REMINDER

It's that time again. Notices for vehicle sticker and pet tag purchases will be hitting mailboxes soon. The Village of Sleepy Hollow requires all vehicles registered to a Sleepy Hollow address (including leased vehicles) to display, on a yearly basis, a windshield vehicle sticker, motorcycle tag or trailer tag (Ord Title 5, Chapter 2, Section 2). Stickers are due and must be displayed on vehicles by April 30th. Senior Citizens (65 or older) are eligible for 10% discount, maximum 2 vehicles. Active Military Personnel are eligible for 10% discount. Please reach out to Village Hall if you do not receive your sticker application in the mail. Late fees are applied starting on May 1st, by an additional \$5.00 per month for every month up to September 1st. Beginning September 1st, Ordinance Violation citations will be issued. A valid sticker/tag must be purchased within 30 days of moving into the village or when buying or transferring from/to a new vehicle. Likewise, The Village of Sleepy Hollow requires all Dogs and Cats to be registered and have a Village of Sleepy Hollow tag on the animal's collar (Ord Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 8). An additional \$5.00 late fee will be applied for animal tags purchased after April 30th.



Cars/SUVs	\$40
Motorcycles	\$35
Trucks	\$55
Boats/Trailers	\$20
Pet Tag	\$15





From the Police Department

Samuel J. Parma Jr., Chief of Police

Sleepy Hollow Police Dept.

(847) 426-4425



SPRING SAFETY

Spring is coming and it signals the beginning of something new. Our village's Easter egg hunt will occur, flowers will burst on the scene and new life will be all around us. One thing that is not new and fresh is the information we get from various social media outlets. If any resident has questions about matters pertaining to the police department, traffic safety or crime, please reach out to me and let's talk. Getting your information from posts on social media can be fraught with problems. As Bill Nye says, "The information you get from social media is not a substitute for academic discipline at all." Facts are a wonderful tool to find solutions.

Traffic Safety

Traffic concerns, in particular speeding vehicles, are by far the number one issue raised by residents during my many conversations. In formulating our approach as a department, we used officer observations, traffic crash data, and data gathered from our speed counter to determine where and when to assign our very limited resources. We will continue to work with you, our partners, to develop a comprehensive traffic safety plan with the end goal of making our roads safer for residents.

Once Mother Nature has stopped throwing snowballs at us, we will work with our outstanding staff in public works, to install our speed hump on Locust Drive. We anticipate that happening in spring. Also, we will be looking at purchasing and installing additional traffic calming devices throughout our sleepy hamlet! Stay tuned for more details as the funding picture becomes clearer.



Final Thoughts

With the temperatures warming, some of our thoughts will go to our warm weather toys like boats, RV's, and personally watercraft. Please remember to fill out the registration form on our website so that we have all the information we need about these types of vehicles being stored in our town. The form only takes a few minutes to fill out and best of all, it's FREE!

GROOT PRICING INCREASE

You may have noticed a slight increase to your waste and recycling bill as the new year began. Pursuant to the current agreement between the Village of Sleepy Hollow and Groot Industries for single-family solid waste collections, the previous unlimited curb collection rate of \$22.25 per month has increased to \$23.36 per month effective January 1, 2024.



PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT

A Pinewood derby event will be held on March 23rd at 5:30PM at the West Dundee VFW Hall. There will be food, beverages, and bar beverages available for purchase. \$25 per car entry, and if you're not personally racing, there is a \$10 admission fee. All proceeds go to the Sleepy Hollow Service Club towards the 4th of July Fireworks! Entries can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/pinewood2024> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



SPRING CLEANING RECYCLING INFORMATION

Batteries: Lithium-ion batteries and devices can cause fires if disposed of improperly. Do not put any lithium-ion battery into your trash or recycling. These batteries and devices must be brought directly to a recycling drop off. Alkaline batteries, however, can legally be disposed of with household trash. It is recommended to toss alkaline batteries as you use them as opposed to throwing a whole bunch away at once.

Green Guide: Kane County Recycles has published a new Green Guide for 2024. The 2024 Green Guide is available for viewing on the county website. Copies will soon be made available at Village Hall and you may receive a mailed version by calling the county.

West Dundee Recycling Center: Remember that West Dundee hosts a free recycling drop off for electronics, textiles, and more. The recycling center is open from 7am to 3pm Monday through Friday. As you begin spring cleaning at your residence, please do not throw away items that could be donated or recycled. Please be aware that the West Dundee Recycling Center is strictly a recycling center. In other words, usable/working items are not sorted for donation or reuse—all items are recycled. If you wish to donate working or usable items, please bring them to a charity, thrift, or other secondhand store. Acceptable electronic items at the West Dundee recycling center include:

Adapters	Blenders/Mixers	Blu-Ray Players	Cable Boxes	Cameras	Tablets
Phones (cell/landline)	Light Strings	Circuit Boards	Peripherals	Computers	Cords, Cables
Converter Boxes	E-Readers	Fax Machines	Hard Drives	Hot Plates	Mainframes
Microwaves	Modems	Food Processors	MP3 Players	Printers/Scanners	Projectors
Stereos/Speakers	Remotes	Toaster Ovens	Servers	CD/DVD Players	Vacuums
Video Game Systems	Receivers	Coffee Makers	Televisions*	Monitors*	Smart Watches

*Recycling Fee Applies



Textiles accepted for recycling include clothing, bedding, linens, fabric scraps, curtains/draperies, scarves, and ties. Wallets, handbags, tote bags, footwear, and hats are also accepted. All textile items are accepted in any condition provided they are clean and dry. Bleach stains and paint damage are okay. Missing buttons and holes are okay. Those shirts your teenage boy rips to shreds to show off are okay. One mismatched sock is okay. You get the idea.

Non acceptable textiles include rugs/carpeting, tapestries, window blinds, upholstered furniture, stuffed animals, and pillows—as well as anything wet, moldy, harboring bedbugs, or items soiled from grease, solvents, or oil.

Recycling Extravaganza: The county will once again host a Recycling Extravaganza in St. Charles on July 20th. This event will accept all items accepted at the West Dundee recycling center as well as bicycles, foam, paint, and more. Full information will be made available closer to the event date.

Spring Cleaning: As you clean your homes and purge unnecessary items, remember that reuse and donation comes before recycling. Be conscientious of what you throw away. The village-wide garage sale in early summer is a great opportunity to make some money off of items you wish to part with while keeping items out of landfills.



From the Fire Department



Richard Thomas, Fire Chief
Brian Rohrbacher, Public Education Coordinator
Rutland Dundee Fire Protection District
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Time to Change the Clocks

Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday in March. We “lose” an hour when the clocks are set forward (except in Hawaii and most of Arizona), and for many, that means a tired couple of days as our bodies adjust. The consequences of fatigue can be serious, so plan accordingly.

***Daylight Saving Time, which in 2024 begins Sunday, March 10, means it's also a good time to review your spring safety checklist.



Smoke Alarms - Three out of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a “chirping” sound, replace the battery immediately.

Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them, and interconnect them, if possible. Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

New Employees - The District is excited to welcome four new part-time employees and one Fulltime employee to our Department!

Firefighter/EMT – Audriana Escobar

Firefighter/EMT – Jake Knoble

Firefighter/EMT – Mark Ganziano

Firefighter/EMT – Evan Smith

Firefighter/Medic – Dave Strossner

Stay Tuned – Our department will be hosting its first Open House since 2010! Keep an eye out for details coming this summer. Stay in touch with us by visiting our web page or following the Union Facebook page. (Rutland-Dundee Professional Firefighter Union Local 4682)



2023 TONNAGE REPORT

The following table shows the amount of curbside refuse, recycling, and yard waste collected by Groot Industries within the Village of Sleepy Hollow for the 2023 calendar year. Refuse is taken to the Winnebago Landfill in Rockford, recycling brought to a sorting facility in Plainfield, and yard waste composted in Bristol.

	2023 Tons Collected by Month		
	Refuse	Recyclables	Yard Waste
January-23	91.48	25.55	0.27
February-23	84.48	19.00	0.00
March-23	109.98	25.55	7.19
April-23	87.69	20.06	29.87
May-23	92.88	23.36	51.11
June-23	107.59	28.06	48.39
July-23	74.24	22.76	40.23
August-23	88.67	23.91	20.75
September-23	130.09	29.07	44.80
October-23	97.62	38.03	34.00
November-23	104.00	31.68	110.84
December-23	102.63	39.46	0.00
Totals	1,171.35	326.49	387.45
Monthly Average	97.61	27.21	32.29
Weekly Average	22.53	6.28	7.45

2024 Easter Egg Hunt

Presented by the Sleepy Hollow Service Club

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

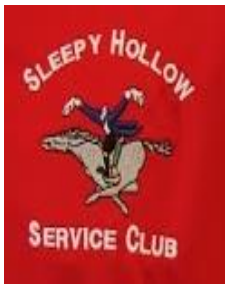
- Photo opportunities
- Meet the Easter Bunny
- Candy

March 30

12 Noon

Sabatino Park

See You There



From the Service Club

Sleepy Hollow Service Club
P.O. Box 43
Sleepy Hollow, IL 60118
Shsc-il.org



WELCOME TO THE START OF A NEW YEAR

Welcome to the start of a new year for the Service Club. Our 2024 Co-Presidents are Scott Swanson and Hans Meng. Please visit our webpage for a complete list of 2024 officers and committee chairs.

For 2024, one of our goals is to focus on reinvigorating a couple of events in the Village as well as promote new fundraising efforts by the **Save The Fireworks Committee**. Last year's Monster Dash was a great start and plans are underway to make it an annual event. Photos are available on the Club's gallery webpage. Additional fundraising events include an **Adult Pinewood Derby Race** on March 23 at the West Dundee VFW Hall and a Sleepy Hollow Gala on April 27 at Moretti's, across from Saddle Club Estates.



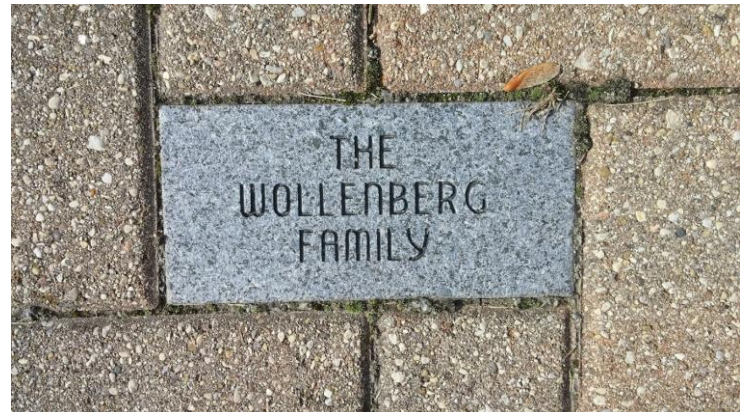
The 2024 schedule is available at www.shsc-il.org. All events are listed on the calendar along with links for more information.

- Adult Pinewood Derby - March 23
- Easter Egg Hunt - March 30
- Sleepy Hollow Gala - April 27
- Independence Day Festivities - July 4
- July 4 Fireworks - July 5
- Halloween in the Hollow - October 26
- Holiday in the Hollow - TBD

Sleepy Hollow Fundraising

Sabatino Park Flagpole Bricks

The Sabatino Park Flagpole was dedicated July 4, 1999. The Flagpole is surrounded by bricks, including engraved granite bricks that have been purchased by residents over the last 25 years. You can purchase a granite brick for \$150 and the Club will have it engraved with your personal inscription and place it around the flagpole. These bricks will last for generations and the net proceeds go towards Sabatino Park improvements. The brick order form can be found [here](#).



Street Sign Auction – The Club will be auctioning off customized versions of the old street signs. More details to follow.

Sleepy Hollow Swag – We will be selling Sleepy Hollow branded clothing and mugs, beginning with the Easter Egg Hunt in March and should have them available at events throughout the year. Get them while supplies last.



Fireworks Update

We think everyone will agree that last year's show was less than satisfying and while there were a few highlights, the show did not meet anyone's expectations. We have engaged a new vendor and are committed to making the 2024 show as good or better than previous year's shows. Fireworks will be on July 5, with a rain date of July 6.

Become a Member

The next two Club meetings will be March 5 and April 2 at 7:30 pm at Diamond Jim's Gas Grill in East Dundee. All are welcome to come join or just check us out. As a reminder, *any* head of household residing in Sleepy Hollow is eligible to become a member. Non-residents are also welcome to join as associate members. If you want to see the Club in action before coming to a meeting, check out the Easter Egg Hunt that is just around the corner. The event is scheduled for noon on March 30, 2024 at Sabatino Park. For more information about joining the Club or just helping out, email info@shsc-il.org.

Visit our webpages at www.shsc-il.org to find out about past and future events, volunteering, joining, sponsoring, or contacting the Club. See you in the Hollow.



SLEEPY HOLLOW HEADLESS HORSEMAN ANNUAL GALA:

Come One, Come All and join us for our first annual Sleepy Hollow Headless Horseman Gala. This is a benefit to raise funds for the fireworks as well as other Sleepy Hollow community activities around the Village. The gala will be held at Moretti's in Elgin, in their upstairs banquet facility on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Please note that this venue has a capacity of 200 consisting of 20 tables seating 10 each. If you would like to get your group together now, please do so and purchase a table for \$1,000.

There will be a cash bar opening at 6:00 p.m., followed by a dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. The entertainment this year will be provided by The Tony Ocean Show (www.tonyoceanmusic.com), from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person, of which the majority will directly fund community activities. It also includes five (5) raffle tickets per person, with the option to purchase additional raffle tickets at the event to bid on a wide variety of gifts and gift baskets. There will also be a Silent Auction with some exciting auction items.

If you would like to donate auction items, please contact Kelly Thomas at (847) 287-9883.

Remember Sleepy Hollow Residents, this is a time to get together and celebrate life in Sleepy Hollow and support Service Club activities.

You can find more information and purchase tickets at bit.ly/shgala2024 or by scanning the QR Code on page 11.



From the Building Safety and Zoning Dept.

Barbara J. Dettmer, Code Official

International Codes Consultants and Inspections, Inc.
(630) 816-8455

As mentioned in the last newsletter, any electric vehicles should not be using the “plug in” cord received with the vehicle for daily charging. The proper electrical charging apparatus requires special circuitry and potentially, depending on the service to your home, an upgrade in amperage from ComEd. And, yes, a permit is required.

Time to replace your smoke detectors? Illinois law, effective in 2023, requires Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery. This applies to residents who are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired. Replacing your smoke detectors does NOT require a building permit.

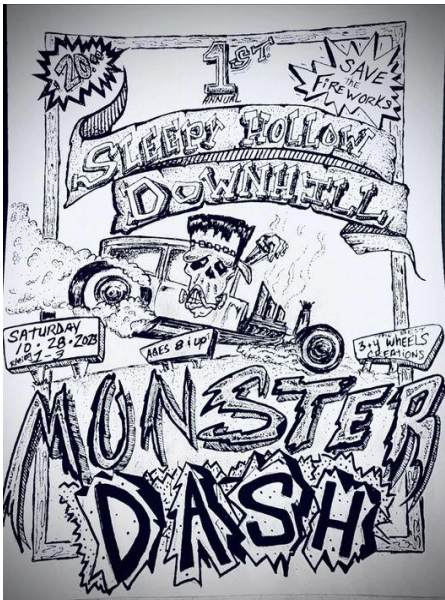
Looking forward to summer? You may want to make some changes to your outdoor living spaces to enhance your outdoor enjoyment. Any “pergola” or other type of cover—including “sails”—for your patio or deck requires a permit, as do firepits, outdoor kitchens and fireplaces, and swimming pools with water depth of 24” or more. Window, exterior door, roof, siding, water heater, and air conditioner/furnace replacements also require permits.

It's always recommended to get at least three (3) quotes for work prior to selecting a contractor. Roofers and plumbers must have current Illinois state-issued licenses to perform work in the Village.



If you have any questions, please call Code Official Barbara Dettmer, Village of Sleepy Hollow, Department of Building Safety and Zoning. Her cell phone number is 630-816-8455.

YOUNG RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED



Three of Sleepy Hollow's young residents were recently recognized for their community service. Jenavieve Grefsheim, Dylan Cobb, and Ben Ansurat helped to organize the Monster Dash fundraiser during last year's Halloween in the Hollow festivities. As part of their recognition, they were granted the opportunity to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a school board meeting where they received their awards.

For those that don't know, the Monster Dash was a downhill race that took place on October 8th for those ages 8 and older riding tricycles, big wheels, and the like. Proceeds from this event went towards fireworks. This is just one new event that as mentioned throughout this newsletter is poised to become an annual tradition in the village given its high turnout and overall fun factor.

This event is also representative of an example where young residents can get involved with supporting the village and expressing new ideas.

SERVICE CLUB QR CODES

These QR codes will direct you to a link to purchase Headless Horseman Annual Gala tickets or Commemorative Bricks. Use the Gala QR code to learn more about the upcoming Service Club event in April at Moretti's. Seating is limited, so purchase early to guarantee your spot.



ELGIN LEAD ANNOUNCEMENT

There have been recent news reports of lead affecting certain residences in the City of Elgin. While the Village of Sleepy Hollow purchases our water supply from Elgin, this issue does **NOT** affect our Village. The City of Elgin provides clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to Sleepy Hollow. Lead is **NOT** present in Elgin's treated drinking water that it supplies to the Village. Some homes and buildings in the City of Elgin, however, have water service lines, solder, and fixtures made of lead. Elgin recently found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings in Elgin. Elgin takes samples every six months as part of its routine water quality sampling. The Village of Sleepy Hollow does **NOT** have **any** lead service lines. Therefore, this issue does **NOT** affect the Village of Sleepy Hollow. For more information on the issue in the City of Elgin, a public notice is available on the Village's website.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

Interested in advertising your business in The Legend? Limited advertising space for the remainder of 2024 is available. Email theshlegend@gmail.com for rates.

Discounted rates are available to businesses owned by Sleepy Hollow residents. Please reach out for additional information or to place an advertisement order. Ads are available in 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2 page sizes.

Archived editions of The Legend are hosted online within the Village's website for historical purposes, so the ad you publish now will still be seen years from now.

LOST EMAIL LIST

A recent update of the Village's website resulted in the email list getting lost. As a result, residents who previously opted in to receive news updates, The Legend, etc. will have to sign up again as a new email list must be created. The Village staff apologizes for any inconvenience this has caused.

In addition, the update resulted in some areas of the website losing their order. For example, many of the archives such as meeting minutes had previously been grouped by year or decade. The update eliminated the groupings causing these archives to get jumbled together. Please be patient as we work to reorganize.

TOLCZYK SWORN IN

Andrew Tolczyk was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Nemec as a patrol officer at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 5th at Village Hall.



EDITOR'S NOTE

We hope you have enjoyed receiving this edition of The Legend in printed form delivered to your home. It has been a few years since a spring edition has been printed and delivered as the Village Board opted to only print and mail summer editions. However, due to gracious donation and volunteers, this edition has been printed and hand delivered to each residence. At this time, we are not able to confirm or deny that this practice will be continuing in the future or if this is simply a one-off exception.

We want to thank those volunteers that have delivered this edition and once again hope that you readers appreciate their efforts and enjoy this publication.

Your Editors,

CM Parker and Kathy Eaton



From the Library

Kirstin Finneran, Public Relations Manager
Fox River Valley Public Library

Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

SPRING GREETINGS

One of the surest signs of spring is when our Seed Library opens! Stop by now to pick up free heirloom and open-pollinated seeds to grow at home. You can also donate harvested seeds to replenish inventory. The Seed Library is located at the Dundee Library on the main level.

Readers will be excited to hear that there are two reading challenges this spring. Indigenous Peoples runs from March 1-31, followed by Asian Heritage from April 1-30. Read just one book to complete each challenge and receive a prize.

FRVPLD has partnered with the Kane County Law Library & Self-Help Legal Center to offer "Lawyer in the Library." Volunteer attorneys are available in person for 15-minute meetings to assist with legal coaching, document review, referrals to other services, eFiling court documents, and legal questions. No registration. Spanish interpreters are available for these programs. Offered at the Dundee Library every third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m., starting March 19.

FRVPLD hopes to see everyone at the library this spring and has a program line-up to attract patrons of all ages. New and expectant parents are invited to our first "Welcome Little One Baby Fest" on March 16. Families can putt their way through the Dundee Library Youth Services stacks at "Mini Golf" on April 20. Teens who want to ace their final exams will find study tables, snacks, and beverages set up for them during "Finals Week Study Space" May 20-23 at the Dundee Library. Esteemed members of the ton shall gather for a Bridgerton High Tea on May 18 at the Dundee Library.

We've added more programs for our Randall Oaks Library fans. Eclipse Experiments is for students in Grades K-6 on April 3, tweens can make a Weather Buddie plushie on April 16, and crafty adults can create a Button Tree Painting on April 30 or May 1.

For details and registration about the above programs and many more, visit www.frvpld.info.

As always, keep up to date on the most current services and programs by visiting the library's website at www.frvpld.info, and following us on our social media channels: Facebook, Threads, and Instagram. If you have any questions about your account, friendly staff are waiting to take your call at (847) 428-3661.

VILLAGE MESSAGE BOARD



At the edge of Lake Sharon, across the street from Sabatino Park is the village's message board. The message board essentially serves as an outdoor bulletin board for local news. The message board is overseen by the Service Club. Despite the message board being in the same location for over a decade, it seems that many residents have not been aware of the board's presence or reference the news and information presented on it.

If you have any suggestions for improvements that could be made to the message board reach out to the Service Club. A direct contact form can be found on the village website.

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS: SPRING HILL MALL CLOSES

While not within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village, Spring Hill Mall has a lot of history entwined with the Village and most, if not, all residents have some memories of the mall whether it be watching it get built, shopping there, seeing a movie, or taking kids to see Santa. Per West Dundee, the mall will permanently close in March with the exception of the Cinemark Theater and Kohl's which will remain open.

The five-pointed-star-shaped mall opened in October of 1980 and was developed by a Sears subsidiary, Homart Development Company. Spring Hill spurred much development in its surrounding areas for well over a decade after its completion including here in Sleepy Hollow. Following the closure of Charlestowne Mall in St. Charles, it was the last remaining operational traditional mall in Kane County and the primary shopping destination for area residents.



The Village of West Dundee purchased the vacant Sears and Marshall Field's/Macy's anchor buildings last year with plans of razing them for future redevelopment. West Dundee recently reached an agreement to purchase the mall interior as well as the former Carson Pirie Scott building and will take full ownership shortly after the mall closes in March. Specific plans for the mall's future have not been revealed, however, West Dundee's vision is a mixed-use property. Most if not all of the remaining mall structure will be demolished and replaced with housing, offices, and entertainment spaces connected by sidewalks, trails, and greenspaces.

Once the mall closes to the public, West Dundee will host a meeting to collect public input to help determine the future of the property.



Spring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 4 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**
- 5 Service Club Meeting 7:30 Diamond Jim's
- 10 Daylight Savings Begin
- 18 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**
- 22 Spring Hill Mall Officially Closes
- 23 Pinewood Derby Race 5:30 W Dundee VFW
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 Sabatino Park
- 31 Easter

April

- 1 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**
- 2 Service Club Meeting 7:30 Diamond Jim's
(New Members Night)
- 4 Yard Waste Pickup Resumes
- 15 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**
- 20 Earth Day Cleanup 9:00 am-11:00 am
- 27 Sleepy Hollow Gala 6:00 Moretti's Elgin

May

- 1 Newsletter Contest Entries Due
- 5 Orthodox Easter
- 6 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**
- 7 Service Club Meeting 7:30 Diamond Jim's
- 10 Newsletter Deadline - Summer Issue
- 18 Village Shredding Event 8:00 am – 11:00 am
- 20 Village Board Meeting** **7:30 Village Hall**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

No 556 A resolution establishing the dates of regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of The Village of Sleepy Hollow for the calendar year 2024

2023-12 An ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus personal property (Kyocera Copier)

2023-13 Tax levy ordinance

2023-14 An ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of certain property owned by the Village

2024-1 An ordinance amending Title 7 of the Building Regulations, Chapter 1: Code Section 7-1-8: International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

CORRECTION

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the incorrect January and February board meeting dates listed on the calendar in the Winter 2023 edition. The newsletter was published prior to meeting dates being finalized.

WINTER REAL ESTATE VALUES

The following table shows pricing information of real estate sales in the Village of Sleepy Hollow from December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. Sales table only includes properties listed publicly through Multiple Listing Service; private transactions are not factored into sales tabulations. All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Subdivision Name	# of Sales	Average Sales Price	Median Sales Price
The Bluffs	0	---	---
The Carriage Homes of SH	1	\$225,000	\$225,000
Deer Creek	0	---	---
Saddle Club Estates	0	---	---
Sleepy Hollow Manor	0	---	---
Surrey Ridge	1	\$450,000	\$450,000
Sleepy Hollow as a whole	2	\$337,500	\$337,500

Replacing an original cement walk in Saddle Club Estates? Editor will buy Pulte Master Builder plaque. Contact theshlegend@gmail.com

Winter 2023 Contest: WHERE IN THE HOLLOW

Do you know where in Sleepy Hollow this photo was taken? Maybe not, but that's still okay. You can enter again with a different guess if you discover the correct location after previously entering. We will draw a winner from correct entries received before the deadline. To enter, simply fill out this form and bring to Village Hall or email your answer with your contact information to theshlegend@gmail.com. Entries must be received by May 1st to be considered. Winner will be notified by phone. Good luck!



NAME:

PHONE:

ANSWER:

Congratulations to our Winter contest winner

CINDY McNEILUS

Photo was taken at the corner of Arabian and Pimlico

ODDS AND ENDS

- Tyler Ward was hired on February 5th as a member of the public works department
- Kyle Davis was sworn in as a part-time member of the police department on January 2nd, and became full-time on February 5th
- Jason Palo was sworn in on December 18th as a police officer
- Curbside yard waste collection resumes the first week of April
- A tentative date of June 1st has been set for door-to-door fireworks raffle ticket sales by the Save the Fireworks Committee. The rain date is June 8th
- The Sleepy Hollow condominium association is now having their meetings at Village Hall. Schedule is available on the village website

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