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**TOP WORKPLACES**  
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2023

VOTED 2023 TOP  
**MUNICIPALITY**  
TO WORK FOR IN WILL/GRUNDY COUNTIES

**Village of Channahon**



# Women of the Village



# Women of Channahon PD





# By the Department

## Administration

- ◇ Leticia Anselme (25 years)
- ◇ Jean Chudy (18 years)
- ◇ Jodi Denton (29 years)
- ◇ Melissa Mazintas (4 years)

## Finance

- ◇ Maggie Churchill (17 years)
- ◇ Jennifer Ducksworth (new hire)
- ◇ Susan Mikolic (6 years)
- ◇ Kelly Slusarz (2 years)
- ◇ Heather Wagonblott (10 years)

## Community Development

- ◇ Karen James (5 years)
- ◇ Mary Jane Larson (8 years)
- ◇ Sydney Thompson (5 years)

## Public Works

- ◇ Alexis Gasienica (1 year)
- ◇ Sharon Reiter (9 years)

## Police

- ◇ Jodi Bette (7 years)
- ◇ Michelle Budzinski (1 year)
- ◇ Lizabeth Costa (10 years)
- ◇ Brianna Funk (2 years)
- ◇ Catherine Price (4 years)

# Village Board of Trustees



**Chantal Host**

Public Works & Facility  
Public Safety/Emergency Support



**Patricia Perinar**

Finance/Human Resources  
Public Safety/Emergency Support



**Kristin Hall**

Village Clerk



**Sam Greco**

Finance/Human Resources  
Community & Legislative Affairs



**Scott McMillin**

Community Development  
Natural Resources & Open Spaces



**Mark Scaggs**

Public Works & Facility  
Community & Legislative Affairs



**Scott Slocum**

Community Development  
Natural Resources & Open Spaces

# Village Department Heads



**Heather Wagonblott**

Director of Finance



**Michael Petrick**

Director of Community  
Development &  
Information Systems



**Thomas J. Durkin, AICP**

Village Administrator



**Edward Dolezal**

Director of Public Works



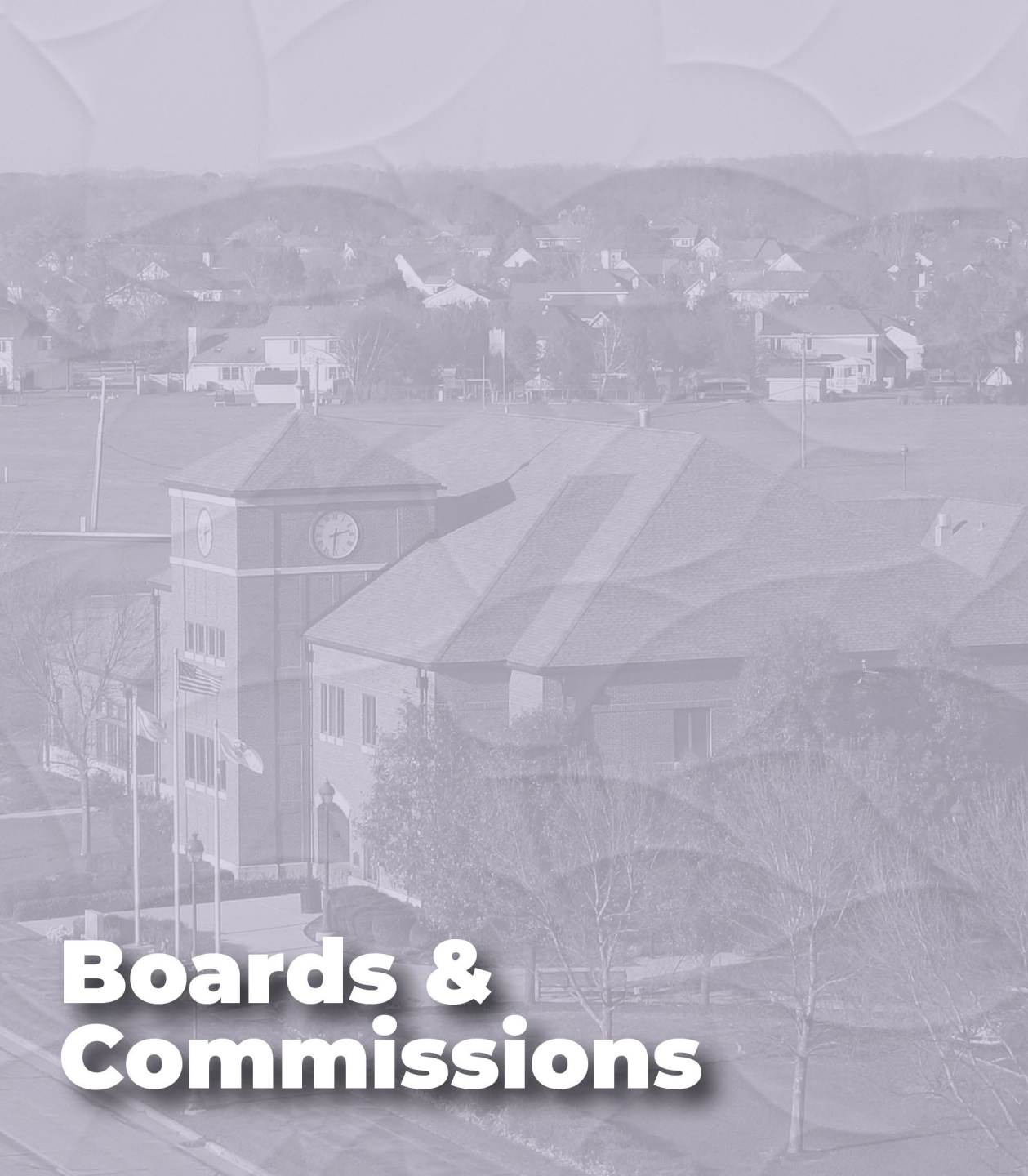
**Adam Bogart**

Chief of Police



**John Grimmenga**

Emergency Management  
Agency Director



**Boards &  
Commissions**

Planning & Zoning  
Commission

Board of Fire & Police  
Commissioners

Tree Board

Arts & Culture  
Commission

# 2023 Swearings In



# New Police Chief





# Finance Department Highlights

**Eighth consecutive year** of increase in property values

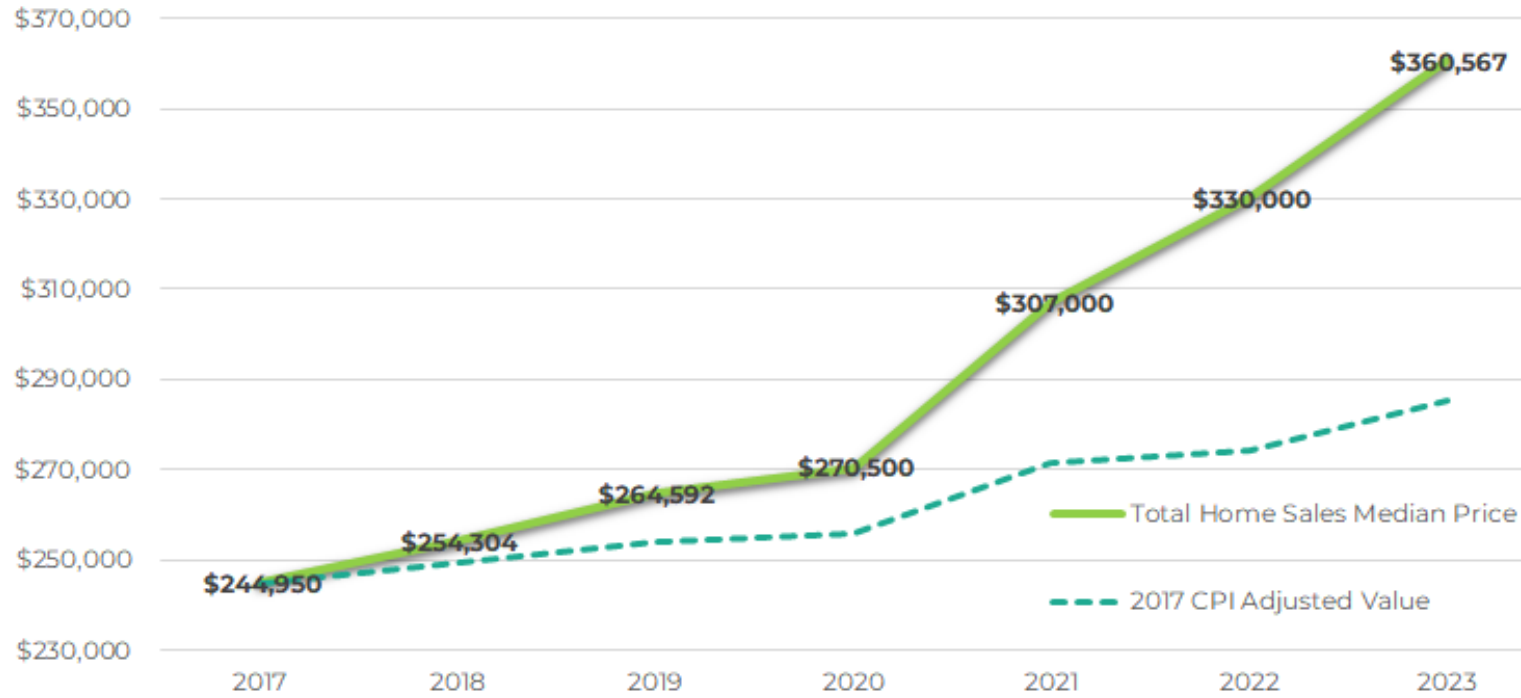
General Fund ended FY 2023 with a **\$6.3M addition** to the fund balance

Property tax values have increased **more than 80%** since 2014 levy year

Moody's rating of Aa2, indicating fiscal responsibility and financial stability

General Fund has been **debt-free** since December 2021

## Median Home Sales Price vs. CPI



The median sales price of a home in the Village of Channahon has **increased 47.2%** overall since 2017.

A grayscale photograph of a community event. In the foreground, a woman in a dark vest is shaking hands with a man in a military uniform. To the right, another man in a dark t-shirt and a baseball cap is talking to a man in a light-colored button-down shirt. The background shows other people, some in military uniforms, and a building with a large archway. The text "Community Engagement" is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, white font.

# Community Engagement



# Community Development Highlights

2023 saw **6.1% more** permits issued than in 2022, amounting to slightly more than the average of the preceding 5 years.

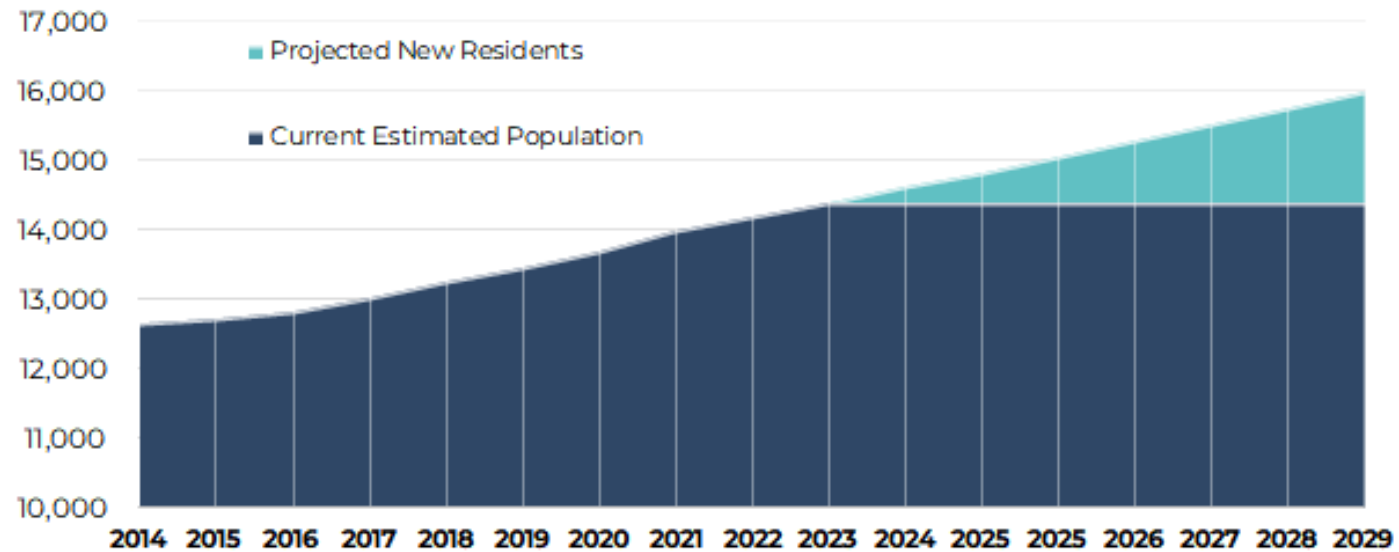
**25.9% of home buyers** in Channahon in 2023 were existing Channahon residents, followed by Joliet (12%), Plainfield (12%) and Minooka (9%).

Five new non-residential construction projects were permitted in 2023, representing **43% of all of the construction value** permitted in 2023.

The estimated population growth rate over the past year is **one of the highest** in the area at 1.5% in 2023.

In 2023, the median sales price of a home in Channahon **increased by 9.3%** to \$360,567. Overall, the median sales price has **increased by 47.2%** since 2017.

## Village of Channahon Estimated Population & Projections 2014 - 2029



The current population estimate of Channahon at the end of 2023 is **14,399** people.

2023  
Arbor Day



# 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony





**2023  
Annual Pink  
Heals Walk**





**2023**  
**Art in the Park**



2023  
Potato  
Festival



2023  
Channaholidays



2023

# Channaholidays





**2024 Amos  
Moose Hayes  
Citizen of  
the Year**

# 2024 Citizen of the Year Dianna Martin

- ◇ Moved to Channahon in 1976
- ◇ Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant for 31 years
  - ◇ Uses proceeds to donate to Pink Heals Walk, Channahon Music Boosters, and other charities/individuals
- ◇ Volunteers in community via baking, organizing meals, gift baskets, and more



# 2024 Citizen of the Year





**2023**  
**Draw with**  
**the Law**



# Community Engagement Initiatives

- ◇ Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk
- ◇ Memorial Day Ceremony
- ◇ National Night Out
- ◇ Coffee with a Cop
- ◇ Draw with the Law
- ◇ Three Rivers Fest Special Needs Day
- ◇ Channahon Potato Fest
- ◇ Rotary Kindergarten Fingerprinting
- ◇ Safety Event at Galloway School
- ◇ Family Reading Night at Galloway School
- ◇ Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Events
- ◇ MCHS Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony





# Charitable Efforts

- ◇ American Red Cross Blood Donations throughout the year
- ◇ Polar Plunge Team for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- ◇ Volunteered at the annual Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk
- ◇ Participated in several Pink Heals home visits
- ◇ Hole Sponsorship at the 2023 Whitey Miller Classic in support of The 100 Club of Will County and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- ◇ Participated in the Heroes & Helpers Shop with a Cop Event



# Emergency Management Agency

## Types of Responses

- ◇ Traffic control for Police and Fire Departments
- ◇ Traffic control for special community events

## Current Response Equipment

- ◇ 4 response vehicles
- ◇ 2 emergency light towers
- ◇ 1 trailer with small response equipment
- ◇ Various safety equipment



# Emergency Management Agency Highlights

## 2023:

- ◇ 15 trainings
- ◇ 6 emergency responses
- ◇ 12 local event responses/assistance
- ◇ 19 volunteers

## 2024 (thru February):

- ◇ 1 training
- ◇ 5 emergency responses
- ◇ 1 local event responses/assistance
- ◇ 20 volunteers

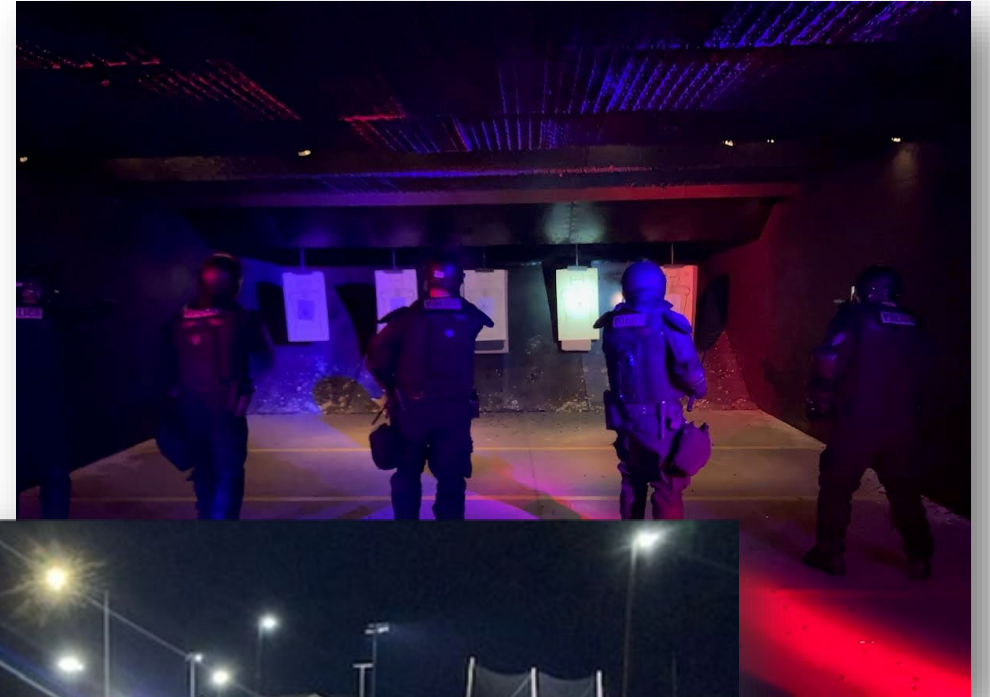


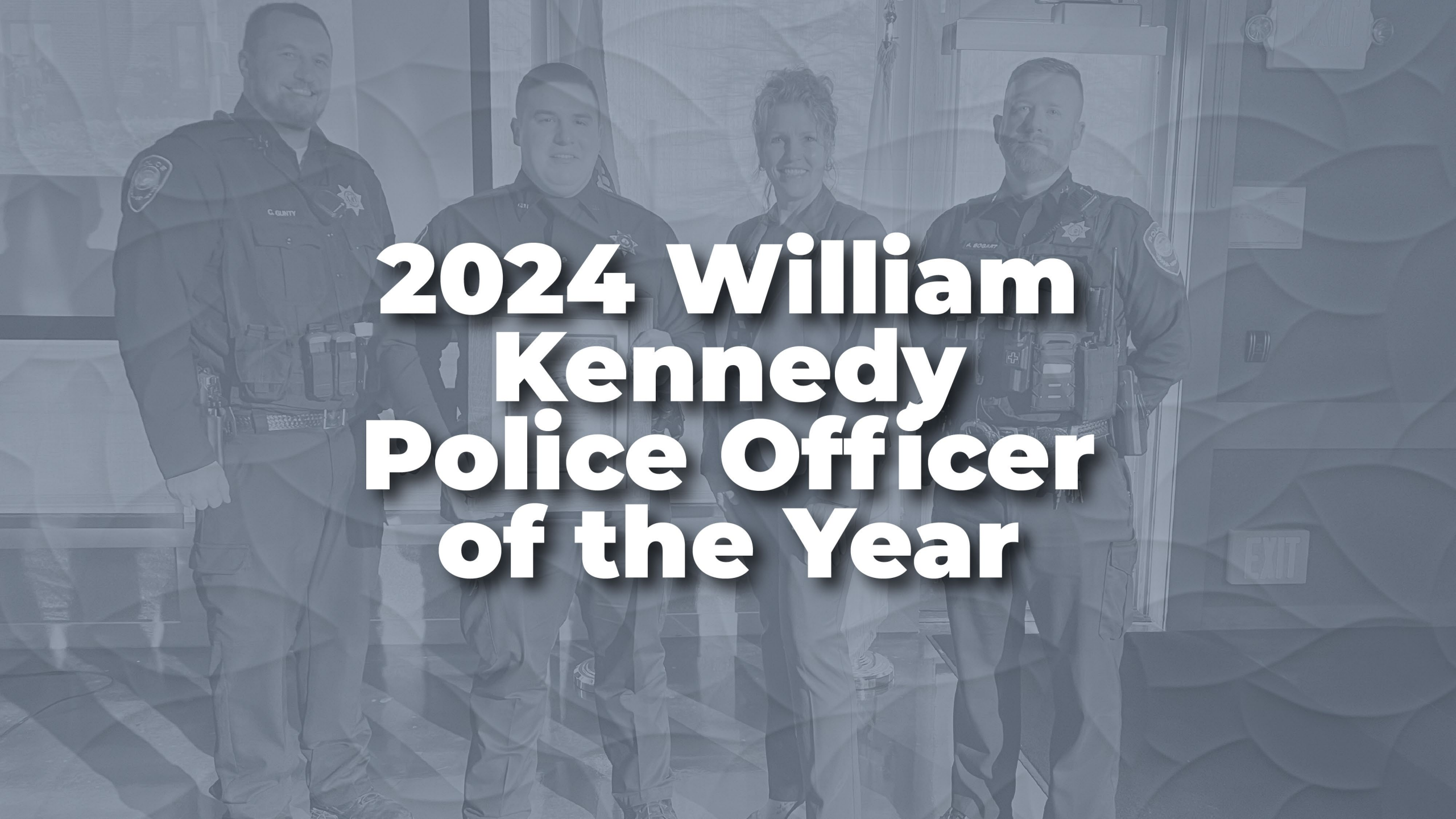
# ILEAP Accreditation Program



# 2023 Life Saving Efforts

- ◇ Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force
- ◇ Will County Substance Use Treatment Services
- ◇ ILEAS Mobile Field Force
- ◇ ILEAS Activations





**2024 William  
Kennedy  
Police Officer  
of the Year**

**2024  
Police  
Officer  
of the  
Year**

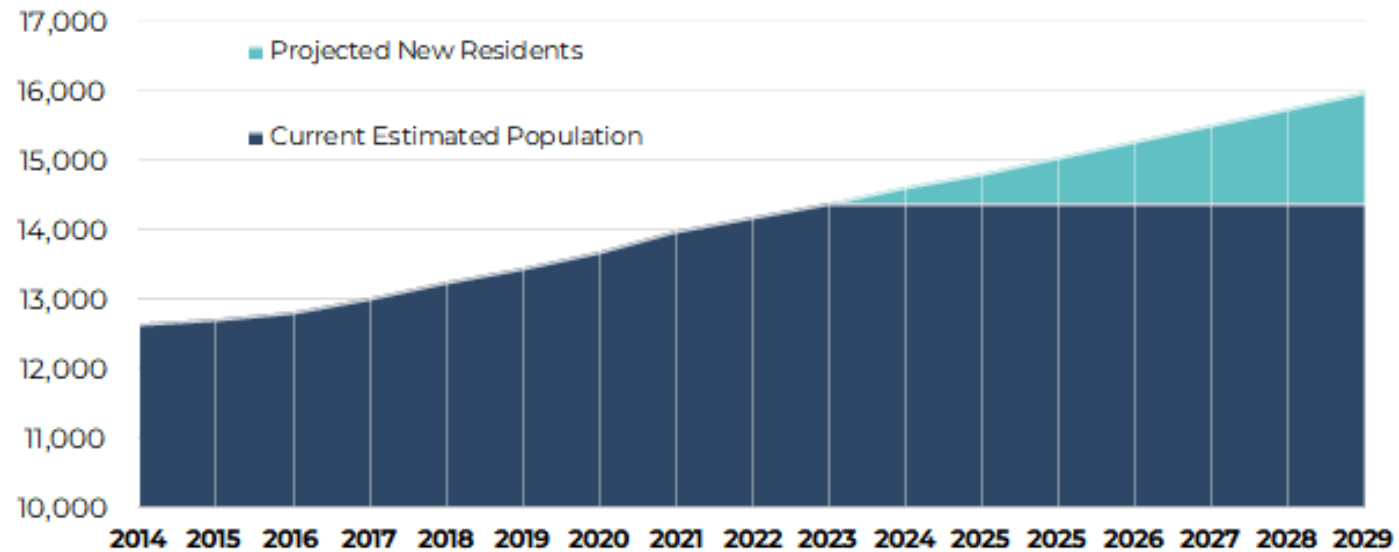


# 2024 Officer of the Year Steven Cerovac



- ◇ 5<sup>th</sup> year with Channahon Police Department
- ◇ Minooka High School South Campus SRO
  - ◇ Organized department participation in career fairs
  - ◇ Driver's education classes
  - ◇ Updated school safety plans for building
- ◇ Among leaders in department for DUI enforcement
  - ◇ Formally recognized by Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists in 2023 and multiple years prior
- ◇ Organized department's participation in Special Olympics Polar Plunge for 3 years

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# Public Works Highlights

## Roadway Maintenance

- ◇ 3.06 miles of roadway resurfacing
- ◇ Completed 1,900 feet of reconstruction of Highland Drive
- ◇ 95,878 pounds of crack sealing placed
- ◇ 23,937 square yards of asphalt rejuvenation

## Well 7 Drilling Project

- ◇ Started construction on drilling Well 7 on Blackberry Lane
- ◇ Used State Revolving Funds (SRF)
- ◇ Estimated project completion mid-2024

## Lake Michigan Water

- ◇ Received Lake Michigan water allocation through IDNR

# 2024 Public Works Projects

## **ADA Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Improvements**

- ◇ 22 sidewalks
- ◇ Ford Road, Bluff Road & Tryon Street
- ◇ In partnership with Will County

## **Roadway Resurfacing**

- ◇ Focusing on streets east of I-55 with Passer Rating of 5 or less
- ◇ Includes milled surface removal and re-surfacing

## **Heritage Lakes Reconstruction**

- ◇ Portion of streets receiving reconstruction to address surface deficiencies



# 2024 Public Works Projects

## Village Hall Updates

- ◇ HVAC mechanical upgrades
- ◇ Design & engineering proposals for planned Village Hall and Police Department expansions

## Well 7 Construction

- ◇ Well drilling expected to be completed first quarter of 2024

## Lake Michigan Water

- ◇ Entering design engineering phase for Village-owned water distribution system





**2023  
Village  
Happenings**



# 2023 New Businesses

- ◇ T-Mobile
- ◇ SB Custom Fab
- ◇ Mighty's Towing & Recovering
- ◇ Wolf Point Distilling
- ◇ Local Wildflowers
- ◇ Bob's Discount Furniture
- ◇ Demask Family Medical
- ◇ Honey Bee Aesthetics
- ◇ Thrive Dance Project
- ◇ Toki Sushi & Hibachi
- ◇ Old Castle APG South, Inc.
- ◇ Wicked Claws
- ◇ Prime Truck & Trailer Repair Inc.
- ◇ Blush Lash Studio
- ◇ ProFix Inc.
- ◇ Wyler BBQ
- ◇ Select One
- ◇ Starbucks
- ◇ Tractor Supply Company
- ◇ Elsa Restaurant Group

A group of ten women are standing in a hallway, smiling. The image is overlaid with a teal filter. Large white text is centered over the group. The text reads: 

**2024 Fred  
Rittorf / George  
Sparagis  
Business of  
the Year**

# 2024 Business of the Year Brieser Construction

- ◇ Founded in 1978, headquartered in Channahon since 2004
- ◇ Woman-owned since 2018
- ◇ Perform construction work for local oil refineries, chemical plants, manufacturing facilities, and nuclear power plants
- ◇ First contractor in IL to achieve OSHA's VPP Star Recognition Status



# 2024 Business of the Year





**Looking Ahead**

# Annual Awards

## **GFOA Distinguished Annual Report Award**

The Village received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the **18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year** in early 2023 (for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022).



## **Popular Annual Financial Report Award**

The Village received the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) Award for the **4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year** in 2023 (for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022).

# Village Partnerships

## **Library Districts**

Morris Area Public Library  
Three Rivers Library District  
Troy Library District

## **Townships**

Aux Sable Township  
Channahon Township  
Goose Lake Township  
Saratoga Township  
Troy Township

## **Fire Protection Districts**

Channahon Fire Protection District  
Coal City Fire Protection District  
Minooka Fire Protection District  
Morris Fire Protection District  
Troy Fire Protection District

## **Other Partnerships**

Channahon Park District  
Grundy County  
Grundy County Chamber of  
Commerce  
Grundy County Economic  
Development  
Joliet Chamber of Commerce  
Will County CED  
Will County Governmental League  
Will County Forest Preserve District

# Channahon School Districts



## Grade School Districts

Channahon School District 17  
Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201C  
Morris Elementary District 54  
Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60C  
Troy District 30C



## High School Districts

Joliet Township High School District 204  
Minooka Community High School District 111  
Morris Community High School District 101



## Unit School Districts

Coal City Unity School District #1  
Wilmington Unit School District 209-U



Joliet Junior College



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of the Village  
Address!

