

## **Message from Mayor Missey - April 2023**

Whenever I talk to residents about what they love about Channahon or why they choose to call Channahon home, the number one response I get is that it's because of the small-town feel.

It's no secret: spatially and developmentally, Channahon isn't the "small town" it once was. We've grown to a population of more than 14,000 residents, companies of all shapes and sizes have chosen our town to locate their businesses, and a number of big-name brands have decided that Channahon is the perfect place for them. Amidst all of this, however, I still maintain that Channahon exudes the feeling of that same small town that we were back when we were incorporated 62 years ago.

Allow me to give you just one example of why that is:

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from a Channahon resident; this wasn't just any letter, though. This letter was written by a young girl inquiring about the legalities of owning a unicorn in Channahon. While the letter itself was absolutely adorable, the way that it came to be in my mailbox at Village Hall is what was astonishing to me.

You see, this enterprising young girl took it upon herself to not only write me the letter, but she also found an old envelope of her parents, wrote "Mayor of Channahon" on the front and put it in her family's mailbox - without postage or an address. Other post offices may have seen that in the mailbox and left it there because it didn't meet the requirements for mailing. But the Channahon Post Office - *our* post office - took it upon themselves to collect that envelope and ensure that it was delivered to Village Hall, to me, properly. They went the extra mile to make this young girl's dreams become a reality - and to brighten my day in return.

Of course, I wrote back to her letting her know that unicorns ARE, indeed, allowed in Channahon. It is exactly those types of gestures - that kind of magic - that makes Channahon still feel small. It's the businesses and organizations that ingratiate themselves into our community; the neighbors who look out for one another; the small, heartwarming moments that give us that small-town feel. I see and feel it firsthand every single day; I hope you can, too.

Best wishes,  
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher