



# MATTESON AVENUE NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2023



### Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

### Matteson Community Center Hours:

Monday – Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### MCC Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sunday: CLOSED

### 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**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings Residents,*

As we welcome the crisp and colorful embrace of autumn, I am delighted to share with you the highlights and accomplishments that have graced our beloved Village of Matteson over the past few months. It has been a season filled with community spirit, cultural celebrations, and significant progress that reflects our collective dedication to making Matteson an even better place to call home.

I'm thrilled to recap the vibrant events from the harmonious Concert at the Hall and delectable Taste of Matteson to the community spirit at the National Night Out and heartfelt Senior Luncheon. We've celebrated unity and togetherness.

Our community has experienced remarkable growth in recent months. With new businesses opening their doors, infrastructure improvements, and ongoing developments, we are laying the foundation for a brighter future. We are committed to creating opportunities for our residents and enhancing the quality of life for all.

As we embrace the beauty of fall, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication, involvement, and enthusiasm for our Village. Matteson thrives because of the passion and unity of its residents, and I am excited to see what the future holds as we continue to work together.

Please stay engaged with our community events, participate in local initiatives, and reach out to your neighbors to foster the sense of togetherness that defines Matteson. Together, we can make our Village even stronger and more vibrant. Wishing you all a wonderful autumn season filled with warmth, connection, and the joy of community.

With gratitude and best wishes,

**Sheila Chalmers-Currin**  
Village President



### MANAGING FALL LEAVES

- As Fall approaches, remember not to bundle your leaves at the curb or in the street, as it violates Village ordinance. The street sweeper does not collect leaf piles, so use paper yard waste bags available at local hardware stores for proper disposal or order a yard waste container with Waste Management.
- NOTE: Do not burn leaves in yard**

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
December 1st | 5PM - 7PM  
Village Hall
- Breakfast with Santa**  
December 2nd | 10AM -12 PM  
MCC
- Day of Hiring Event**  
TBA 10AM - 1PM | MCC
- Senior Prom**  
Spring 2024  
5PM – 8PM | MCC



### With winter around the corner, here are some snow removal guidelines from the Department of Public Works

- For light snow or freezing temperatures, plow trucks will salt without plowing.
- During snowstorms, we plow and salt to keep roads open, making two passes on side streets and fully opening main thoroughfares curb to curb.
- When shoveling or using snowblowers, avoid pushing snow to the middle of the street.
- Clear your driveway by placing most of the snow on the right side of the driveway to prevent buildup when plow trucks pass.

**Thanks for your cooperation during this seasonal transition.**



# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRAND OPENINGS

The community is buzzing with excitement as several new businesses have recently opened their doors, adding even more vibrancy to our town. These grand openings offer a diverse range of products and services, catering to a wide array of tastes and preferences.



**Krazy Hog Barbecue**  
4433 211<sup>TH</sup> St (Liberty Plaza)



**Mentoring Youth Through Technology (MYTT)**  
4450 Oakwood Lane



**A Trio of Creations Gourmet Shake Bar**  
4451B Lincoln Hwy, (Liberty Plaza)



**Matte57 Commerce Center**  
21500 Gateway Dr. (Behind Menards)  
NOW OPEN



**JCPenney Beauty**  
4451 Promenade Way (Inside JCPenney)



**LuxLeaf Dispensary**  
5539 Miller Circle Dr.



## ON THE HORIZON: UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Several exciting businesses are currently in the development stages, poised to make a significant impact on our community. These up-and-coming ventures promise to bring innovation, growth, and new job opportunities to our town. Let's take a sneak peek at what's on the horizon.



**4Front Ventures:**  
Cannabis Cultivation Center

**Former Sears Multi-Strip Redevelopment:**  
Revitalized space with retail development available

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## BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE WITH FUNDING BOOST!

Exciting news! Matteson is charging ahead with community improvement thanks to funding from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDoTH). The Village of Matteson have been granted \$50,000 for Preliminary Engineering to enhance the Vollmer Road & Treehouse Road Pedestrian Intersection. This collaborative project with Cook County will ensure a safer and more accessible pathway for our residents.

But there's more! We're set to thrive with \$120,000 dedicated to the Preservation Path Multi-use path improvement project, enhancing the recreational experience for our community.

In addition, our village received \$250,000 from the state for the Market Square Crossing Project and a significant \$500,000 for the Streetscape Improvement Plan. These funds will breathe new life into our community, making it an even more vibrant and appealing place to call home or visit.

Matteson is on the path to progress, and we're excited about the positive changes these investments will bring.



## MATTESON'S ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION: INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ON THE HORIZON



The future looks promising for the residents and commuters of Matteson as we implement an ambitious infrastructure improvement schedule that started this Spring 2023 through 2024. These projects represent a significant investment in Matteson's future, focusing on safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of life for residents. This comprehensive plan, funded through the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Program along with various other funding sources, aims to enhance the quality of life, mobility, and safety in our community. These projects are funded through the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Program along with various other funding sources.

- Treehouse Road – Thornwood Avenue to Vollmer Road
- 216th Street – Governors Highway to Dead End
- Holden Circle – North Street to North Street
- Violet Lane Water Main Improvement by the Army Corps of Engineers
- Village Campus Sidewalk and Street Improvement  
– Matteson Avenue, Green Street, Dewitt Ave, and Village Commons.
- 207th Street Culvert over Butterfield Creek
- 207th Street Resurfacing – Crawford Avenue to Cicero Avenue
- Gateway of Lincoln Highway & Cicero Avenue Intersection and Roadway Improvement



## SEAMLESS SIGN-UPS: MCC PROGRAMS NOW JUST A CLICK AWAY

Signing up for your favorite activities is more convenient. Do you like to line dance or are you looking for youth programs. You can now register for MCC programs from the comfort of your home, office, or anywhere with an internet connection. Our Fall lineup includes a diverse range of programs for all ages and interests. Whether you're interested in Line Dancing, Youth Basketball Leagues, dance classes or upcoming events, there's something for everyone.



## NEW COMMUNITY BANNERS ILLUMINATE MATTESON'S SPIRIT

Have you driven down Lincoln Highway or strolled down Main Street in Historic Matteson recently? If so, you can't miss the vibrant new community banners gracing our town's thoroughfares. These eye-catching banners are more than just decorative; they're part of a dynamic program designed to strengthen our community's identity and breathe new life into our downtown area.



Featuring our new village logo and slogan "A Home for Business, A Heart for Family", these banners proudly showcase the essence of Matteson. We are inviting our local businesses to join us in this effort to brighten and invigorate our community. Feature your business on one of these iconic banners and let your presence shine in the heart of Matteson.

It's not too late to participate! To learn more about how you can showcase your business on one of these community banners, visit <http://communityshowcasebanners.com/matteson-il/> for more information.



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE WITH S.M.I.L.E. INITIATIVE!

Matteson is on a mission to establish itself as a community renowned for exceptional customer service through the S.M.I.L.E. Customer Service Initiative. This initiative aims to foster a business environment where every establishment in Matteson provides outstanding service to residents and visitors alike.

We're thrilled to announce and recognize our recent S.M.I.L.E. winners, who have gone above and beyond in delivering excellent customer service. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Mrs. Karen and Mrs. Nate from Home Depot, Mr. Tyler and Mrs. Maya from Holiday Inn, Melissa from Fogon Contemporean Kitchen, Erin from Gerber Glass and Collision, Mr. Mike from Starbucks, and Mr. Neal from HQL Barbershop.

To express our gratitude, each winner received a well-deserved \$50 gift card. These individuals exemplify the spirit of S.M.I.L.E. contributing to the creation of a business community in Matteson that prioritizes customer satisfaction. Keep up the good work and let's continue to celebrate and encourage outstanding service across all our local businesses, you could be next!



## CLICK & PAY

Join the green movement by going paperless for your water billing! Enjoy the convenience of receiving digital statements directly on your phone or computer. To get started with Matteson's new InvoiceCloud system, visit [www.villageofmatteson.org](http://www.villageofmatteson.org), click "How Do I," then select "Utility Bills" and "Register." Fill in your contact details and account number accurately. If you have an existing account, link it for features like water usage tracking, online bill payments, and usage history.

We understand everyone had their preferred payment method. With InvoiceCloud, you can pay using PayPal, Apple Pay, Venmo, FlexPay, or even by text. Embrace the future of water billing for a hassle-free experience. Register today and witness the transformation of your water billing process!

## SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY VETERANS

In a heartwarming display of solidarity and support for military veterans, officers from the Matteson Police Department (MPD) joined the US Naval Academy class of 1983's "Ride Across America".



This noble journey involves biking across the country to raise funds for various causes benefiting veterans.

The MPD provided a police escort for the cyclist, ensuring their safe journey south along Cicero Avenue to Old Plank Trail. Their involvement in this inspiring initiative not only showcases their commitment to community engagement but also their heartfelt dedication to supporting military veterans.



## REGIONALISM IN SAFETY & ECONOMIC GROWTH



The Matteson Fire Department (MFD) played a vital role in ensuring attendees safety at the BMW PGA Golf Championship at Olympia Fields Country Club this summer. Collaborating with agencies like the WGA, Illinois National Guard, Cook County Emergency Management Resources, and the Cook County Sheriff, MFD ensured swift emergency response and preparation for potential emergencies.

MFD's commitment to safety and partnership during the event reflects their dedication, training, and collaboration with other agencies. Their behind-the-scenes efforts ensure a secure event, highlighting the vital role of local heroes in our lives.

With over 14,000 spectators at the BMW PGA Golf Championship, Matteson served as the primary parking location, significantly impacting our local hotels, restaurants, and businesses. This influx of visitors showcased our community's hospitality and boosted the local economy, solidifying Matteson as an event destination. We're proud to have been part of this exciting event and look forward to more in the future.