MATTESON STRONG.
We will get through this Together!

As I write to you in these unprecedented times, I hope that you and your families are safe and doing well. Being your Village President is a great privilege, and I am committed to creating a rich environment full of opportunities for every resident while maintaining a high quality of life. Summer brings longer days, warmer weather, and renewed opportunities to take advantage of all that the Village of Matteson has to offer during this time of social distancing. Be it a walk in one of our beautiful parks, or a bike ride on Old Plank Trail, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy! Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have canceled some of our summer programs, including the Concerts at the Hall series. We do plan to offer some family entertainment by providing a village-wide fireworks display on July 5. It will consist of a high-altitude show that allows most residents in the Village to enjoy from their own front or back yards. In addition, we will continue our annual senior luncheon. However, this year it will be a drive-up luncheon for seniors (62+) who reside within the Village. The date, time, and location will be forthcoming.

During the recent protests of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and others, the local damage caused within Matteson was minimal with no major injuries. We thank our officers for maintaining safety and minimizing property damage. On Monday, June 8, 2020, a peaceful protest with Pastor Andrew Singleton of Victory Apostolic church was held to unite the community and March for Justice and Love. The March included J.B. Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, community and faith leaders, and approximately 1,500 residents and visitors participate without incident.

As always, here in the Village of Matteson and the Southland, we are committed to continuing economic growth. As many of you have probably seen, there is building activity at various locations within our Village. Several major construction projects are underway and include the Amazon Distribution Center at the southeast corner of Harlem and Vollmer; Pete’s Fresh Market and the rehab of the shopping plaza at the southwest corner of Lincoln Highway and Governor’s Highway; Alexi Luxury Senior Living Center at the southeast corner of Ridgeland and Lincoln Highway; Matteson Orthodontics at the southwest corner of Kildare and Lincoln Highway; Central Truck Properties on Central south of Lincoln Highway; Manheim Auto Auction expansion east of Harlem and north of Lincoln Highway, and Amazon Fleet Trucks are home to the Manheim Business Park.

I am excited to welcome these businesses to the Village of Matteson and will continue to expand our vision of magnification for our community. Please continue to stay safe and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,
Sheila Chalmers-Currin
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Village of Matteson President

MATTESON WELCOMES AMAZON!

A new, state-of-the-art fulfillment center will be located in Matteson creating more than 1,000 new, full-time jobs, with industry-leading pay and comprehensive benefits starting on day one. Matteson will be one of two fulfillment centers that will be the first to locate in Cook County and feature Amazon’s innovative robotics technology. “The Village of Matteson is thrilled to welcome Amazon to our town. As a global leader of the rapidly growing distribution industry, Amazon will now have access to our exceptional regional workforce, a very vibrant business climate and our continuing commitment to attract diverse forms of economic development,” said Village President Sheila Chalmers-Currin. “This project is clearly an economic engine that will attract to bring hundreds of jobs to our town.”

Amazon has pledged to invest over $700 million to provide upskilling training for 100,000 U.S. employees for in-demand jobs. Amazon employees will utilize Amazon’s innovative robotics technology to pick, pack and ship smaller customer items. On top of the company’s industry-leading $15 minimum wage, full-time employees receive comprehensive benefits, including full medical, vision, and dental insurance as well as a 401(k) with 50 percent company match, starting on day one.

Independence Day Fireworks
Matteson Village Hall: July 3, 2020
Fireworks can be viewed from many homes and various locations throughout the Village. More information to come.

1000+ MARCH FOR JUSTICE & PEACE ACROSS UNITY BRIDGE
The organized event by Victory Apostolic Church included an opening ceremony and march across the Unity Bridge in Matteson. The President and Board of Trustees marched alongside Pastor Andrew Singleton and many elected officials at the federal, state and local level. The March was in response to George Floyd’s death as well as Breonna Taylor and countless others. Approximately 1,000 protesters marched across the Unity Bridge in Matteson. Crossing the bridge was symbolic of the need for racial justice and unity during this time. “The unity bridge represents more than just the Village of Matteson,” said Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin. “It says we want unity throughout this country, we want it here in the Village of Matteson, and I want it for all of us.”

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES
Market Square Crossing Enters Phase Three of the Redevelopment Process

Former Lincoln Mall Area Update
Market Square Crossing is undergoing phase three of repurposing the former Lincoln Mall area, which entails prepping the grounds for development. The ultimate vision and plan for the 60-acre site is a mixed-used development with residential, small shops, restaurants, sports, and entertainment. One portion of the development would include a potential casino.

We Need Your Support for a Casino in Matteson at Market Square Crossing
The casino will be a regional entertainment destination. Plans for the casino include a hotel, multi-purpose event space, indoor golf facility and a family entertainment center. The casino will be a significant source of jobs and tax revenue for the entire Southland region. In addition, significant contribution will assist with funding local and regional initiatives aimed at supporting education, preventive health programs and local projects. Please join the support for a casino by signing the petition at www.villageofmatteson.org

MATTESON WORKS TOWARD INCREASING PACE BUS ROUTES TO PREPARE FOR A GROWING WORKFORCE
The Village of Matteson invites residents and employees of businesses to take a survey on public transportation. The purpose of this survey is to ensure the needs of public transportation are met for our increasing workforce. Please view the map of current and upcoming developments and potential Pace bus routes in the Village. Your input is very valuable in providing better transportation services in the community. Please fill out the survey at Village Hall or visit the Village website at www.villageofmatteson.org

Sam’s E-Fulfillment Center Sees Growth One Year Later
The Sam’s E-Commerce Fulfillment Center has completed expansion from their existing 120,000 sq. ft. space to 250,000 square feet into the former Walmart building.

Matteson Plaza Gets A New Facelift as Pete’s Fresh Market Plans Fall Opening
Pete’s Fresh Market purchased the entire shopping center with the exception of the vacant anchor building to the east of the center. The $20 million-dollar investment will revitalize the shopping center and compliment the new grocery store that is scheduled to open this fall. Pete’s Fresh Market is also accepting applications for employment. If you are interested, please visit their website to submit an application at www.petesfresh.com

Amazon Blue Trucks are Home to the Manheim Business Park
The Greater Chicago Auto Auction hosts fleet trucks for Amazon as well as conducts repairs, paints the trucks and add the logos. The next time you see the blue friendly trucks around town, know that they originate from within the community.

Matteson Orthodontics has a New Location
The Village of Matteson is excited to have Matteson Orthodontics reinvest and remain in the community. The new medical office building is near completion, and scheduled to open late this summer. Congratulations to Dr. Shah and his team.

Gerald Auto Group Joins the Dozen Dealerships in the Auto Mall
Gerald Auto Group will bring a pre-owned dealership in the last vacant auto dealership building. The Village partnered with Cook County Land Bank to put the property back on the tax rolls, generate sales tax, and add jobs to the community.

Luxury Senior Living Complex
Alexi Senior Development is underway for a 10-acre luxury senior living campus at the SE corner of Rt. 30 & Ridgeland with independent and assisted living along with memory care.

CENSUS 2020
MATTESON COUNTS
OUR COUNTRY. OUR VILLAGE. OUR FUTURE.

A complete and accurate count of the population is critical for our community. The results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy. There are just 10 questions and it only takes 10 minutes to complete that determines our community’s funding and representation for the next 10 years. Fill out the Census online, over the phone, or by mail. Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

Also, the US Census opened an office at the International Office Building at the Holiday Inn Matteson, Let’s get Counted!!