

Hainesville Village News



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HAINESVILLE HOLIDAY MIXER A SUCCESS!

On Sunday, December 11th 2 – 6 p.m. free refreshments were provided with the assistance of Starbucks. Choirs and musical entertainment from our local high schools and middle schools performed in the Council Chambers.

*Special thanks to Grayslake Central/North HS Jazz Combo * Round Lake Middle School Choir * Round Lake HS Clarinet Choir * Round Lake HS A Cappella Choir.*

A separate Santa Room was available for the children to visit from 2 – 6 p.m.

The Avon Township Food Pantry drawing raised \$130.00. Prizes included a Holiday Treat Basket and a bean bag chair. Two large containers were filled for “Toys for Tots”!

WINTER PREPAREDNESS!!!

A major winter storm impacted much of Illinois February 1st – 2nd, 2011. Record snowfall was reported, 21 inches in the Hainesville / Grayslake area according to the National Weather Service. Winds gusting from 40 to 60 mph created drifting several feet high.

Roads were closed, including many interstates, and nearly 4,000 people had to be rescued across the state. Schools and businesses were closed, bringing much of the state to a standstill. Nearly 60% of Illinois was declared a federal disaster area.

Warnings for the storm were issued almost 30 hours ahead of time. Did you heed the warnings? Did the storm impact you and were you ready for the conditions?

Make a plan! Decide on a meeting place outside of your neighborhood if your family is separated and cannot return home because of closed roads. Choose an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family’s point of contact for emergency communications. With your family together, write down your emergency plan. Go to www.ready.illinois.gov for more details.

Get a kit! Start with keeping these basic supplies for weather emergencies at home:

- three days’ food
- three days’ water (a gallon per person per day)
- personal hygiene items
- a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries
- a written family emergency plan
- a first-aid kit
- medications if needed
- additional blankets
- supplies for special needs
- pet items

Make an emergency kit for your car too!

Stay informed! Before, during and after a winter storm, you should listen to local media for instructions from emergency officials. There may be times when you are advised to stay in place until it is safe to travel. If you must travel you can get road condition information 24/7 by listening to 1620AM or checking www.lakecountypassage.com M-F 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. (after hour updates posted as needed) and you may even sign up for e-mail notifications. Stay Prepared!

Mike Benko , Coordinator Hainesville Emergency Management Agency

SNOW WHAT!

Q: Does the Village plow every street in Hainesville?

A. No the Village plows only municipally-owned streets. Hainesville Road and Washington Street are Lake County Highways and maintained by LCDOT. Route 120 and Route 134 are Illinois State Highways and maintained by IDOT. We plow the main thoroughfares through the Village first for emergency access.

Q: Why is snow always left at the end of my driveway?

A. Unfortunately, this is one of the consequences of owning a home in northern Illinois. Crews do not place snow in driveways on purpose. There is no practical way for the operator to cut off the windrow of snow when crossing a driveway. This problem is especially acute in cul-de-sacs because there is a very confined space.

Q: What can I do to reduce snow in my driveway?

A. Place as much of the snow as possible to the right of your driveway as you face the street. This reduces the chance of large amounts of snow being pushed back on your driveway. This suggestion however, is not as helpful on cul-de-sacs.

Please shovel as soon as possible after a snowfall or within 24 hours after a significant snowfall. DO NOT shovel or blow snow into streets as this is a serious violation and a safety hazard. Whether you shovel, snow blow or plow, all snow has to be directed back onto your property. There is no Street parking after 2" or more of snowfall!!! Please remove sports equipment and lawn decorations out of street and right-of-way to prevent snow plow damage! All fire hydrants have flags mounted for the season but please help to keep these clear. Please remember to drive with caution and have a safe winter season!

ATTENTION! Beginning January 1st, 2012, the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act Landfill ban for certain electronics will take effect! Televisions, Monitors, Printers, Computers (including tablet computers), Electronic Keyboards, Facsimile Machines, Videocassette Recorders, Portable Digital Music Players, Digital Video Discs Players, Video Game Consoles, Small Scale Servers, Scanners, Electronic Mice, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable Receivers, Satellite Receivers and Digital Video Disc Recorders will no longer be allowed in the regular trash. Bring these items to a SWALCO Electronics Collection or if your equipment is in good condition consider donating it to a charitable organization.