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*Living and learning in northwestern Lake County*

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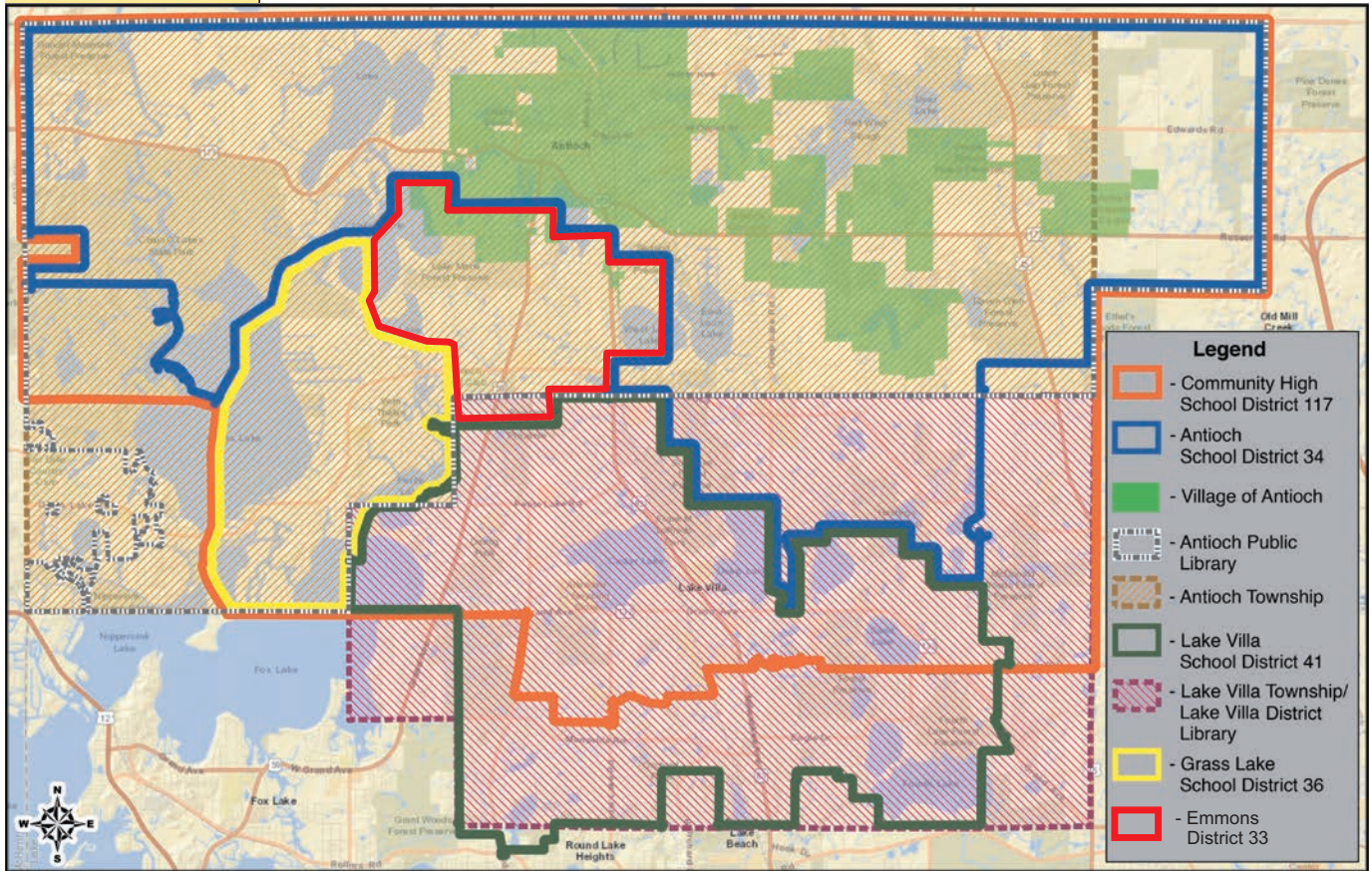
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**Kids  
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with  
Magical  
Moments &  
Meet Ups**  
June 24  
Magical Wristbands available  
online or at the Ministry of Magic  
Booth

WIZARDS  
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**Magical  
Crafter  
Pop-ups**  
June 24  
In our Wizard  
Village

**Antioch's  
Taste of  
Summer  
Festival**  
July 13-16,  
2023  
Four great days  
of music, food, car-  
nival and sidewalk  
sales in downtown  
Antioch.

**Special  
Needs  
Carnival**  
July 14,  
1-3 pm  
Families bringing  
special needs  
members may  
enjoy a quiet,  
relaxed compli-  
mentary carnival.

**Margarita  
Partyville  
with After  
Party**  
August 17,  
5-9 pm  
Celebrate endless  
summer at this  
popular Girls Night  
out event.

**Mayors'  
Cup Golf  
Outing**  
August 25,  
10 am till 7 pm  
Join us for our 1st  
Annual Northern  
Illinois Mayors' Cup  
Golf Outing, public  
welcome

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From left to right:  
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Aron Borowiak, Anita  
Hernandez and Oakland  
Assistant Principal  
Lindsay Burns.

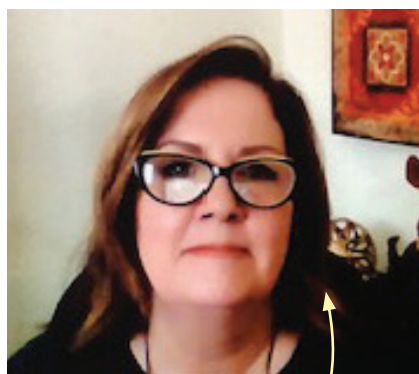
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## DETAILS

# Colleen Lennon

## Executive Director at AAHAA

**Position tenure: 6.5 years**

- Opened Midwest Division of Kazuri Jewelry an NGO supporting women in Kenya, East Africa.
- President of the Keystone Foundation – Programs and services supporting people with developmental disabilities.
- Director of Development at St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center in Englewood — worked to provide the tools and resources to the most abused children in the system to help them live happier, healthier lives.

### Tell us about AAHAA

AAHAA grew out of a need to help people struggling to connect to healthcare. In September 2011, a meeting was held as part of a Healthcare Needs Assessment at the request of the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County. In attendance were representatives of HFNLC and the community, including individuals from local and county government, schools, fire and rescue services, the local food pantry, faith-based organizations, and residents. The Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA) was created as a result of that meeting with the goal of addressing and resolving the access issues faced by the residents of Antioch. The organization is focused on how to collaborate with local and county partners to meet the immediate and ongoing healthcare needs of the uninsured, underinsured and medically underserved residents.

### What are AAHAA's programs/activities?

We focus on the underserved populations of the elderly, veterans, chronically ill and youth, but we will help anyone experiencing an issue accessing healthcare. We plan to increase access of residents to broader Lake County resources by providing referrals and connecting them to partner organizations.

Our Network Nurse Program consists of direct one-on-one visits with our clients, either in-person or via the phone. This helps to improve residents' opportunities to interact with a nurse who can address their healthcare, social service, mental health and transportation needs. We offer community outreach programs like our "Talk to a Nurse Series" in low-income and senior buildings that provide residents a 15-minute meeting with a nurse to discuss health concerns. After the meeting, we schedule follow-up appointments to offer more help. We also provide Certified Application Specialists to assist individuals with enrolling for insurance through the ACA (Affordable Care Act), Medicaid, SNAP, Medicare Savings Plan and other resources based on their individual eligibility. Our Health Literacy Series sponsors educational activities where Antioch residents can learn about healthcare topics.

Our transportation program improves residents' opportunities to access transportation services to get them to and from healthcare appointments.

### How does AAHAA impact the community?

AAHAA creates a healthier community by helping all our residents find and connect to the resources they need for better health.



### What's your favorite AAHAA memory?

When we were struggling financially and our board of directors came to the rescue and pulled together a phenomenal event to raise the funds we needed.

### Where do you see AAHAA going in the future?

Expanding our reach to help even more people find the resources they need to live healthier lives.

### It might surprise you to know...

I have panned for gold in Telluride, Colorado. I was a volunteer Ambassador for the Association of Nonprofit Executives who travelled to South Africa to work with NGO's in Cape Town and Johannesburg. I have camped in the desert to watch a meteor shower. And I love storytelling festivals.

### Favorite memory about the community?

The way everyone came together during the COVID-19 pandemic to help one another.

### Greatest lesson you've learned?

Most people want to do good things in life — some just need a little more direction than others.



# Home of the Raiders



## Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Graduates

Benjamin Anderson  
Zoe Babin  
Avery Baker  
Leiah Briones Jacobo  
Payton Burris  
Shawn Kailie Castor  
Andrew Ciko  
Kevin Coppins  
Jake Crivello

William Dohman  
Caileigh Duffy  
Amariz Earley  
Nathan Ekstrom  
Chloe Francke  
Brooke Friedle  
Cecilia Garvey  
Brian Geiger  
Mia Gonzalez

Mason Goss  
Calla Gugel  
Emery Ipsen  
Mae Kotloski  
Clarisse Lemaitre  
AnnaBella Lewey  
Nia London  
Lilly McGuire  
Ryan OConnor

Keagan Oslage  
Christopher Perez  
Samantha Pickard  
Lauren Shipman  
Evan Sikora  
Alexis Wiegel

## Exceptional Staff Recognized

The Regional Office of Education recently launched an annual countywide program to honor exceptional educators and staff members. Emmons Board of Education members and parents developed a criteria for this award based on values promoted in the Emmons community.

Teachers and staff members were then nominated by their fellow Emmons personnel. This year's recipients were **Kimberly Meyer**, Social Worker, and **Nicolle Deacon**, Paraprofessional. They were honored alongside all Lake County award winners at a countywide dinner organized by the Regional Office of Education.



### Criteria for Staff Member of the Year Award

- Goes above and beyond in the classroom/work area and the school community
- Contributes to a positive school environment through respectful interactions with all stakeholders
- Active focus on improving their practice by obtaining feedback from supervisors
- Supports the community by building relationships with students and other staff members
- Actively works to meet the needs of all students they work with
- Encourages inclusivity in the classroom and school community
- Inspires and encourages colleagues
- Problem solver, comes up with ideas for solutions when problems present themselves





District 117 Administration and Walgreens Management Team. Left to Right; Dr. Tanya Branch, Tonya (Asst. Mngr), Cristie (Mngr), Dr. Jeff Feucht, Christine Gialo, Andrew Seketa

TRANSITION SERVICES | CHSD117

# D117 & Local Businesses Join Forces to Benefit Transition Students

Spring is a time for celebrating in District 117! While most of our celebrations over these spring months are focused on our students, we also take time to recognize our community partners who provide opportunities for our students beyond the walls of our facilities. During April and May, the Community High School District 117 Transition Services Department is celebrating the community partners that enable high quality, work-based learning for students.

The Transition Services Department is responsible for ensuring that students leave high school prepared to reach their fullest potential, specifically in the areas of employment and independent living. For some students, this includes vocational training following high school coursework from ages 18-22. This year, the program supports 11 students, pairing them with local businesses to learn about workplace expectations, customer interactions, and being a positive co-worker.

The work-based learning program has been operated by the Transition Services department since 2016. While Community High School District 117 is appreciative of all its partners, both past and present, the district looked to pay special recognition to four of our active, long standing partners. These include Walgreens of Antioch, Piggly Wiggly of Antioch, Antioch Pizza (Rt. 59 Branch), and Daisy's Artish Cafe of Lake Villa. Through partnership with the program,

both Walgreens and Piggly Wiggly have converted students to employees on their teams.

I recently had the opportunity to join the leaders of this program in a visit to each site to deliver a special plaque as a token of gratitude and appreciation for their continued support of students and staff. During these conversations, I was especially impressed by how well the business leaders had gotten to know our students and the care they showed for always finding new opportunities for them to learn and grow as employees.

As we drove around to our visits, I asked the staff members who make the program possible to share some quotes that we include in this article for Connections readers. Andrew Seketa, District Transition Services Coordinator said "We couldn't do it without the businesses. The authentic, hands-on experience is something you just can't replicate in a classroom". Christine Gialo, District Vocational Facilitator said "We really appreciate the partnership. They're so supportive of our program, and the students learn a lot from the experience".

Looking to get involved? The Transition Services Department is always working to expand opportunities for students - whether a facility tour, student partnership, or as a guest speaker. To learn more about Transition Services community partner opportunities, please call (847) 395-9097. We are so proud to partner with community businesses who provide opportunities for our students!





Mr. David Karczewski, owner of Piggly Wiggly, Antioch (right) and a member of his management team.



District 117 Special Education Leadership Team recognizing Antioch Pizza Shop



District 117 Administration and Daisy's Artish Cafe Team. Left to Right; Dr. Tanya Branch, Andrew, Seketa, Daisy Perez, Daos Perez, Christine Gialo, Dr. Jeff Feucht



# To Our Eagles Leaving the Nest

With the cold weather behind us (hopefully!) and the end of the school year in sight, we have reached a bittersweet season in the school year. This is the time we get to celebrate many of the accomplishments our students have been working towards yet we will also wish the very best to our seniors as they leave the nest. It is hard to believe my first year as Principal is coming to an end; I have loved every minute learning from and with our Eagles. It is an honor to serve the Lakes Community.

In May, we will have our annual Senior Celebration Assembly to recognize every senior, their legacy at Lakes, and their plans for the future. Outstanding Eagles, Samantha Skula and Shelby Stall, were nominated by the staff and senior class for their strong representation of Respect + Courtesy = Pride and will take part in leading the assembly as well as graduation. The big day for seniors is Sunday, May 21st, with the Class of 2023 graduation ceremony! This class has incredible talent as visionaries dedicated to bettering the experiences of those around them and throughout the global

community. I am cheering on each of our graduates and look forward to hearing of their next steps through the coming years.

Also in May is Teacher Appreciation Week from the 8th through the 12th. I believe every adult in the Lakes Community High School staff is a teacher and am most grateful for the opportunities they provide to our Eagles to become their best selves with experiences to Live, Learn, and Lead. In this season of celebration, please join me in honoring our LCHS staff, the Class of 2023, and all LCHS Eagles!



*In the Eagle Spirit,*

**Jori Bowen**

*Principal*

Lakes Community High School



ACADEMIC ALL STATE | LCHS

## Another IHSA Academic All State Selection for Lakes Community High School

The Illinois High School Association's (IHSA) Academic All State Team is the top honor a senior student athlete can receive in the state of Illinois. Each year 26 total students are selected to be members of the All-State Team, 13 girls, and 13 boys are selected out of hundreds of applicants from every high school in the state. Lakes senior Micah Lind was selected as one of the 13 male team members for the 2023 recognition. Micah has excelled in the classroom, on

the course, the track, and on stage in the fine arts department throughout his four years at LCHS. Micah qualified for state level competitions multiple times and is viewed by his peers as a leader in the school. Micah becomes the 3rd LCHS student athlete to receive this award in the last four years, joining Olivia Schmitt and Brooke Stromsland. Micah looks forward to a great final month of his high school career as he looks to lead the LCHS boys track team to the state finals.





Antioch Student Media Advisor- Madelynn Soberano works with students to finalize an upcoming publication.



ACHS Senior Tyler Wnek enjoying his own book, *The Best Rivals 2022*. Wnek also serves as resident weatherman for the Sequoits. (Photo: Samuel Worden)

STUDENT VOICE | CHSD117

## D117 Celebrates Student Voice

Both Antioch and Lakes High School provide numerous opportunities for students to share their voices, thoughts, opinions, passions, and experiences through numerous programs focused on celebrating student voices. The D117 live stream team produces high quality live streams of major school events, such as ACHS vs. LCHS athletic contests and our fine arts concerts. These live streams are provided free of charge to our community. Weekly news broadcasts from the students of SBN (Sequoit Broadcast Network) and EEN (Eagle Eye News) highlight student produced scripts, stories, interviews, special features and videos of school events each week. Incredible publications such as the ACHS- Tom Tom and Arrow and the LCHS Talon Times and Talon Sports, allow students to pursue their passions from content development and collection, to interviews and page layouts in a printed, distributed publication. ACHS also has their very own committed weatherman in Tyler Wnek,

who has taken his passion for metrology to the next level by producing a weekly weather report for students and staff. Tyler also showcased his talents by writing and publishing a book highlighting the journey of the ACHS and LCHS basketball programs over the course of his high school career.

Student voice in D117 is not limited to print, digital, or social media platforms, as is evidenced by the incredible voices of students during the recent Strategic Planning process. Students from both Antioch and Lakes High School have driven the development of the strategic plan and what it entails. Students involved have ensured that the District's goals are centered on student desires and needs for the future. Through all four large strategic plan meetings, the loudest and most important voices have been those of our students. D117 will continue to demonstrate a focus on student voice and the pursuit of student passions through our various student media outlets and opportunities.

### Want To Hear Our Student's Voices?

District 117 encourages all community members to visit the various student media outlets by using the QR codes below. While many stories make their way into the weekly news broadcasts and monthly print magazines, the online sites provide countless examples of student articles, opinion pieces, photos, digital media, and videos. Enjoy the incredible talents of our students!

Antioch Live Stream



Antioch YouTube Channel



Antioch Sequoit Media



Lakes Live Stream



Lakes YouTube Channel



Lakes Student Media





# Becoming the Best Version of Ourself

As I write this, the calendar is turning from April to May. This is one of the busiest times in any school in America, and Antioch is certainly abuzz with year-end activities. This past weekend, 433 students went to Grand Geneva to celebrate Prom. It was a fantastic night of great food and dancing with friends. It was heartwarming to see so many smiles. On the following day, we celebrated the achievements of 57 students as the newest inductees to the National Honor Society.

Our choirs, orchestra, and bands will have year-end concerts. There will be a variety of awards programs as we recognize the outstanding effort of our students. And, the way the spring sports have been performing during the regular season, the post-season in every sport offers great promise.

May is also a bittersweet time as we say goodbye to the seniors after they graduate on May 21st. My entire career has been in high school, and there is great satisfaction from bearing witness to the growth that we see in the four years our students spend with us. They enter our doors as nervous freshmen, unsure of what high school will be like.

They leave four years later, having made some significant decisions about who they are in this world. Between these two moments, we have seen them become the best versions of themselves. We have seen them challenge themselves by many means measured, and we have celebrated their success. While we will miss them, we know that the memories made will last a lifetime.

And so, it is entirely fitting to say to the seniors now, "Once A Sequoit, Always a Sequoit."



Sincerely,

**Mike Berrie**

Principal

Antioch Community High School



## ATHLETICS | ACHS

# Antioch Softball Team Continues Winning Ways in 2023

Last June the Antioch Community High School softball team accomplished a major milestone in bringing home the class 3A 3rd place state trophy. While most programs would still be celebrating their past successes, the Antioch softball team has its sights set on winning the whole thing this June in Peoria. The team is currently ranked #1 in the

county and #2 in the overall state softball rankings. The program is off to a historic start winning its first 16 games, including wins against ranked 4A teams Warren and Huntley. The team has multiple Division 1 student athletes and an incredible amount of depth and talent in the lower levels. It is truly a great time to be a Sequoit Softball fan!





LCHS Cast, including guest contestant Principal Jori Bowen #11

## MUSICALS | CHSD117

# Antioch & Lakes Musical Productions Play to Sell Out Crowds

Each spring students, staff, and community members alike, look forward to enjoying the many talents of the fine arts departments. Each year Antioch and Lakes Community High Schools prepare tirelessly, for many months, to put on Broadway level productions and performances. Musical Directors, Wanda Teddy (ACHS) and Daniel Esquivel (LCHS) lead an impressive team of students, volunteers, and professionals committed to producing exceptional performances. The spring of 2023 was no exception to this

standard. Lakes and their production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, in early March, and the Antioch production of Descendants The Musical, played to sold out auditoriums for all performances. The cast and crew of these productions did not disappoint, pouring passion and excitement into every aspect of the production. The theater programs are already planning for next spring as they look to continually improve their craft and celebration of our students' talents.



ACHS Cast and Crew of Descendants





from the mayor's office

# Kicking Off the Summer Season

I am thrilled to kick off another fantastic summer season in our beloved community! I believe there's no better time to relish in the beauty of the Chain O' Lakes region than during the summer months in the Village of Antioch.

This summer, downtown Antioch will be bustling with exciting events and activities for all to enjoy. We've already had a fantastic start to the Food Truck FEASTival in May, and we have even more planned for June, July, and August. Our Wine Walk events have been growing in popularity, with the last several selling out. To accommodate more participants, we've increased our capacity for the upcoming Summer Wine Walk on Saturday, June 3rd.

Our Thursday night concerts at the William E. Brook Entertainment Complex were a huge success in 2022, with some of the largest attendance numbers we've ever seen. Our kick-off concert last summer with 95 WIII Rock and Royal Bliss was amazing! I anticipate this year's concerts to be even more popular, thanks to our hardworking event staff who have brought in top-quality entertainment, including our 2023 summer kickoff concert with US99 radio and country music star Rodney Atkins!

In July, one of our most popular events of the year is our

Fourth of July party at Williams Park. This year's event promises to be unforgettable, with food trucks, fireworks, and live music from the bands Winnie Cooper and Mellencougar.

I am eager to see you all around town this summer as we come together to create lasting memories and celebrate our wonderful community.

Finally, I wanted to encourage you to follow the Village of Antioch on social media. There, you will find our most up-to-date information on village news and events. Also, as always, I value your feedback. Feel free to email me at [sgartner@antioch.il.gov](mailto:sgartner@antioch.il.gov) or call 847-395-1000.



Sincerely,

**Mayor Scott Gartner**

847-395-1000

[antioch.il.gov](http://antioch.il.gov)



# FOOD TRUCK FEASTIVAL



## 11AM-3PM TOFT AVE.



**SUNDAY 5/7 - Miss Jamie (12:30pm)**

**SUNDAY 6/11 - School of Rock Libertyville (12:30pm)**

**SUNDAY 7/9 - Jason Kollum (12:30pm)**

**SUNDAY 8/13 - Priscilla Arianna (12:30pm)**



## AND MORE...

\*EVENT SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

A full-page photograph of a man, Rodney Atkins, standing in a grassy field. He is wearing a dark, button-up jacket over a white t-shirt and a brown baseball cap. He is looking off to the side with a slight smile. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a hazy sky.

## Country Music Star Rodney Atkins to Open “It’s Thursday” Concert Series

The Village of Antioch, US99 radio, and Raymond Auto Group partner to celebrate the start of summer!

Antioch, IL (May 9, 2023) – The Village of Antioch has partnered with Chicago country music radio station US99 (99.5 FM) and the Raymond Auto Group to present country music star Rodney Atkins at the William E. Brook Entertainment Complex for an all-ages concert. The June 8th concert will kick off the village’s popular It’s Thursday concert Series at the downtown bandshell.

Opening for Rodney Atkins will be Chicagoland’s #1 young country band, the Mackenzie O’Brien Band. The show will begin at 6 p.m. at the William E. Brook Entertainment Complex (Antioch Bandshell), 900 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002.

New this year, the Village of Antioch has added sponsorship opportunities to the concert series. The Raymond Auto Group will serve as 2023 Presenting Sponsor of the Village of Antioch It’s Thursday summer concert series. The State Banks of the Lake will serve as Gold Level Sponsor, with Lakeshore Beverage, Antioch Fine Wine & Liquors, Fischer Paper, Lakota Group, Merit Law Group, and Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd., all contributing at the

Silver Level.

“I am thrilled to announce the partnership between the Village of Antioch, US99, and the Raymond Auto Group to kick off our It’s Thursday summer concert series with country music star Rodney Atkins,” said Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner. “This concert promises to be a fantastic event for all ages, and we are grateful for the support of our generous sponsors. Come join us for a night of great music and experience all that downtown Antioch has to offer.”

Downtown Antioch features nearly a dozen restaurants and bars, and nearly two dozen boutique retail stores, with many more restaurants and shopping opportunities throughout the entire community.

In addition to the partnership with US99, the Village of Antioch is working in collaboration with other radio stations to bring exciting music programming to the bandshell, including 93XRT and the Decades Weekend concert event in July.

For more information on upcoming events in Antioch, visit the Village of Antioch website, [www.antioch.il.gov](http://www.antioch.il.gov), or follow the verified Village of Antioch, Illinois – Government Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/EnjoyAntioch](https://www.facebook.com/EnjoyAntioch)



# Antioch Opens Bid Process for Park Development

The Village of Antioch has announced the request for sealed bids for the construction of the Downtown Community Open Space Redevelopment Project, Contract 2 2023. The project aims to transform an existing site of approximately 4.5 acres into a new park with an emphasis on the Sequoit Creek channel.

This development project will provide a major boost in tourism and economic development opportunities for the Village of Antioch. The park will include the installation of stone walls, a cast-in-place pedestrian bridge, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water/sewer service lines, electrical and lighting improvements, concrete walkways, decorative walls, irrigation, and landscaping. Additional features will include a splash pad, playground equipment, and a pavilion, alongside the reconstruction of Depot Street and a restroom/concession facility.

Antioch Mayor Scott J. Gartner says the request for bid proposals is another big milestone forward for this landmark project. Preliminary environmental construction began last fall. Park construction is expected to begin later this summer.

“This redevelopment project is a significant investment in the heart of our village. It will provide a space for residents to gather, relax, and enjoy the natural surroundings,” said



Gartner. “We look forward to reviewing the bids and seeing this project come to fruition.”

This Project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLT 3381 awarded to the State of Illinois by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Therefore, bidders must comply with all laws, including those related to the employment of labor and payment of the general prevailing rate of hourly wages in the locality in which the work will be performed.

## Senior Discounts Available to Residents 65 Years or Older!

Did you know that Village of Antioch residents 65 and older are entitled to a discount from the Village’s contract waste hauling service? Senior discounts of 20% are available for qualifying residents.

Seniors are also eligible for a discount Village vehicle tax.

Seniors 65 and older only are required to pay \$1 annually per vehicle, a 90 percent discount from the regular tax of \$10 per vehicle.

To qualify for either discount, residents must be registered with the Village. To verify senior status, contact Antioch Village Hall at 847-395-1000.



### SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Wine Walk	First Thursday Night Concert at the Bandshell	First Farmers Market of the Summer	Food Truck FEASTival on Toft	Independence Day Festivities!	Food Truck FEASTival on Toft
JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JULY	JULY
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

(Thursday evenings from June 8th through August 10th)

(Thursday afternoons, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. from June 8th through September 14th) More info: <https://www.antioch.il.gov/farmersmarket/>

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ANTIOCH



Summer 2023



Village of Antioch

# It's THURSDAY CONCERT series

MUSIC STARTS AT 7 P.M.

**June 8: Kickoff Party with US99 & Rodney Atkins\*\***

**\*\*June 8th show starts at 6 p.m. with opening act, Mackenzie O'Brien**

**June 15: The Complex**

**June 22: GooRoos**

**June 29: Libido Funk Circus**

*(No concert July 6)*

**July 7,8,& 9: 93XRT Decades Weekend**

**July 13,14,15,&16: Taste of Summer Concerts**

*(see AntiochChamber.org for Taste of Summer info)*

**July 20: BUCKLE Band**

**July 27: Unity The Band**

**August 3: The Rockin' Fenderskirts / Car Show**

**August 10: Mike & Joe**

**William E. Brook Entertainment Center - Antioch Bandshell**

**900 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002**

**CONCERT SERIES SPONSORS:**

**2023 Presenting Sponsor: Raymond Auto Group**



**Gold Sponsor: State Bank of the Lakes**



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# Welcoming Our New Board of Education Members

The Antioch CCSD 34 Board of Education welcomed three Board of Education members, Kelly Beall, Josh Cornwell and Tamar Lasko, who took the oath of office at a Special Board Reorganization Meeting on May 2nd and participated in their first Board of Education meeting as acting board members on May 16th.

Superintendent Aron Borowiak understands the important contributions and recognizes the role board members play in the success of a school district. "School Board Members are some of the most unheralded positions when school districts are running well; however, they are one of the most spotlighted positions when schools face turmoil. We often forget that these positions are filled by volunteers who simply want to contribute positively to having good schools as part of a solid community. Their role is extremely important in making well-informed decisions that ultimately impact the well-being of students, staff, and the surrounding community." D34 Board of Education President Mary Beth Hulting echoed Mr. Borowiak's sentiment and expressed her optimism and excitement about the new board and what the new members will bring. "The addition of our three new board members will provide our school community with continued leadership while bringing fresh perspectives to help us carry through on our newly developed strategic plan. We look forward to their onboarding and can't wait to collectively roll up our sleeves and get to work on some of our exciting district initiatives."

## Kelly Beall

Kelly Beall has been an active member of the D34 community throughout the years. Kelly has served as both a lunchroom/homeroom aide and as a substitute teacher in the district and is a parent to former D34 students Emily, 22, and Andrew, 19, and is currently working with the D117 Strategic Strategic Planning Committee. Kelly and her husband Mike are 25-year residents of Lake Villa and are actively involved with Save-A-Pet, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Open Arms Mission and Indivisible Western Lake County.

Kelly earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Trade from Auburn University and a Master of Arts Degree in German Literature from the University of Alabama and spent ten years working as a senior account manager for public entity self-funded medical and dental plan cooperatives. She is excited to work with the new and current board members to carry out the vision set forth in the new D34 Strategic Plan. "I have faith that we will all work to the best of our ability

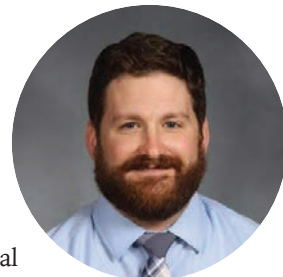


to help D34 thrive and be a place where we inspire students to dream and empower them to achieve."

## Josh Cornwell

As the principal of Big Hollow Middle School, Josh Cornwell will be coming to the D34 Board of Education with a wealth of educational knowledge and experience. Currently in his 16th year as an educator, Josh began his educational career teaching middle school ELA and Social Studies before transitioning into administration, where he has served as both a middle school Assistant Principal and Principal. Josh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Illinois, in addition to a Masters in Arts in Secondary Teaching and a Masters in Arts in School Leadership, both from Concordia University Chicago.

Antioch residents since 2015, Josh and his wife Chanelle are proud parents to Nathaniel, 6, and Georgia, 8, who attend Hillcrest Elementary School. As a parent, Josh has served as a member of the D34 Parent Advisory Committee and as a board member, is looking forward to supporting the ongoing work that is already taking place in the district as we "continue to ensure schools are inclusive, equitable spaces for all students" and "provide learning environments that educate the whole child (academic, behavioral, social-emotional)."



## Tamar Lasko

A 14-year resident of Antioch, Tamar Lasko and her husband Loren are parents to two Hillcrest Hurricanes, Amelia, 5th grade, and Ellie, 2nd grade. Having served as a middle school Language Arts teacher for ten years, Tamar Lasko comes to the D34 Board of Education with a students-first approach and is focused on the success of all students. "My hopes for the future of D34 are to see decisions made with the inclusivity of all students in mind."

Tamar received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois, a Master of Arts in Teaching from National Louis and a Master in Science in Library and Information Studies from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Tamar has a passion for reading and baking and spends time regularly volunteering at Feed My Starving Children.

The new board members will join incumbents Mary Beth Hulting, Lori Linck and Tiffany Cappell who were all re-elected to the D34 Board of Education, as well as Angie Baranello, who was not up for re-election this year.



## The Eagle Has Landed: Oakland Welcomes New Principal

Having recently moved from Chicago to Lake Villa with her family, Mrs. Anita Hernandez couldn't be more pleased to be joining Antioch CCSD 34 as the next principal of Oakland Elementary School. "As I settle into Lake Villa as a new resident, I am extremely excited about being the next principal of Oakland Elementary School. One of my strong beliefs is to contribute to the community where you live. And as a resident and Principal, I want to see Oakland be the best it can be!"

Approved as the new principal of Oakland Elementary School at the April 18, 2023 Antioch CCSD 34 Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Hernandez was warmly welcomed to D34 by Oakland staff members and building and district administrators. Of his newest team member, D34 Superintendent Aron Borowiak shared, "Mrs. Hernandez stood out as the most outstanding candidate selected by our stakeholders, including teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and students. Mrs. Hernandez reiterated that she does not go to work everyday but that she goes to school, and that she has always loved going to school. She was chosen for her leadership experience, ability to raise student achievement scores, and capacity for increasing community involvement and support. We are confident that she will bring that same success to Oakland Elementary School."

Mrs. Hernandez is currently finishing out the school year as principal of Franz Peter Schubert Elementary School within Chicago Public Schools



From left to right: D34 Superintendent Aron Borowiak, Anita Hernandez and Oakland Assistant Principal Lindsay Burns.

(CPS), where she has served her students and families for the last five years. Throughout her tenure at the school, Mrs. Hernandez worked to maximize student and teacher performance, increase family engagement, and formed community partnerships with the Jonathan Towes Foundation, Wells Fargo, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, amongst others. She is a strong advocate for the use of data to inform instructional decision-making and has experience providing quality professional development and support to staff. Prior to this, Mrs. Hernandez served as an Assistant Principal and taught both middle school Science and English Language Learners.

As she looks forward to the upcoming school year, Mrs. Hernandez is energized and focused on building relationships with Oakland families and staff members. "I am looking forward to working with all of the teachers and parents and getting to know all of the wonderful students and seeing our school flourish as a true community hub where everyone thrives and feels welcome." Mrs. Hernandez will begin her principalship on July 1, 2023.

## AUGS Students Win the Day!

Antioch Upper Grade School eighth graders Arya Desai and Alexander (AJ) Skotnicki were recipients of the 2023 Illinois Principals Association Student Leadership Award. Nominated by Principal Joe Koeune, both students were recognized for their academic accomplishments, leadership and outstanding character at the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast on April 27th.

Arya is an organized and dependable student who participates in National Junior Honor Society and serves as Student Council President. Additionally,



she is a member of the AUGS volleyball and track team and participates in club volleyball and attends temple studies outside of school.

AJ Skotnicki is a great leader who serves as a positive role model for his peers. In addition to excelling academically, he has been a member of the AUGS basketball team for the past two years, plays on both State and National lacrosse teams, and participates in box lacrosse in the winter. Outside of

school, AJ volunteers his time assisting the elderly with yard work and completing small jobs around their homes.





# Students' Work Featured in Annual Art Crawl

This year's D34 Art Crawl took place throughout downtown Antioch on Saturday, May 6th. This annual celebration of the arts has been taking place for over 15 years and has become a staple in the community. Hundreds of students performed throughout the day in our school led bands, orchestras, and choirs. It was a festive day filled with art and music!

The Antioch Bandshell (William E. Brook Entertainment Center) was alive with the sounds of music, as students from different schools took to the stage to perform. The air was filled with the sounds of trumpets, saxophones, and drums. Students put on a fantastic show and the audience was delighted with the sounds of Spring.

Along with the music, art was displayed all through the community. Paintings and drawings were displayed in local businesses, restaurants, and shops. The artwork

was a testament to the creativity and talent of the student artists in Antioch. The community was buzzing with excitement as they walked from one business to another, admiring the art.

The D34 Art Crawl isn't just an event for the students and the artists; it is an event for the entire community. People from all walks of life came out to celebrate the arts: families with young children, teenagers, and adults of all ages walked around the town, enjoying the music and the art.

The event was a huge success, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the organizers. The D34 Art Crawl has become a tradition in the community and it is an event that people look forward to every spring. The students, the artists, and the community as a whole should be proud of the event they created. It was a beautiful day filled with music, art, and community spirit.

# Kickoff to Kindergarten

Antioch CCSD 34 is excited to welcome our newest learners to the district! To help our incoming students and families prepare for the transition to kindergarten, D34 has organized a series of events for incoming kindergarteners who will be attending Hillcrest, Oakland and W.C. Petty Elementary Schools this August.

## Kindergarten Registration

All families are asked to register incoming kindergartners by June 1, 2023. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1st to attend kindergarten for 2023-2024 school year. Visit the D34 registration webpage to learn more. Kindergarten students must have a physical by the 1st day of school, an eye exam by October 15th, and a dental examination by May 15th.

## Kindergarten Screenings

Part of the registration process for kindergarteners is attending a kindergarten screening. Links to kindergarten screening sign-up can be found on the D34 registration webpage. Using the information collected at the screening appointment, teachers will have an initial understanding of students' strengths and areas of needed support, which will help teachers to make all of the students feel as comfortable as possible on the first day of school.

## Popsicles With the Principal

Antioch CCSD 34 invites all 2023-2024 incoming kindergarten students to stop by their school of attendance for a social event on June 15th from 1-2 PM. Students can meet their principal and visit with future classmates while enjoying a popsicle on the playground. Kindergarteners will have the opportunity to climb aboard and explore a stationary D34 school bus. For those interested in before or after school care, Champions will be on site to talk with families about their school-based before and after school child care program. Additionally, the Boosters, our parent organization, will be onsite to meet with families. Stop by and learn more about how to get involved as a parent.

Don't forget to bring your camera, there will be plenty of opportunities to capture those adorable candid shots of your future Kindergartener! We look forward to meeting all our families on the 15th of June. In case of inclement weather, we will move the event indoors. Join us, rain or shine!

CALLING ALL INCOMING  
KINDERGARTENERS!

pop on over

AND CHILL WITH US



POPSICLES WITH THE PRINCIPAL

JUNE 15

1 - 2 PM

## Summer Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 18 Elementary Orchestra Concert** | Antioch Upper Grade School | 6:30 PM
- 22 8th Grade Dance** | Antioch Upper Grade School | 6 PM
- 24 8th Grade Graduation** | Antioch Community High School | 6 PM
- 26 Last Day of School** (early release schedule)

### JUNE

- 1 Summer Learning Open House** | W.C. Petty | 5:30-6:30 PM
- 5-29 Summer Learning** | W.C. Petty
- 15 Popsicles With the Principal** | W.C. Petty/Oakland/Hillcrest | 1-2 PM

### AUGUST

- 7-10 6th Grade Transition Camp** | Antioch Upper Grade School
- Band Camp** | Antioch Upper Grade School
- Orchestra Camp** | Antioch Upper Grade School
- 7 Kindergarten Screenings** | Oakland & Hillcrest | 12-8 PM
- Kindergarten Screenings** | W.C. Petty | 4-8 PM
- 8 Kindergarten Screenings** | Oakland & Hillcrest | 4-8 PM
- Kindergarten Screenings** | W.C. Petty | 8-4 PM
- 22 Meet & Greet** | Antioch Upper Grade School | 3-4 PM
- Meet & Greet** | MKM Early Learning Center | 4-5:30 PM
- Meet & Greet** | Hillcrest/Oakland/W.C. Petty | 5-6:30 PM
- 23 First Day of School**





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# Antioch Township Awarded the OSLAD Grant

As we approach Summer, Antioch Township is proud to announce we are the recipient of The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant that will help to improve our parks and amenities. The Township was awarded approximately \$600,000! Thank you to Trustee, Steve Turner, for your efforts and diligence in getting The OSLAD grant secured.

This award has allowed us to move forward with plans for the development of Thelen Park. This 30-acre property

has belonged to the Township for 20 years.

Our team has worked with Pamela Self Landscaping & Park Design & EVA Engineering to create a recreational outdoor area for all to enjoy. Amenities include ample parking, basketball courts, birdwatching area, disc golf course, naturalized plantings, obstacle course, overlook to rookery, pavilion overlooking water, pickleball courts, play area, slope/sledding hill, sports shelter, volleyball court & walking / hiking trail. This will be a wonderful addition to our community!



**A group of seniors took a tour of the Antioch Fire Department.**

## Naloxone Kit Can Save Lives

The Lake County Health Department has reported an increase in opioid overdoses. The Department is combating the opioid crisis in a multitude of ways, including the distribution of free Naloxone to community members and law enforcement personnel. Naloxone is a non-addictive, life-saving medication. It can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when used in time. It is easy to get and easy to use. Lake County residents, especially those whose loved ones may be using opioids, are encouraged to have Naloxone on hand in case of an overdose. If you would like to request a free Naloxone kit (includes 4 doses of Naloxone and five fentanyl test strips), visit [www.lakecountytill.gov/naloxone](http://www.lakecountytill.gov/naloxone) or call (847) 377-8199.

## Calling All Singers! (and non-singers too)

Antioch Township is always looking for new voices to join our Silver & Gold Singers. This is a FREE event that happens at the Village Center every Wednesday from 10:30am-12pm.



## Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Lake Street

Time: All movies start at 10am. Theatre opens at 9:30am.

**June 12: Funny Girl**

**June 26: Sleepless in Seattle**

**July 17: The Notebook**

**July 31: Elvis**

**August 7: 80 for Brady**

**August 28: Where the Crawdads Sing**

**September 25: The Sound of Music**

**Sing-Along Movie Mania**



## Daily Senior Events at Township Center & Village Center

### TOWNSHIP CENTER

1625 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046

Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri.

### VILLAGE CENTER

817 Holbek Dr., Antioch, IL 60002

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm.

Tues 9am-1pm. Closed Fridays

### MONDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

#### Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

#### Spa Toe Clinic

9am-2pm

Every six weeks/sign-up  
Call Terri 262.914.2776

#### Lunch

11:30am-12:30pm

Sign-up required

#### Bingo

1pm-3pm

### TUESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

#### Card Tables

9:30am-12:30pm

#### Stitch Club

9am-1pm

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

#### Line Dancing

9am-10:30am

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### WEDNESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

#### Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

#### Silver & Gold Singers

10:30am-12pm

#### Lunch

12pm-1:30pm

#### Card Tables

1pm-4pm

#### Walking Club

9:00 AM on 7/12, 7/26, 8/9,  
8/23, 9/13, 9/27

#### Bunco

1:00 PM on 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16,  
9/6, 9/20

### THURSDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

#### Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

#### Card Tables

12:30pm-4pm

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

#### Bingo

9:30 AM on 7/20, 8/17, 9/21

#### Trivia

1:00 PM on 8/10

### FRIDAYS

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

#### Bridge

9:30 AM

#### Board Games

12:00pm

We also have local events, bus trips and other outings for seniors. Please call the office at 847.395.3378 or join our mailing list.

Senior Services: 847.395.3378 | [rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov](mailto:rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov)





# ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

July - September 2023

## Sinatra @ Sunset

A premier live entertainer, Ludy, is known for his heart stopping notes and world class vocals. Enjoy lakeside dining with a beautiful view overlooking Bluff Lake. Cost includes a delicious lunch buffet offering chicken, Italian beef and Italian sausage, dessert, coffee/tea/soda. Raffle prizes and cash bar available too!

**Location:** Sunset Grill, 25276 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch

**Date:** Monday, July 10

**Time:** 11:30 AM

**Cost - Resident: \$30, Non-resident: \$40**

## All Things German in Milwaukee

**Usinger's Sausage ~ Mader's Restaurant ~ Edelweiss Cruise**

Join us for a day of "Gemütlichkeit!" We will start our day with a quick stop at Usinger's Deli featuring a variety of German style sausage and smoked meats. We will have a cooler on the bus for your purchase to stay cold. Next, enjoy authentic German cuisine at Mader's, a historic landmark building. To complete our summer day, board "Miss Wisconsin" for a private, two-hour narrated, air-conditioned boat tour.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 19

**Time:** Bus departs at 10:00 AM from Antioch Township

**Bus returns approximately 5:30 PM**

**Cost - Resident: \$80, Non-resident: \$95**

## Ice Cream Social & Music

Here's the scoop...cool off with ice cream and all of your favorite toppings. Enjoy entertainment featuring Terry Connell, a fine musician who will dazzle you with all genres of music!

**Location:** Antioch Township, 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa

**Date:** Tuesday, July 25

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Cost - Resident: \$5, Non-resident: \$10**

## Mary Poppins - Fireside Theatre

The world's favorite "practically perfect" nanny comes alive on stage serving up more than a spoonful of delightful music, dancing, and laughter. We will make a special stop at the Jones Market before the show.

**Date:** Friday, August 11

**Time:** Bus departs at 8:30 AM from Antioch Township

**Bus returns approximately 5:30 PM**

**Cost - Resident: \$85, Non-resident: \$100**

## Annual Luau

Aloha! Celebrate summer with the Barefoot Hawaiian Hula and Polynesian Dancers. This is a bright and joyful event that will include a delicious buffet lunch, dessert, raffles and a lot of fun!

**New location:** VFW Antioch

**Date:** Friday, August 18

**Time:** Doors open at 10:30 AM

**Cost - Resident: \$30, Non-resident: \$40**

## Lake Geneva Lunch & Cruise

Enjoy lunch at The Baker House, 1885, a place where reality fades and decadence takes center stage. The historic mansion and the lakefront garden have beautiful views of Lake Geneva from every angle. Following lunch, board an air-conditioned boat for a two-hour narrated cruise on Lake Geneva that includes all the famous sights that gave the area the name "Newport of the West."

**Date:** Tuesday, September 12

**Time:** Bus departs at 10:15 AM from Antioch Township

**Bus returns approximately 4:00 PM**

**Cost - Resident: \$65, Non-resident: \$75**

## The Sound of Music Sing-Along Movie Mania

Raindrops on Roses and Whiskers on Kittens...sing-along to all of your favorites of this beloved musical with a twist of old-lay-ee. Come sing, laugh, and eat popcorn with all your friends.

**Location:** Antioch Theatre

**Date:** Monday, September 25

**Time:** 10 AM (doors open at 9:30)

**Cost - Resident: \$5, Non-resident: \$10**

**Call 847-395-3378 for information regarding senior events & programs.**

*Cut out below & sign up now!*

## Antioch Township Event Registration

Mark your selections

☐ **Sinatra @ Sunset Grill**  
July 10  
R: \$30 / NR: \$40

☐ **All Things German**  
July 19  
R: \$80 / NR: \$95  
\_\_\_ Brat & Knockwurst Platter  
\_\_\_ Weiner Schnitzel  
\_\_\_ Hungarian Style Beef Goulash

☐ **Mary Poppins**  
August 11  
R: \$85 / NR: \$100  
\_\_\_ Chicken Alfredo  
\_\_\_ Seared Atlantic Salmon

☐ **Lake Geneva Lunch & Cruise**  
September 12  
R: \$65 / NR: \$75

☐ **Sound of Music**  
September 25  
R: \$5 / NR: \$10

☐ **Annual Luau**  
August 18  
R: \$30 / NR: \$40

**Total amount of payment**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All payments must be received 10 days before event*

**Please make checks payable to:**

Antioch Township  
1625 Deep Lake Road  
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Attn: Renee Mehning

**Registrant Details**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)*

**For information and to check availability contact Renee Mehning at 847-395-3378.**



# Hello Harry!

Lake Villa 41 has a new therapy dog in training. Hairy Harry is a 13-week-old Great Pyrenees Mountain dog, just like his big sister, Jeep. Seven-year-old Jeep is getting ready to retire. Hopefully, she can show Harry how to be an outstanding therapy dog before then. Harry has a lot to learn!

Pyrenees Mountain dogs are exceptional with children. They have a calm and loving disposition. Pyrs like to protect animals smaller than them, which is why they are often found on working farms and ranches guarding livestock. Jeep and Harry think their job is to protect students. Students enjoy the attention and affection these dogs deliver.

## Eagle Scout Project Completed at Martin School

Martin Elementary School was honored to be selected as the site for a new outdoor classroom located in the northwest corner of the school. The space was designed by former student Fitzroy Walsh who is completing her Eagle Scout badge. Fitzroy, from Troop #188 in Lake Villa, was able to put her extensive planning into practice on Saturday, April 22, 2023 when she, along with family, friends, scouts, and scouters, assembled tables and benches for ALL Martin Mustangs to enjoy, along with a dry-erase board and storage box for inclement weather. Martin School appreciates being the benefactor of such an incredible donation.



## Congratulations Retirees!

The district wishes ten retiring educators the very best and thanks them for their collective 211 years of service to the families of Lake Villa. Congratulations Joan Cuba, Deb Pederson, Kara Moy, Sandra Smith, Cathie Williams, Shari Nelson, Kathy Skinner, Deanna Groenwald, Liz Barbour and Lynette Zimmer!



## Hovercraft Fun

Fifth-grade students at Hooper Elementary had the opportunity to build and operate a Hovercraft thanks to a donation from The Butterfly Effect of Maddox J. LoPriore Foundation. While the students enjoyed building the Hovercrafts and riding them, the lessons learned in this experience were more important. Students learned life lessons of never giving up, trusting the team process, and if something fails, keep trying.

At the end of the day, all 16 teams were able to build their Hovercraft without adult assistance and were able to make them glide across the gym floor. This amazing project is already rebooked for next year.





# Students Visited by Therapy Dogs

How do therapy dogs help to make a healthy community? The PreK class with Mrs. Hertzke at Grass Lake School can tell you! They experienced learning with the help of some canine friends. The first guest was Meditative Groomer, Stephenie Calhoun. Stephenie shared her love for dogs with the PreK class, showing them ways to care and groom dogs in a positive and calm manner. This approach to grooming stemmed from Stephenie discovering her own neurodiverse issue that took her on a learning journey. This has translated into a holistic approach and her career that allows her to offer training for others like her to have a career that meets their needs as well as dogs.

The second visitor that supported the Project Based Learning project in this PreK class was Superintendent Dr. William Newby. He brings his therapy dog, Albus to school on a regular basis. In this situation he worked with the PreK class to understand ways to approach and interact with dogs. Albus was the model teacher, giving the children an opportunity to learn how dogs can be supportive of human therapy. A dog named Comfort demonstrated how he interacts inside a nursing home facility and provides ways to alert others when something is medically wrong with a patient. Students certainly were able to see first hand what man's best friend has to offer a community.



## Students Make Winter Fine Arts Night a Success

The GLS Winter Fine Arts Night was a huge success! The magical evening themed “A Nutcracker Wonderland” was filled with a variety of musical performances from students in grades Pre-K through eighth grade. Throughout the evening audience members enjoyed listening to the choir, band, guitar club, bucket drumming, boomwhackers, and more. Amazing Nutcracker artwork was hung throughout the exhibit and live Project Based

Learning (PBL) performances were reenacted by our talented fifth grade students. They chose to “tell the story of The Nutcracker through performance” which included a choreographed dance and sword fight! In addition, our talented fourth graders created their own Nutcracker as part of their PBL art projects. Their creativity and unique designs were on display for all to enjoy! It truly was a magical evening had by all!



## Students Present 'The Addams Family' the Musical

In March, Grass Lake School presented, "The Addams Family" the Musical, Young@Part. We had a cast of 19 students in grades 4-7, and 11 crew members grades 4-7. The story followed Wednesday (Elise E) and her fiancé, Lucas (Oli B) as they navigated how to tell their families about their love. Gomez and Morticia (Jake C and Ivy G) showed the importance of telling each other the truth. The fun and wacky musical was a huge success!



## Band & Choir Students Go On Lion King Field Trip

40 Grass Lake students and parents traveled to Chicago in January to see Disney's "The Lion King the Musical" on Broadway in Chicago. All of the students who attended participated in either Band or Choir at Grass Lake School. For most, this was their very first time attending a professional theatrical production. The incredible production features well known music from the original movie, incredible makeup and costumes, puppetry, special effects, and an immersive audience experience. We had a blast and hope to go again in the future!



*Illinois Principal Association Award Recipient Liam W. with Principal Plath!*

## Illinois Principal Association Recognizes Liam W.

Grass Lake School is proud to announce our Illinois Principal Association Award Recipient, Liam W. Liam is an exceptional student who is well-regarded by all of his teachers and administrators at Grass Lake School. Liam always maintains a helpful and polite demeanor and can be counted on to lend a helping hand wherever possible. He has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society all through junior high. Liam is also an active member of Student Council and AV Club. His support and dedication to the AV Club has allowed for the Hour of Code to be conducted across grade levels within our district. Even outside of school, he does academic work above and beyond what is expected. He participated in an online Harvard class this year, and was invited to attend a week-long class at Harvard this summer with a scholarship. Liam is an excellent role model for all of his peers. His teachers and classmates simply cannot say enough good things about him! Grass Lake School looks forward to continued success and accomplishments by Liam throughout his future endeavors!





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**2023 SCHEDULE**  
**7-8:30pm**

**June**

- 7 The Breakfast Club - 80's/LM
- 14 Kaleidoscope Eyes - Beatles/PP
- 21 Sushi Roll - Rock & Dance Music/LM
- 28 Mackenzie O' Brien Band - Country/PP

**July**

- 5 Semple - Rock & Pop/CP
- 12 Blooze Brothers - Blues Brothers/LM
- 19 The Four C Notes - Frankie Valli/PP
- 26 Billy Elton - Billy Joel & Elton John/LM

**August**

- 2 The Class of 68 - Classic Rock/PP
- 9 Gooroos - 80's-Today/LVDL

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Thank You!

**Raymond**  **KIA**

**A N T I O C H**

**Venues**

Caboose Park-CP  
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa

Lake Villa District Library-LVDL  
140 N. Munn Rd. Lindenhurst

Lehmann Mansion-LM  
485 N. Milw. Ave. Lake Villa

Parkman Pavilion-PP  
2200 E. Grass Lk. Rd. Lindenhurst

LMP Updates can be found on  
Facebook, Instagram, and  
[www.lindenhurstparks.org](http://www.lindenhurstparks.org).

**Featuring**

Black Lung Brewing  
Harbor Brewing  
9th Hour Brewing  
BBQ Productions  
& multiple food trucks!

vendors will vary weekly-  
check Facebook for updates

**NO BUTTS ABOUT IT -**  
No Dogs,  
No Smoking &  
No Smoking Dogs  
are allowed!



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# Our Community's Heroes

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Antioch Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, the first due crew confirmed they had a working structure fire in the attic and back porch of a home with the possibility of a dog still trapped inside. The homeowners were already evacuated from the structure, and they confirmed the dog had not made it out. The crews did a primary search for the dog with no luck at finding it. The dog wasn't located until the crews did their secondary search, and firefighter **Chris Bout** located and rescued the homeowner's dog.

## Have a great photo from our community?

Send us your high-res image to [connections@chsd117.org](mailto:connections@chsd117.org) and we will select the best image to be featured here on *Community Capture*!





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## The 2023 APLD Summer Reading Program Runs June 1 - July 31

Community members of all ages are invited to participate in the APLD Summer Reading Program, "All Together Now". This year's theme aims to encourage Kindness, Friendship and Unity.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Register for the 2023 Summer Reading program by clicking on the "All Together Now" icon on the homepage of the Library website at [www.APLD.info](http://www.APLD.info). You can also register in person at the Library.
- When registering online, the "All Together Now" icon will lead you to our online reading program platform, where you will create an account if you are new to our summer reading programs, or if you've participated in the past, you can use your same account information as in past years.
- Keep track of your daily reading and earn badges all the way through July 31st.
- Earn a badge for every four days that you read and for each badge that you earn, you will receive four tickets to enter into an online drawing for prizes.
- The program is completed once you have read 32 days.

**Visit [www.APLD.info](http://www.APLD.info) for more details or to register starting June 1st.**

If you need assistance with registration, contact or visit us during our regular service hours:  
Mon. - Thurs.: 9am – 9pm • Fri.- Sat.: 9am – 5pm • Sun.: 1pm – 5pm