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THANK YOU DR. MCKAY

District 117 reflects
on Superintendent
Dr. Jim McKay's 22
years of service

The end of the 2021–2022 school year is upon us, marking the final year of Dr. Jim McKay's service to the students, staff and communities of District

117. For the last 12 years, Dr. McKay has served as Community High School District 117 superintendent. But his journey has an educational leader in Northwest Lake County started two decades earlier. For 22 years, Dr. McKay has touched the lives of countless students, faculty and community members throughout his various roles in the District.

"Dr. McKay has served the district for 22 years, impacting every student he taught in his classroom and, as superintendent, every student in the district," said Wayne Sobczak, District 117 Board of Education president. "He's respected in all of our communities for his community service with our civic organizations and collaborative efforts with our villages, our townships and our local and county law enforcement. Dr. McKay is a leader who has one goal on a daily basis: to do what is in the best interest of our students. He will certainly be missed."

From Science to Superintendent

Dr. McKay began his tenure at District 117 in 2000 as a science teacher instructing chemistry at Antioch Community High School. He quickly rose through the ranks to become the science department chair and assistant principal.

After seeing significant growth in the Northwest Lake County area in the early 2000s, District 117 expanded, and in 2004, opened Lakes Community High School to a group of freshmen and sophomore students. Two years later, in 2006, Dr. McKay was named principal of Lakes Community High School, where he established many traditions that are still carried on today, including the Eagle Pride Monthly Celebration. He also established the Lakes Eagles Booster Club which has given back to students annually since its inception.

In 2010, he began his stewardship as District 117 superintendent. When he accepted the position, he ensured the community of his plans by saying, "While a new person may be exciting, there is always a learning curve. In this situation, no valuable time will be lost."

That same year, he also communicated to District 117 stakeholders that he was "looking forward to continuing to develop and strengthen the district's academic programs in order to enhance student achievement."

Thank You, Dr. McKay

For more than a decade, Dr. McKay has done just this. From his various philanthropic efforts to leading his the district through the COVID-19 pandemic to working to establish both Antioch Community High School and Lakes Community High School as two of the leading public high schools in the state, Dr. McKay has been a leader both within the district and within the community at large.

"Dr. McKay's leadership and his passion for the improvement of our community will be felt for many years to come," said Andrew Seketa, district transition coordinator. "I consider it a privilege to have been able to learn from him as a student, a community member and eventual staff member. We all owe Dr. McKay a collective 'thank you' for his many years of dedication and service."

Part of Dr. McKay's work to further the reputation of District 117's schools could be found in the strategic plans he created. These plans subsequently led to expanding more opportunities for students to get involved in academic and extracurricular activities, both inside and outside the walls of the schools.

"Dr. McKay has provided our community with a strong sense of pride as we are now on the map as having a couple of the finest high schools in the state," said Mark Ring, LCHS PE chair and activities Director. "This will only bring more like-minded people to our community looking for a great education, propelling us to an even stronger community."

Jaclyn Orlov, ACHS's AP of curriculum and instruction, agrees.

"I feel fortunate to have worked with Dr. McKay during my 15 years in District 117," Orlov said. "Dr. McKay served as my principal and superintendent and in both of these capacities he has been a role model. He has always been present and supportive. Whether leading by example through a challenging time, or making appearances as a supporter at countless district events, you could always count on Dr. McKay to support the efforts of the district. It has been an honor to work with Dr. McKay, and I wish him the best in his retirement."

Thank you, Dr. McKay — you will be missed! C

Welcome, Dr. Feucht!

Beginning July 1, Dr. Jeff Feucht will become the next superintendent of Community High School District 117.

An established leader in public education, Dr. Feucht currently serves as superintendent of Lake Park High School District 108 in Roselle, Illinois, and, prior to this, spent 11 years at Glenbard Township High School District 87 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois — the third largest high school district in the state.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of an exceptional leader like Dr. McKay and am excited to get to better know the communities District 117 serves so I can hit the ground running on July 1," Dr. Feucht said. "I will work hard to preserve the tradition of excellence the district has become known for, while also continuing the emphasis on continuous improvement that will allow us to meet the needs of all of our District 117 graduates."



Dr. Feucht started his career at Elgin School District U-46 where he taught high school English and social studies for 11 years. He then served as a division chair at Bartlett High School and led a large federal grant program for the district. Dr. Feucht received his Bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he graduated with high honors in 1998. He earned his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Aurora University in 2001 and his Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Aurora University in 2011.

Dr. Feucht was selected from an applicant pool of 25 candidates from seven states which was assembled by BWP and Associates — the search firm hired by the District 117 Board to find the next superintendent. As part of the process BWP consultants met with Board of Education members, administrators, union leadership and district staff in addition to offering a community wide survey.

More than 235 participants took the survey, with the Board of Education and BWP consultants using the data to create a leadership profile to assist in the screening of applicants. Dr. Feucht emerged as the best match for the district and the leadership profile.

NEW PRINCIPALS | CHSD117

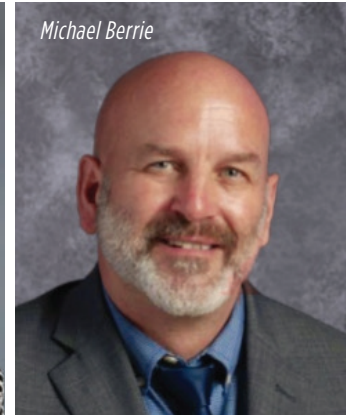
D117 Welcomes Two New Principals

Community High School District 117 is eager to announce Jori Bowen has accepted the position at Lakes Community High School as principal beginning the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. Bowen takes on this role after 7½ years as Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction. Prior to her experience in this role, she was also an Assistant Principal of Student Services for two years and a Math Department Chair for 4 years. Mrs. Bowen began her career in the district as a Math teacher in 2002. “It has been a pleasure to work side by side with Mrs. Bowen over the last 18 years and I am proud that she is moving into the principal’s role at Lakes.” Principal David Newberry said.

Starting this fall, ACHS will have a new principal, Michael Berrie, coming to us from Round Lake High School, where he has served as principal since 2017. Prior to that, Mr. (soon-to-be doctor) Berrie was director of teaching and learning for Round Lake area schools. Mr. Berrie is currently in the process of finishing the research component of his doctoral studies with a dissertation entitled “Racial Identity



Jori Bowen



Michael Berrie

and Sense of School Connection in African American Males: A Narrative Inquiry.” Coming from so close to Antioch, “I am very familiar with District 117 and its reputation for excellence,” Mr. Berrie says, “and I feel confident that I can contribute to the district’s continued success.”

SOCIAL STUDIES | ACHS

ACHS Social Studies Department Celebrates Civic Engagement

The Carson Award recognizes academic excellence and humanitarian efforts of students throughout the country. This award, established by world renowned Pediatric Neurosurgeon and Former Republican Presidential Candidate, Dr. Ben Carson, seeks to draw attention to the laudable qualities of scholarship, hard work, integrity, and self-sacrifice for the sake of one’s community. This year the Social Studies Department was proud to nominate Justin Pedersen for this prestigious award and we are thrilled to announce that he is only the 2nd student at ACHS to be awarded this coveted scholarship from the Carson Foundation.

Ashley Lubkeman was selected by the ACHS Social Studies Department as this year’s ACHS Daughters of the American Revolution Nominee. This annual award is given out by each local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to recognize a high school senior who possesses and demonstrates the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Nominees are selected by their teachers and are then invited to submit a resume, essay, and personal statement in order to compete for scholarship money.



THEATER | ACHS

ACHS Musical Follows the Yellow Brick Road to Sold Out Performances

On April 8th, the excitement that was buzzing around the Sequoit Theater was infectious. The Wizard of Oz company was ready to take the stage, a moment that the majority of the company had never done before. The company took the stage for performances with audiences full of excitement to see live theater in action. The story came to life on the Sequoit Stage and was well received by the audience. It was such a thrill to have the stage alive with live theater.



OUTSTANDING SENIORS | CHSD117

D117 Celebrates Outstanding Seniors for Class of 2022

Each year the faculty is asked to reflect on those seniors who have maintained a strong grade point average, made exceptional contributions in the classroom as well as outside of the classroom, and have demonstrated maturity and leadership. The senior class also gets to place their vote for the final word. The Outstanding Seniors will lead their Class into the graduation ceremony as well as act as emcee's of the graduation ceremony.

This year's Outstanding Seniors for the Class of 2022 are ACHS students Hannah Benes and Ravyn Edran and LCHS students Kailey Gara and Arya Patel.



THEATER | LCHS

LCHS Musical Plays to Packed Houses

This past March, Eagle Theatre at Lakes Community High School was proud to present Pippin, our first in-person musical since 2 years ago. With multiple sold out performances, we were thrilled to have the community "join us" in our musical revue. We were privileged to have over one hundred students involved in this production from the classes working on the shows, to the crew members sharing their craft, or the performers singing and dancing with everything they have, to our amazing pit playing incredible music. The circus came to town and featured aerialists soaring through the sky to magic and merriment lighting up the stunning (and sometimes scary) story of Pippin the great. We are so grateful to the continued support of our community and the district to be able to share our magic and look forward to the next production. Join us! We got magic to do!

SENIORS ATHLETES | CHSD117

D117 Athletic Departments Celebration Senior Athletes

Each year the athletic departments at ACHS and LCHS accept nominations from coaches and staff members for end of season awards. The senior recipients of these awards represent the very best of educational athletics in D117.

LAKES COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

J.P. Sullivan

Male Outstanding Athlete

C.C. Fleming

Female Outstanding Athlete

Grace Krause

Talon Award

Mark Hunter

Male Eagle Scholar

Kailey Gara

Female Eagle Scholar

David Migas

Marines Award

Meagen Brylski

Marines Award

ANTIOCH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Evan Vazquez

Ward Lear Athlete of the Year

Hannah Benes

Ward Lear Athlete of the Year

Leo Reband

Iron Sequoit Winner

Briar Russell

Iron Sequoit Winner

Brock Sooley

Iron Sequoit Winner

Evan Vazquez

Iron Sequoit Winner

Maggie Volkmar

Iron Sequoit Winner

PROM | ACHS

Antioch Students Set Sail at Prom

Prom 2022 was a big hit! Antioch High School had 405 students travel by coach bus to the city of Chicago to board the Spirit of Chicago at Navy Pier for their event. The students enjoyed a wonderful dinner, a cruise of the amazing Chicago skyline, lots and lots of dancing. Throughout the evening, the students roamed the boat from floor to floor to enjoy the different DJ's, out to the decks to get pictures with the sunset and skyline lit up in the evening and left with a souvenir of their boarding picture.



PROM | LCHS

Lakes Prom Brings Fire & Ice!

"Fire and Ice" was twice as nice this year for Lakes Prom of 22. The theme was apparent throughout the night from the flaming desserts to snow upon entering the venue. They took pictures at the Lehmann Mansion and danced the night away at Avante Banquets in Fox River Grove. We were happy to support local vendors Larkspur and Leo (flowers), DJTJ (music) and Lovin Oven (cookies).

E-SPORTS | LCHS

Lakes Takes E-Sports to Another Level

Lakes Community High School is proud to be on the forefront of our state's newest addition to the IHSA state level competitions. Our E-Sport team made up of Phil Heuser, Eli Bradley, and Justin Kao won their sectional in Rockford for the Rocket League competition and was awarded a trip to the state's final 16 teams down in Bloomington, Illinois.

There were 12 teams at the sectionals at Rockford Guilford where Lakes went 11-1, nearly sweeping the day to take first place. The top two teams in each of the eight sectionals move onto the E-Sport's first state finals competition.

The E-Sport team has worked hard to be the powerhouse in the state that they are. Jim Anderson, the coach puts the students through two or three practices a week and an attempt to have as many competitions as possible. Of course the students have worked hard at this game prior to being on the Lake's E-Sport team but the practice for tactical maneuvers and team work have been vital for their success. Earlier in the year, the team took 3rd in the IHSEA competition that had 87 teams competing in the tournament series.

Congratulations to Phil Heuser, Eli Bradley, and Justin Kao!



BASS FISHING | ACHS

Antioch's Bass Fishing Continues to Dominate

The Antioch Community High School Bass Fishing team placed 1st place in the NLCC conference tournament. Captain Blake Keulen drove anglers, Christian Filipek and Jason Lee, throughout the day as they caught their limit of 5 fish totaling 8.42 pounds.



WRITER'S WEEK | LCHS

Lakes Celebrates Writer's Week

Before spring break, the Lakes English department hosted its annual Writers' Week. Writers, storytellers, journalists and entertainers presented to English classes in the auditorium about their writing process. On the first day, presenters included Konee Rok, an animator; Dan Morley, video editor for the Chicago Bulls; and Amanda Marrazzo, a court reporter for Shaw Media. English teacher Kate Kiefer said, "It was great to have this event back in person. The energy from the presenters and the students was great."

On Day 2, sports journalist Joe Aguilar and digital content creator Koerri Elijah presented to classes. Grammy-winning songwriter Che "Rhymefest" Smith also guest taught several classes on writing through metaphor. Roughly 120 Lakes students composed pieces during the workshop, and Rhymefest picked written pieces to be performed at the event's finale. Thursday and Friday also included a range of speakers, including Kyle Paul, a Chicago musician and producer and Lakes alum.

RELIGIOUS FORUM | CHSD117

District 117 Celebrates Religious Forum

This year's 12th Religious Diversity Forum was again virtual. We had Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Mormon, Protestant and Sikh representatives answer questions created by the students. Once again, these individuals from different beliefs and backgrounds shared the screen and students were able to see / hear the commonalities and differences between the religions, but most importantly the mutual respect each religion / representative had for each other. In a society where division and hate have become more prevalent, it is great to see that though the religions are different and we are all different, that we can share a virtual experience that is all inclusive and teaches about the positive in all of us. That is the purpose of the forum and always has been.



Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Graduates

Adelina Alijoski
Morgan Brown
Noah Bryner
Sophia Delia-Galason
Sienna Diedrich
Ashley Eichor
Vincent Fenzel
Conor Flood-Cooper
Michael Flood-Cooper
Abbigail Fuesting
Ash Graham
Cole Hamlin

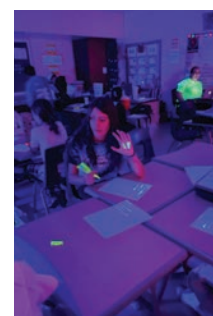
Eleanor Harms
Cole Hoerle
Lukas Jensen
Amerissa Kaliakmanis
Kaylin Kanabay
Helen-Ann Klosinski
Carson Lanners
Maximus Leber
Alyssa Lersch
Erika Little
Joshua Matus
Anna McArthur

Avery Mineau
Madelyn Mortensen
Ty Olsen
Cole Pluciennik
Aliyah Rico
Isabelle Roszkowiak
Zachary Rubin
Aiden Ryman
Zolan Schieler
Trenton Schlappi
Logan Schneider
Makenna Sekany

Grant Selander
Owen Shea
Kate Sheehan
Addison Skurski
Hayden Stueck
Miley Volkmar
Georgianna Wanke
Alexis Watson
Blake Watson
Alli Weldon
Kaedance Woodington

ABC Countdown: A Tradition at Emmons School

Emmons teachers and students celebrate the end of the school year by making each day of the last 26 days special. Each day is assigned an activity or unique dress day based on a letter of the alphabet. "A" day was Animal Day, "B" was "Read with a Buddy" day. Teachers created fun and excitement by adding their own flair to certain days such as adding a virtual backdrop beach scene for "H" Hawaiian day and hosting a Glow Game party for "G" day. Mrs. Grimon had 6th grade students participate in a review for an upcoming test using high-lighters under black lights. The students who answered a question correctly, were able to take their turns at various games set up around the classroom. Students even found time to help others by creating kindness notes for "K" day. The ABC Countdown is just one of the ways that Emmons finishes the school year strong!



From the desk of Superintendent Hubbard

Learning & Progress

We hope this edition of Connections finds you enjoying summer and everything that comes with this season. Summer is often an opportunity to play, vacation, recharge, experiment with a new hobby, enjoy the water that surrounds us, or practice that elusive perfect golf swing. At the same time, it presents us in education with many, many opportunities to grow, develop, improve, teach, learn, lead, and serve.

As you read this article, students' needs are being met through our summer programming, our staff is hard at work on their craft, our team is offering tons of TLC to our buildings, and our eyes are set on the 22-23 school year. In District 34, the learning and progress never stop. Summer may have a different vibe and sometimes a different pace for us, but how we use these weeks always connects to our goal of constantly improving and striving to be the best with, for,

and on behalf of our students and community.

The following few pages will serve as a small glimpse into all that goes into and on during the summer in District 34. Our commitment to our students ensures that while we may pause at times, our work never stops.

Have a wonderful, safe, and memorable summer!

Yours in Education,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent



Action Outside of School

At W.C. Petty Elementary, learning and student success are a priority, so learning takes place outside regular school hours. Some Petty students have been participating in extended learning opportunities after school each week where they have had additional time to work on their reading and math skills. Additionally, some students will have the opportunity to continue their learning through the District's Summer Learning Program at Oakland Elementary. This program is being funded through the state's ESSER funds which are provided to districts in an effort to address the effects of the pandemic.

Outside the academic arena, the Petty community thoroughly enjoyed the return of our in-person music performances that our young musicians have been working on all school year. Other student clubs and activities were also in full swing. The student council ran a fundraiser for the Antioch Traveling Closet and raised over \$2,500. Band and Orchestra held in-person concerts as well as before school rehearsals. In addition to these groups, the Diversity Club, Announcements Club and the Bobcat Singers have been hard at work to keep the school buzzing outside the regular school hours. It's great to be back in action!!!



Oakland Offers After School Programs

Spring has sprung and we are surrounded by all kinds of growth! This is especially true at Oakland Elementary as we are celebrating all of the growth we have experienced this year, as well as looking forward to our continued growth in the upcoming year. This year, Oakland students have had many opportunities to further grow themselves even outside of the school day! Many of our students have participated in after school enriched learning programs focusing on reading, math, and social emotional learning opportunities. The extracurriculars have also included in-person musical performances from

our kindergarten, first, choral, orchestra, and band musicians! These talented individuals have shared the gift of music across a wide variety of venues. Oakland students will also have the opportunity to participate in summer programming to continue their academic growth with summer school kicking off at Oakland Elementary in June! Our student council has also been working outside of the school day to put together a lot of community service projects for our families to participate in this year. We are excited for all the things yet to come at Oakland and in Antioch District 34.



Ready4K

Ready4K Keeps Parents in the Loop

The Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center has partnered with Illinois Cares for Kids who is offering Ready4K, a free, research-based text messaging program for parents with children ages 0-11. Families will receive 3 text messages a week with fun facts and tips on ways to help their child learn and grow. Ready4K will help parents communicate better with their child, make learning part of every day, promote their child's development by building on existing family routines, feel supported and encouraged, and get connected to local services.

If you are interested in Ready4K visit www.illinoiscareskids.org/ready4k or text IL4Kids to 70138 to enroll today.

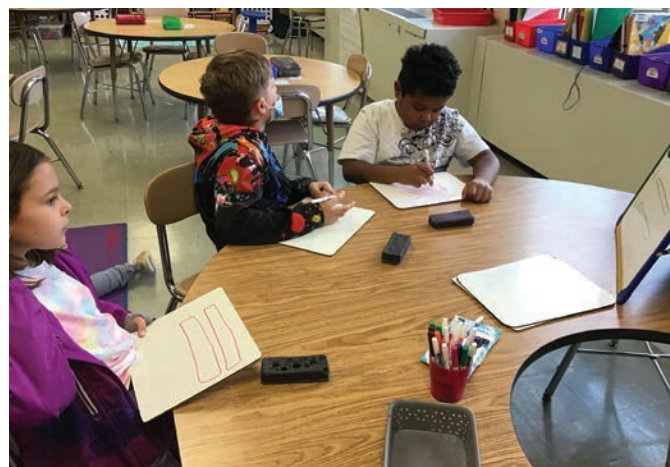
Hillcrest Teachers Take Advantage of the Summer

As the Hillcrest Hurricanes head into summer of 2022, we are reminded that the learning never stops. With summer programming on the horizon, a select group of Hillcrest staff is ready to pack up and head to Oakland to continue growing our students and preparing them for the upcoming school year. Looking forward to spending time in their backyards or by the pool, Hillcrest teachers will be busy this summer with book studies and planning how to make the 2022-2023 school year the best one yet. Our building itself will be undergoing some exciting upgrades, as we forge ahead with technology improvements. Over the summer, we are installing a new speaker system in our gymnasium, over a dozen new Promethean Boards in classrooms, and new monitors in offices to support small group learning. Teachers will also be plowing forward with their own professional development, and several are close to earning all of their Apple Learning badges and completing their Apple Teacher certification. As ready as we are to head into summer, nothing beats the excitement of opening up a new school year. We cannot wait to see our Hurricanes back in class on August 17, 2022.

ESSER to the Rescue

Thanks to Title I/ESSER (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding, Antioch Upper Grade School was able to offer a social/emotional support program, free of charge to students. The program was offered after school in 3 different 4-5 week sessions that addressed stress management strategies and healthy coping skills. It was a student driven program based on social/emotional concerns students may be dealing with such as peer relations, academic

pressure, self-esteem, anxiety, worry, etc. It was held in a smaller group setting and in a circle format to allow each student to have an opportunity to share or pass depending on their comfortability for the day. Students were identified and referred to the program based on teacher, parent, and/or self-referral and parents gave consent for their student to participate. Approximately 30 students participated in the program over all 3 sessions.



The Learning Never Stops

ESSER funds were used to provide students with Extended Learning After-School Academic lessons within the areas of English Language Arts and Math. Antioch CCSD 34 elementary students engaged in meaningful, targeted instruction designed to secure skills and concepts. In addition to meeting with teachers for small group instruction, students participated in hands-on games and practiced skills with whiteboards and iPads. Students spent around ten minutes at each center and ended each after-school session with a Social Emotional Learning lesson. ESSER funds have helped to provide students with an enjoyable relaxing learning experience after school throughout the

entire 2021-2022 school year!

Extended Learning After-School has provided students and staff the opportunity to take advantage of any and all beautiful weather! Taking time to work outside allowed students a reprieve from their everyday learning environment and helped promote peace and relaxation. Within math, students worked on skills that matched their learning needs from number sense with our younger students, to telling time, multi-step word problems, fractions and multiplication/division with the older elementary students. Staff used educational videos, games and completing tasks to help review and confirm mathematical concepts.

from the mayor's office

Summertime Is Here!

One of the many things I love about Antioch is the fact that throughout every season of the year, there are plenty of great things to do. Nothing personifies summertime fun more than being in the Antioch area during the summer months. We're right in the heart of the Chain-O-Lakes. Not only are we close to the water, we also have hiking and biking trails, great shopping, theater, and dining.

Summertime is also the best time to enjoy Downtown Antioch. As we emerge from the COVID pandemic issues over the last couple of years, we're thrilled to have a full summer of activities planned for our community.

Our second Wine Walk of the year is set for Saturday, June 4th. We had a huge turnout in January for our first wine walk of the year. The January event sold out! For me, the best part of this event is hearing the feedback from people who either have never been to Antioch or who haven't been to Antioch in a while. They all seem to say the same thing, "Wow, Downtown Antioch seems to keep getting better and better!" This reaction is a testament to the hard work of our local business community that has made Antioch a great place to visit (and live!).

Thursday night concerts at the bandshell are some of the best ways to spend a summer evening with friends and

family. This year, we're doing something new to kick off our summer concert series. We've partnered with local radio station 95 WIIL Rock to bring in Utah-based rock band, Royal Bliss along with opening acts Lines of Loyalty and Ignescant. This also happens to be the kick-off to the 95 WIIL Rock 30th Anniversary summer concert series, too. The show is set for Thursday evening June 9th. This first concert will start at 6 p.m., with all other Thursday evening concerts at the bandshell starting at 7 p.m.

Finally, make sure to attend the Antioch Fourth of July celebration! We'll have food trucks and music at Williams Park beginning at 4 p.m. and fireworks at 9:15 p.m.!

I look forward to seeing you around town this summer!



Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gartner

847-395-1000

antioch.il.gov

4TH OF JULY
PARTY in the PARK!

Williams Park
 Buckle Band 4:00-6:00pm
 The Complex 7:00-9:00pm

Food Truck & Beverages
 Sponsored by Lions Club

Summer Wine Walk

SATURDAY • JUNE 4
 12PM - 4 PM
 DOWNTOWN ANTIOCH

\$45 per person
 INCLUDES WINE BAG AND WINE GLASS, SNACKS
 AND BONUS BOTTLE OF WINE

Purchase tickets in advance online, or in-person at the
 Antioch Parks & Rec office at 806 Holbeck Dr.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT
PARKS@ANTIOCH.IL.GOV
 OR CALL 847-395-2160

SHOP & DINE BY NATURE



Royal Bliss to Open Antioch Bandshell Concert Series

The Village of Antioch has partnered with local radio station 95 WIIL Rock (95.1, WIIL-FM) to bring Utah-based rock band, Royal Bliss, to the Antioch Bandshell for an all-ages concert. The June 9th concert will kick off the village's Thursday Concert Series at the downtown Bandshell. Additionally, the concert will serve as the kick-off show for 95 WIIL Rock's 30th Anniversary Summer Concert Series.

Opening for Royal Bliss will be Lines of Loyalty, and Ignescence. The show will begin at 6 p.m. at the Antioch Bandshell, 900 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002.

Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner says the village is excited to partner with WIIL Rock to bring the popular band to Antioch for a free, all-ages

show. "This is going to be a fun evening for our residents, and a great opportunity for visitors to experience a great evening in Antioch," said Gartner.

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.

"I can't think of a better place than the Antioch Bandshell to hold our kick-off concert for WIIL ROCK's 30th Anniversary! Antioch has always been an important part of our listening area! Antioch is where I've called home for the past 6 years and many of our listeners and sponsors reside here too!" said John Perry, Content Director for 95 WIIL ROCK.

Antioch Bandshell



SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Wine Walk

JUNE

4

First Thursday Night Concert

JUNE

9

Thursday evenings from June 9th through August 11th at the Bandshell

First Children's Concert

JUNE

12

Second Sunday of June, July, and August at the Bandshell

Independence Day Parade & Fireworks

JULY

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Thank You, Commander Fendel

After serving the Antioch community for the past 23 years as a member of the Antioch Police Department, APD Commander Aron Fendel is retiring. Commander Fendel began his career in Antioch in 1999 as a patrolman. Before being hired by the APD, Fendel served our nation in the United States Air Force from 1989 until 1997. Throughout his career with the APD, Commander Fendel has served in numerous capacities including Field Training Officer, Juvenile Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Administrative Sergeant before being promoted to his position as the Commander of Support Services.

Service and dedication to the Antioch community have not only been a passion for Commander Fendel but it's also been a family affair! Whether it was Shop with a Cop, parades, or other community events, you would likely see some or all the Fendel family out volunteering their time. Commander Fendel's wife Sara has spent the past 28 years as a teacher at Antioch's Faith Lutheran School. She has accepted a call to serve at another school in the Appleton, Wisconsin area this fall. The Fendel family will be relocating to northern Wisconsin.

As a Field Training Officer with the police department,

Commander Fendel had great satisfaction in being able to contribute to the development of his fellow officers as they begin their law enforcement careers.

"It's been great to train somebody as they are first hired," said Fendel. "I've been able to work with many of our officers as they were just beginning in law enforcement. It's been extremely rewarding to see them grow as officers and individuals as they come up through the ranks."

In 1999, Commander Fendel and Antioch Police Chief Geoff Guttschow were hired as entry-level police officers by the Village of Antioch on the same day. Both went through the police academy together. They've worked together for nearly 23 years.

"I don't feel like I can adequately express the respect I have for Aron, both personally and professionally. We grew together in the organization. We have been at each other's side for over two decades. It has been such a pleasure and honor to call him my friend and colleague," said Chief Guttschow. "Aron has been instrumental in helping lead the department through some of our most significant challenges, especially during the events of the past couple of years."

Thank you for your service to our community, Commander Fendel!

Q&A WITH COMMANDER FENDEL

What do you love about Antioch?

I liked the small-town feel. The people of Antioch in general are very supportive of the Antioch Police Department.

Is there a particular memory or event that will stick with you in retirement?

There are too many memories or events to narrow it down to one thing. However, I would have to say being surrounded by great people, passionate about the job and the people they serve will be foremost in my mind. So basically, I would say my fellow officers made a positive difference in all that I had done throughout my career.

What was the most rewarding part of being a member of the Antioch Police Department?

I believe the department makes a positive impact on the community and has a great working relationship with its citizens and businesses. I really enjoyed the community outreach our agency does. Especially the "Shop with a Cop" program. It was re-energizing to see the direct, and positive impact we had on children and their families.



Commander Fendel with Antioch Police Chief Geoff Guttschow. Both Fendel and Guttschow were hired by the Village of Antioch on the same day and both went through the police academy together. They've worked together for nearly 23 years.

How has law enforcement improved during your time as an officer?

Our agency has made tremendous strides in how well the officers are being trained especially in dealing with mental health issues. We are also better equipped to deal with a multitude of things that officers may deal with daily.

What do you believe is your biggest accomplishment?

I have had several personal accomplishments throughout my career. I hope I have left a positive mark on the department and community through my efforts as a Field Training Officer and later as a supervisor. Those I have been a part of in their training

or have overseen that remain a part of the Antioch Police Department are productive and positive influences in the community.

What are some things you are going to miss the most?

It's all about the people. I am going to miss my fellow officers more than anything.

It's THURSDAY 2022 CONCERT

Music 7:00pm - 8:30pm

VILLAGE OF
Antioch
AUTHENTIC NATURE

series

June 9 @ 6pm - 95 WIL ROCK Concert Kickoff Party
 June 16 - Face the Music - Local Cover Band
 June 23 - Wild Daisy - Country
 June 30 - Jolly Ringwald, Best in 80's and More
 July 7 - The Beatelles, Female Beatles Tribute
 July 21 - Awful Truth - Local 80's Cover Band
 July 28 - Pet Rock - Local 70's Cover Band
 August 4 - The Sting Rays - 50's Custom Classic Car Show
 August 11-28 Days - Country, Rock, Pop, Motown

Children Concerts Sunday at 2:00pm
 June 12 - Nikki Nanny
 July 10 - Istavan & His Imaginary Band
 August 14 - Miss Jamie's Farm

The William E. Brook Entertainment Center (Bandshell)
 900 Skidmore, Antioch, IL



NJHS Fourth Grade Step-Up Day

Eighth Grade National Junior Honor Society members worked to create welcome gifts for fourth grade students who will be entering the fifth grade next year. They thought that personalized highlighters could help the incoming group keep themselves organized. The eighth grade students will host a question and answer session with the fourth graders soon to help calm their nerves and teach them what to expect as they transition into junior high. They have been brainstorming, trying to remember their biggest concerns and struggles from when they became fifth graders and also how they solved those problems and became successful junior high students!



What's All The Buzz About?

Spring is in the air and Mrs. Hertzke's Pre-K classes are studying bees. This is part of the new Project Based Learning initiative at GLS. The Pre-K students are learning the differences between a honey bee and a wasp, why bees are important to the environment, how they can protect bees while not harming them, and practicing bee safety. The art teacher just happens to be a beekeeper, and was able to bring in her beekeeping equipment to help further educate the

little ones. She was even able to make many short videos at her house when she was putting the newly purchased bees into their hives. The music teacher is also teaching bee songs and dances. Mrs. Hertzke purchased a child size beekeeping jacket, and many bee keeping toys and activities so the kids could put what they learned to the test by acting out how to be a beekeeper. The students even had a chance to taste honeycomb. How can class bee any more fun?!

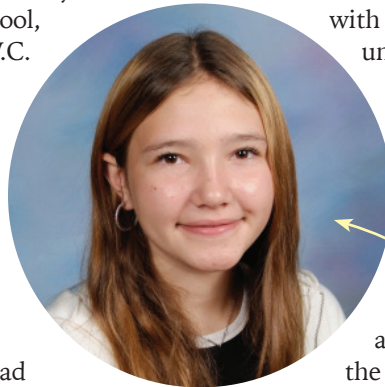


Spring Fine Arts Festival

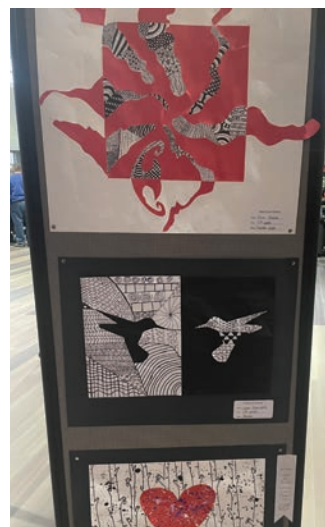
On Thursday, April 28 Grass Lake School students in choir joined students from Lakes Community High School, Antioch Community High School, Antioch Upper Grade, Palombi, Hillcrest, W.C. Petty, Oakland, Millburn, and Emmons for the Fine Arts Festival. The festival showcased students in choir, band, orchestra, and art across the districts over two days.

During the school day on Thursday students were bussed to Lakes Community High School's brand new Field House to rehearse. Eleven GLS students in grades 4-8 participated in this event. This was a new experience for all the students. They had a chance to sing with over 500 music students in Antioch! The performance took place Thursday evening at 7:00 pm to a packed house of over 1000 people. GLS students performed in three songs with a 2-part treble choir (Natsu No Ya Wa, Songs of a Disney Villain, and Lightning) and one mass ensemble song (Bonse Aba) alongside

the other schools. This was a massive undertaking for all students. Not only to learn the music but to perform with new students, new directors, and in an unfamiliar place. We are so proud of all the hard work that the students put in for this amazing event. It was a privilege to hear live music again!



On Friday, April 29, artwork was on display from each school as well. Featured artwork came from Grass Lake middle school students and included mediums such as paint, clay, chalks, mixed media, and digital art. Artwork was selected for the show based on the best representations of our students' work. The Antioch Woman's Club sponsored the art portion of the evening and gave out many awards. Grass Lake School proudly took home nine awards including **Ewa B.'s first place ribbon**. Congratulations to all the students who had pieces in the show. It was delightful to see such beautiful art in person again.





Referendum Funds Phase Two

In March 2020, voters approved a \$30.7 million bond referendum to allow Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41 to pay for much-needed improvements for the maintenance and infrastructure for our District's schools.

Last year, many projects were completed in each of the four schools. Because of the age of the facilities, most of the work occurred at Hooper and Palombi schools. Last year all four schools installed efficient LED lighting which has provided the district with over \$100,000 in incentives from Com Ed with more in the years to come.

The Board again would like to thank our community for investing in the education of our students and providing our excellent teachers with the best learning and teaching environment we possibly can.

This summer the following projects are scheduled:

Hooper School

- ▶ Traffic flow bus parking and parent drop-off improvements
- ▶ New canopies and building entrances
- ▶ Additional parking lot lighting
- ▶ New landscaping
- ▶ New staff bathrooms
- ▶ Kitchen and cafeteria renovations
- ▶ Conversion of kindergarten classrooms

Palombi School

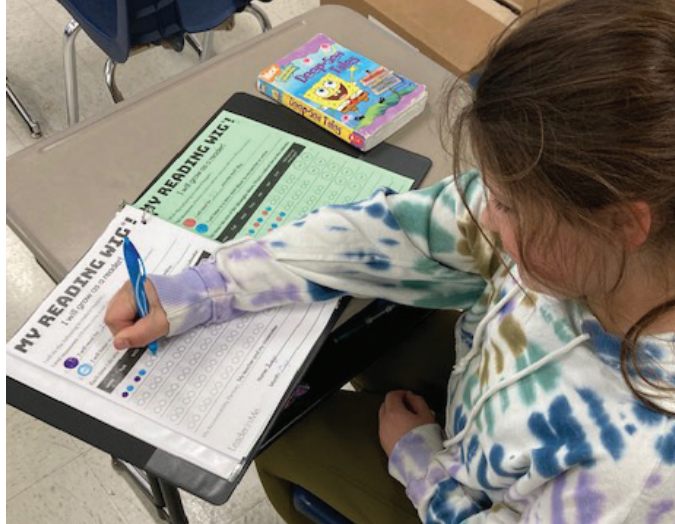
- ▶ Kitchen and cafeteria renovations
- ▶ Locker room renovations
- ▶ Classroom renovations
- ▶ New parking lot lighting
- ▶ Partial concrete replacement

Thompson School

- ▶ Concrete replacement
- ▶ Art room renovations

Martin & Thompson Schools

- ▶ Concrete / asphalt replacement
- ▶ Gymnasium wall pad replacement
- ▶ Front office flooring replacement
- ▶ Installation of water bottle filling stations.
- ▶ Replace mulch / landscaping
- ▶ Install new outdoor signage



Wildly Important Goals (WIGS) Ensure Student Success

Goal setting is a powerful behavior that yields results. As part of a Stephen Covey Seven Habits Leader in Me school district, we see children as young as four or five achieve goals in literacy, math, attendance, behavior, and leadership.

Our students are excited to share their Wildly Important Goals with others. Students are taught how to set smaller goals in order to achieve the larger WIG goal. When a WIG is broken into smaller strategies, students can see their progress along the way and it ensures their success in the long run. Our students track their WIG progress on compelling individual scoreboards. Students serve as accountability partners with their peers. Together they celebrate the milestones of goal accomplishment, not just the finish line.

Meet Thompson Elementary's New Principal Sandy Allen

Please join me in welcoming Sandy Allen as the new principal at Thompson Elementary School. Mrs. Allen is not new to District 41. She attended Hooper and Palombi as a student. She also taught fifth grade at Thompson for seven years. Mrs. Allen left Thompson as a teacher to become an Assistant Principal in Round Lake for four years. Most recently, she has been the principal of Spencer Loomis Elementary in Lake Zurich for the past ten years.

"Whether she is managing the changing landscape of teaching and learning in a

pandemic, delivering SEL or other programming to staff, or handling a complicated student/parent situation, Sandy is always a strong, effective leader and compassionate colleague."

Mrs. Allen believes that positive relationships are at the heart of what makes a school extraordinary. She has been described as an outstanding instructional leader who is student-centered and supportive of staff. Her colleagues describe her as a leader amongst principals. Mrs. Allen looks forward to returning to her 'home' here in District 41. Likewise, we look forward to her coming on board on July 1st.



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Live ²⁰²² MUSIC In The Parks

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

- 6.1 Feel Good Party Band-Lehmann Mansion
- 6.8 Cadillac Groove-Parkman Pavilion
- 6.15 Hi Infidelity-Lehmann Mansion
- 6.22 Classical Blast-Parkman Pavilion
- 6.29 American English-Caboose Park
- 7.6 Boy Band Night-Lehmann Mansion
- 7.13 Student Body-Parkman Pavilion
- 7.20 Serendipity-Lehmann Mansion
- 7.27 Hillbilly Rockstars-Parkman Pavilion
- 8.3 Good Clean Fun-Lake Villa District Library

Caboose Park-37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa
Lake Villa District Library-140 N. Munn Rd. Lindenhurst
Lehmann Mansion-485 N. Milw. Ave. Lake Villa
Parkman Pavilion-2200 E. Grass Lake Rd. Lindenhurst

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Magician Bill Cook performs for Antioch seniors



Antioch seniors join voices in a sing-a-long

Seniors on the Move

The Antioch Village Board has voted to transfer operations of all senior service programs to the Antioch Township government. Working collaboratively through this new arrangement, the Township and Village will be able to offer more efficient programming and services to the Antioch community.

While services will be managed by the Township government, the Senior Center building will still be owned and maintained by the Village of Antioch. Any non-senior services programming will be run by the Village of Antioch Park's Department.

"This joint effort will allow for better services with cost savings," said Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner. "This is a win for everyone, especially our seniors"

Antioch Township has been working on a revised senior program schedule that combines and includes the long-standing programs and activities that have been a staple at the Antioch Senior Center as well as the robust programs, trips, and events Antioch Township has created and grown throughout the past three years.

"One of the top priorities is to ensure our seniors have a safe comfortable place to gather, with the ability to create

recreational activities for all," said Antioch Township Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy.

Antioch Senior Center building repairs: The Village of Antioch will temporarily close the Antioch Senior Center from May 2nd -June 6th for needed repairs and upgrades to the building.

Throughout the five-week closure, Antioch Township will continue Senior Center events at their 1625 N. Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa address. The Senior Center building is expected to re-open on June 7th with an updated schedule of events and programs that will be run both at the Senior Center and Antioch Township building.

Residents with questions, concerns, or looking to volunteer are asked to call Antioch Township Senior Services at 847-395-3378.

All the best,
Tom Shaughnessy
Antioch Township Supervisor

Scott Gartner
Mayor of Antioch





ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

June-September 2022

Free Monthly Monday Movies

Series For Seniors

June 6: Guardians of the Galaxy

June 20: Death on the Nile

July 11: Rebel without a Cause

July 25: Some Like It Hot

August 8: My Left Foot

August 22: My Fair Lady

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre (378 Lake Street)

Time: All movies start at 10am and valet parking is available (Theatre opens at 9:30am)

We are pleased to offer FREE monthly movies to Antioch seniors. Movies start at 10am. There is FREE valet parking and popcorn. There is trivia before the show, and participants can win a trip to the concession stand for some goodies. There is also a special raffle! After each film, Oliveri North (384 Lake St. Antioch/Next door to Antioch Theatre) is open with a special lunch menu that is just \$11.

Badda Boom Badda BINGO

Thursdays once a month, Antioch Township

Dates: 7/21, 8/18, 9/22, 10/6, 11/17, 12/8

Time: 9:30am-11am

Location: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, IL

Cost: First BINGO card is FREE any additional is \$1.00 that goes to grand prize/final game (Snacks and beverages provided)

PLEASE CALL ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP TO REGISTER AT 847.395.3378

BINGO is the name-o! Come join your friends for some fun and prizes. Cash, gift certificates and good times abound; the only rule is that you must shout out "Badda Boom, Badda BINGO!" if you win.

*Please do not arrive earlier than 9am. The doors will not be open.

FIRESIDE TRIP

What Happens in Vegas

(Fireside Theatre Bus Trip)

Date: July 13th

For over 70 years Las Vegas has been the entertainment capital of the world. Just about every great entertainer has appeared in Las Vegas over the last seven decades. Fireside will pay tribute to many of those legendary performers in an all-new live band show featuring Steve Watts and the celebrated Fireside Band. From the early days with Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack to the contemporary artists of today, we'll feature the work of many Las Vegas favorites in the most spectacular band show yet. What happens in Vegas won't stay in Vegas. LIMITED SPACE/first come/first serve Bus leaves Township at 9am. Shopping 10am-11am. Lunch: 11:15am. Show 1:30pm. Return: 6pm

Annual Luau

Location: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.

Date: August 26th

Come celebrate summer! Music, entertainment and a buffet lunch provided. This is a bright, joyful and wonderful event for senior residents. Gift bags and special surprises are part of this annual celebration. LIMITED SPACE/first come/first serve. Doors open at 10:30am. Lunch at 11:30am. Entertainment from 12-1pm. Cost \$20 resident, \$25 non-resident

SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT

The Sound of Music Movie Mania

Free Valet Parking

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre 378 Lake St.

Date: September 26th

A LIVE choir, a theatre all to ourselves, live music, raffles, prizes, costumes, props, interactive sing-a-longs, goodies bags and Merry, Courtney and Jennifer from the Township pulling together the movie event of the year! Participants get FREE popcorn, and a boxed lunch. Sign up fast as space is limited! Doors open at 9:30am (Boxed Lunch/FREE popcorn). 10am-1:30pm Movie/Sing-a-long/Shenanigans. 15-minute intermission. Cost \$15 Residents, \$20 Non-Resident

Please note: A new schedule will be available after June 7th for Senior Center & Township Center events. Call 847-395-3378 for information regarding senior events & programs.

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch Township Event Registration

Mark your selections



What Happens in Vegas

July 13th

\$65/PERSON



Township Luau Summer Celebration

August 26th

\$20/Resident

\$25/Non-Resident



The Sound of Music Movie Mania

September 26th

\$15/Resident

\$20/Non-Resident

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: Courtney Kotloski

Registrant Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

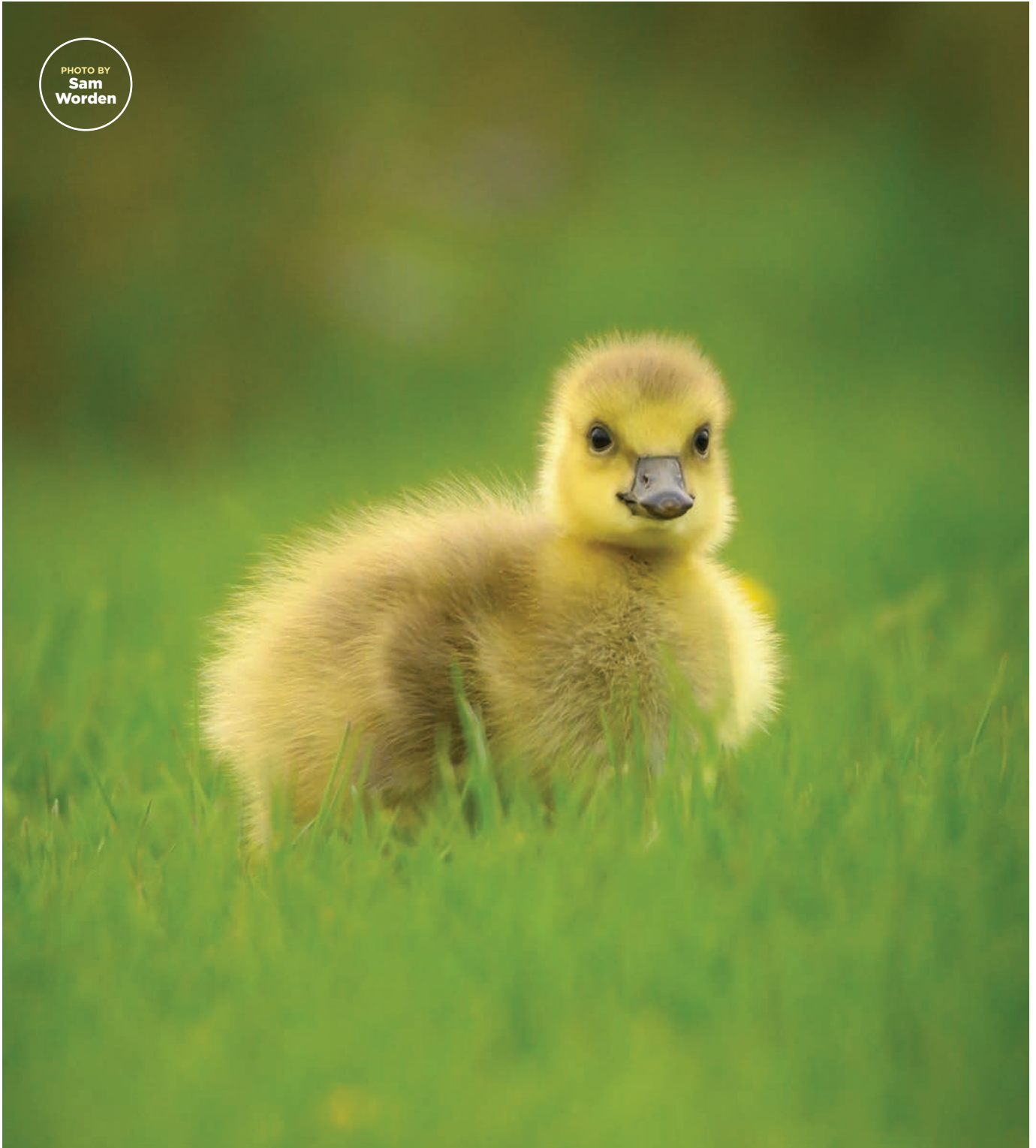
(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)

For information and to check availability contact Courtney Kotloski at 847-395-3378.



our community

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Look out...it's Spring!

A spring gosling at the Independence Grove in Libertyville, May 8.

Have a great photo from our community?

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



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847-395-5511

Police Department

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Post Office

847-395-3482

Public Works

847-395-1881

Economic Development

847-395-1000

Parks and Recreation

847-395-2160

Senior Center

847-395-0139

Village Hall

847-395-1000

antioch.il.gov

Permits Coordinator
Ext. 1302
Village Clerk
Ext. 1304

Antioch Township

847-395-3378

antiochtownshipil.gov

Township Assessor's Office

847-395-1545

Township Highway Department

847-395-2070

Antioch Public Library District

847-395-0874

apld.info

LINDENHURST

Village

847-356-8252

lindenhurstil.org

Police Department

(non-emergency)

847-356-5400

Public Works

847-356-8252

Park District

847-356-6011

lindenhurstparks.org

Chamber of Commerce

847-356-8446

lvchamber.com

LAKE VILLA

Village Hall

847-356-6100

lake-villa.org

Police Department

(non-emergency)

847-356-6106

Public Works

847-356-6100

Lake Villa District Library

847-356-7711

lvdl.org

Rescue Squad

847-356-2992

Fire Department

847-356-2525

Township Supervisor

847-356-2116

lakevillatownship.org

Township Assessor

847-356-2383

lvassessor.org

Township Highway Department

847-356-5831

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Lake Villa School District 41

847-356-2385

district41.org

Palombi Middle School

847-356-2118

Hooper Elementary School

847-356-2151

Thompson Elementary School

847-265-2488

Martin Elementary School

847-245-3400

Community HS District 117

847-395-9001

chsd117.org

Antioch Community HS

847-395-1421

Lakes Community HS

847-838-7100

Antioch School District 34

847-838-8400

antioch34.com

Antioch Elementary

847-838-8901

W.C. Petty Elementary

847-838-8101

Hillcrest Elementary School

847-838-8001

Oakland Elementary School

847-838-8601

Antioch Upper Grade

847-838-8301

Emmons School District 33

847-395-1105

emmons33.org

Grass Lake School District 36

847-395-1550

gls36.org

Fox Lake Grade School District 114

847-973-4028

d114.org





June 1 - July 31

Community members of all ages are invited to get out and about Antioch while taking part in the 2022 Summer Reading Program.

Due to the renovation a host of local Antioch businesses have offered up space for in-person Library programs. Be sure to check the online calendar at apld.info and the Library summer newsletter for event dates and times.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Register for the Summer Reading program by clicking on the READ AROUND icon on the homepage of the Library website at apld.info. You can also register in person at the Library.
- You will be directed to Beanstack, our online reading program software. Here you will be directed to create your account or login to your past years account.
- Keep track of your daily reading and earn badges as you read your way to the finish line.
- Earn a badge for every five days that you read. For each badge, you receive 5 tickets to enter into an online drawing for prizes.
- The program is completed once you have read 45 days. Don't forget to cast your earned tickets online for Prizes!

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