

VILLAGE AWARDS

2015-2016

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VILLAGE CALENDAR & EVENTS

The Village of Channahon offers many community events keeping you and your family having fun all year long.

May

- Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk
- Channahon Spring Village Wide Garage Sales
- Memorial Day Ceremony

July

- National Night Out

August

- Channahon Three Rivers Festival
- Channahon's Three Rivers Festival Parade

September

- Channahon Fall Village Wide Garage Sales

December

- Channahon Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- Holiday Home Decorating Contest

March

- Channahon State of the Village Address

Plus many more events throughout the year! Go to www.channahon.org to stay updated on all the latest news and events taking place in Channahon.



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VILLAGE OF CHANNAHON

Est. 1961



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

Our story began over 100 years ago...



Channahon's exciting future remains anchored to its colorful historic past. The Village's history dates back to when the native Pottawatomie Indians who first settled here called the area Channahon, which means "Meeting of the Waters."

The Village of Channahon grew along the I&M Canal at the intersection of three rivers— the Des Plaines, Kankakee and DuPage, that flow together to form the Illinois River. In 1836, construction began on the I&M Canal and Channahon became the site for one of the original Locktender houses at Lock 6.

Incorporation came in 1961, along with thriving development in the 1970s, as the Village's proximity to three major interstate routes resulted in both industrial and residential growth.

However, history and recreation is just the beginning to what people come to experience here in Channahon. Notable for its proximity to both urban development and outdoor recreational opportunities.

As a home-rule municipality with a Aa2 bond rating, prominent community services, top-rated schools, and named one of the safest cities in America for three years in a row, Channahon stands ready to assist our residential and business community.

Channahon's residential and business community has access to some of the most highly-rated and expertly-staffed public services including, police, fire, and emergency. These departments have established strong community cooperation in crime prevention and excellent educational programs for youth and young adults.

RECREATION & ATTRACTIONS

I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor

This 96-mile trail located along the beautiful and winding I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor offering picturesque hiking and biking that follows the historic route of the I&M Canal This trail is also the nations first national heritage corridor.



The Illinois & Michigan Canal in Channahon, Illinois

Channahon State Park

The Channahon State Park provides the perfect historical experience for visitors of all ages. This 21-acre site is considered to be the official trailhead for the Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail. In the park, visitors can tour Locks 6 & 7 and also features camping, picnicking, fishing, trail access and canoeing.

Locktender House at Lock 6

This Greek Revival-style Locktender house is one of two remaining Locktender's houses on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Four Rivers Environmental Edu. Center

Nestled among oak trees and positioned where the Des Plaines, DuPage, and Kankakee Rivers meet to form the Illinois River. Located at McKinley Woods and Kerry Sheridan Grove, this center offers a variety of public programs and events throughout the year, including nature programs and interpretive hikes.

McKinley Woods

This 525-acre preserve is home to a variety of plant species, the queen snake and over 99 bird species. It offers a variety of amenities and activities, that include a canoe/kayak launch, access to shoreline fishing, geocaching and also 1.75 miles of paved trails on the peninsula with beautiful waterfront views. Kerry Sheridan Grove and Frederik's Grove are the two access areas to the preserve.

Channahon Park District

This award-winning Park District offers an array of opportunities for recreation, socialization, and self-development. Play a round of golf at Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Course, a top ranked golf course in Illinois. Or if it's a hot summer day, stop by the Tomahawk Aquatic Center and enjoy a day of swimming, playing or relaxing. Also, you won't want to miss the annual Three Rivers Festival that attracts thousands of visitors to enjoy live entertainment, games, rides, a parade, wine tasting and more!



The Tomahawk Aquatic Center at the Channahon Park District

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

Channahon's public schools provides a rich learning environment that centers on students, meeting development needs and honoring all styles of learning. Channahon spans four public grade school districts including, Channahon Dist. 17, Troy Dist. 30-C, Minooka Dist. 201, and Wilmington Dist. 209U.

Most high school students in Channahon attend Minooka High School Dist. 111, with the exception of those living in Leland Hills who attend Joliet High School Dist. 204 and Quarry subdivision students who attend Wilmington School Dist. 209U.