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Property Tax Rebate Program

The Property Tax Rebate program returns for the second year in a row. This program allows owners of residential property within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Romeoville to apply for a rebate. Qualifying applicants will receive an \$80 rebate towards the Village portion of their property tax bill, which is an increase from last year. **The application period will run from Sept. 2 through Dec. 1, 2025.**

To determine if you qualify for a refund, complete the application on romeoville.org between Sept. 2 and Dec. 1 and attach a copy of your 2024 property tax bill. All applications are subject to approval and only owner-occupied, single family residential properties are eligible. Commercial and rental properties are not eligible. Owners of applying properties must have paid their 2024 tax bill in full and must be current on all payments owed to the Village.

Those who are approved for a tax rebate will be refunded \$80 by February 1, 2026 via a check or a credit on their water bill. The Village of Romeoville only accounts for approximately 10 percent of a typical property tax bill with the remainder being comprised of other taxing bodies. For questions about the tax rebate program, please call the Finance Department at (815) 886-5257.

Romeoville Hosts Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall: *Thousands Pay Respects to the Fallen*

The Village of Romeoville was honored to host the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall from August 21 – 24. The wall was escorted into town on the morning of the 21st with a quick procession that passed by R. C. Hill, St. Andrew, and A. Vito Martinez. Students lined the sidewalks to see it go by. Upon arriving at Village Hall, the wall was assembled with care by volunteers and our Public Works Department. That evening, a ceremony was held to welcome the wall and honor those on it. Chaplain Virgil Oikion, American Legion Department of Illinois opened the ceremony with a prayer. Mayor Noak and Steve Daley, Commander of American Legion Post 52, provided remarks while the Romeoville High School Band and Drumline supplied music and the RHS Marine Corps JROTC posted the colors. American Legion Post 52 fired off a 21 gun salute.

Over the next three days, people from Romeoville, surrounding communities, and different states came to pay their respects at the wall, which is six feet tall at the center and covers nearly 300 feet from end to end. It is a 3/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Securing the wall took significant advanced planning, with Village staff initially reaching out to the group behind the wall in July of 2023.

Hosting the wall was something the Village of Romeoville was very proud to do and we hope you had the opportunity to see it in person. You can follow the travels of the wall at www.travelingwall.us.

Resident Reminders



Waste Management Branch Pickup Service

Waste Management provides a branch disposal service in conjunction with their yard waste program. This service is already included as part of the residential disposal contract with Waste Management. This service is provided on the same day as your regular trash service.

Branches placed on the parkway for pick up must meet all Waste Management's guidelines. For details, visit www.romeoville.org.

Tree Trimming

The Village's program for trimming parkway trees consists of four zones. Each year we focus on trimming in one zone, ensuring that every parkway tree is trimmed at least once every four years. If you know of a tree that is blocking the view of a stop sign or interfering with pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk, please contact the Public Works Department at (815) 886-1870. The Village is not able to perform any work on trees on private property.



Effects of Leaves on Storm Drains

There's a connection between fall leaves, stormwater systems, and the health of local waterways - and it has a lot to do with storm drains.

How Leaves Cause Problems for Local Drainage Systems

During and after rainfall, stormwater brings leaves that have gathered on streets and sidewalks into storm drains. When large amounts of leaves collect in storm drains, they can cause trouble for homeowners, stormwater systems, and water quality. The leaves can mat across the storm drain and block water flow, causing water to back up on the street.

Poor Water Quality

As the rain falls and flows through the piles of leaves, phosphorus quickly leaches out of leaves much like a tea bag in water. This "leaf tea" makes it way to our local waterways through the storm sewer system. Too much phosphorus in our water causes unsightly and potentially dangerous algae blooms, turning the water green and smelly while lowering oxygen levels in the water. This is bad for the plants and animals that live in our streams as well as for people, especially if the waterway is used for public water supply or for recreation.

This Fall, Keep Storm Drains Clear of Leaves

While you are raking leaves in your yard, be sure to rake leaves out of the street as well, especially before a storm. By

disposing of leaves properly this fall, we can maintain the water quality and health of our local waterways. Storm drains are a crucial part of the storm sewer system—it is important to keep them clear of leaves and any other debris. Even if you do not live next to a waterway, leaves that pile up in your street and storm drain will end up impacting nearby waterways.

Taking part in the leaf collection program can be an easy way to dispose of any unwanted leaves on your yard. Yard waste is picked up by Waste Management on the same day as the regular garbage, and must be disposed of in kraft paper bags, or in the 96 gallon cart that is available from Waste Management.

Please keep the streets free of leaves to help protect local water quality and prevent street flooding.

Yard Waste Pick-up through December 12th

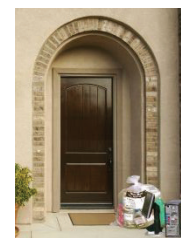
Yard waste pick-up is available on your normal garbage pick-up day and runs through December 12th. Placement of leaves or other



landscaping waste into the street is a violation of village ordinances.

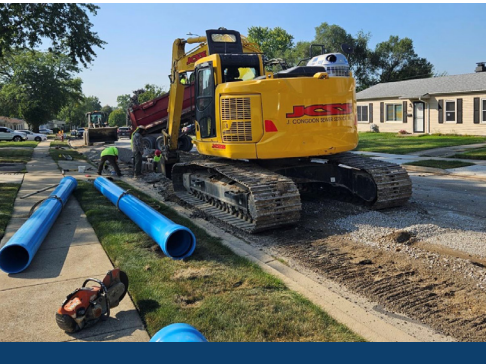
Waste Management At Your Door Program

Romeoville residents living in single family homes and townhouses can dispose of household materials like paint, cleaners, motor oil, garden chemicals, TVs, batteries, electronics, etc. through Waste Management's At Your Door Program.



Residents should call (800) 449-7587 or visit www.wmatyourdoor.com to request a pickup. A disposal bag and instructions will be sent to you.

Public Works News



Village Capital Improvement Projects

Hampton Park Watermain Replacement Project: Watermain replacement will continue south of 135th as the Village continues to work towards replacing all of its 1950's to 1970's cast iron watermain. This fall, new PVC watermain will be installed on Gordon, McKool, Karen, Hayes, Troxel from Hamrick to Hayes and Belmont from Hamrick to 135th Street. Maintaining and replacing aging infrastructure remains a priority for the Village as we move towards our new Lake Michigan water source in 2030.

Upcoming Village Projects:

- Spangler Lift Station is planned for replacement in late fall, early winter of 2025.
- A new 1-million-gallon water tower will replace the existing water storage tanks in the Marquette Business Parks.
- Construction is still underway on:
 - Beacon: Dalhart to Ambassador
 - Essex
 - Abbeywood: Rockledge to the Dead End
 - Halstead Ct.
 - High Road: 135th South to Village limits
 - Washington
 - Jackson
 - Sherman
 - Bluff: West of Joliet Rd.
 - Sunset Pointe
 - Highpoint Drive: Weber Rd. to Discovery Park



Lake Michigan Water Source Update

The Village participated in a groundbreaking ceremony in early June to officially kick off construction of the new Grand Prairie Water Commission infrastructure in the City of Chicago. Representatives from all six communities and the City of Chicago attended the event. In lieu of a traditional groundbreaking with shovels, a “water toast” kicked off the historic project.

Over the next year, construction will continue on the tunnel extension from Chicago's existing pumping station to the new Grand Prairie Water Commission infrastructure. Design teams are progressing towards final design for all of the remaining 26 work packages that the project consists of. Coordination also continues for land acquisition, easements, permits and intergovernmental coordination. For more information, please visit the GPWC website at www.gpwc-il.org



Water Source Protection

The Village currently provides treated groundwater to serve over 50,000 customers each day. Our groundwater is a precious resource and we all need to do our part to protect it from contamination.

Below are some simple things that you can do to help protect and conserve our water supply:

- Limit use of household and garden chemicals such as fertilizer.
- Never pour chemicals or paint down a drain, storm sewer or on the ground. Send all hazardous wastes (such as motor oil) to a hazardous waste collection center or schedule a pickup with Waste Management's "At Your Door Program".
- Conserve water by fixing common household leaks such as leaky toilets or dripping faucets.
- Upgrade your household fixtures such as showerheads, toilets and faucets to EPA "WaterSense" labeled products.

For any questions, call Public Works at (815) 886-1870 or visit www.romeoville.org.

Police and Fire News and Programs



Blackhawk Helicopter and Skydiving Superheroes Make National Night Out 2025 Our Most Exciting Yet!

The Romeoville Police Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who came out to support us at this year’s National Night Out event. Your presence, enthusiasm, and engagement helped make the evening a memorable one for all involved.

Events like National Night Out are a meaningful way for us to connect with our community, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and foster partnerships that make our town safer and more united. Seeing so many of you take the time to participate is a powerful reminder of the strong bond we share.

We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did—and we’re already looking forward to the next opportunity to come together.

Thank you again for your continued support! — *Chief Brant Hromadka*



BUILD CONFIDENCE AND LEARN ESSENTIAL CHILD CARE SKILLS!

Romeoville Babysitter Training is a hands-on course led by Public Safety professionals covering safety, first aid, CPR Awareness, Child Development, feeding, bedtime routines and more.

Ages: 12-16
Thursdays, October 16-November 13
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Romeoville Recreation Center
900 W. Romeo Rd.

Graduates receive a certificate of completion and become trusted, trained babysitters in our community.

Max. participants is 20.

REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPT. 29TH.
To register, scan the QR code here.



For more information, contact:
Deputy Fire Marshall Bill Sterling at
wsterling@romeoville.org

CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY!

Lithium-Ion Batteries in your Home

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11

Fire Prevention Open House

Saturday, October 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fire Station 1, 18 Montrose Dr.

Activities include:

- Touch-a-truck
- Sparky
- Stop, Drop and Roll
- Demonstrations
- Obstacle course
- Food and more!



Community News and Programs



Fourth Ornament Coming in November

Starting in 2022, the Village has released an ornament each year that is inspired by some element of Romeoville, past or present. 2025 will continue that tradition when the next installment is released in November. The subject is still a secret, but keep an eye on romeoville.org, Village of Romeoville social media channels, or be sure you're signed up for email updates to be among the first to know when the announcement happens.

While the 2022 (Village Hall) and 2023 (Fire Truck) ornaments are sold out, some 2024 ornaments celebrating the White Oak Library will be available for sale this year. It's the perfect time to play catch up! Ornaments are \$15 and are made in America of high-quality brass. They are sold at Village Hall and the Recreation Center and must be purchased in person. We do not offer online sales or shipping at this time. Call (815) 886-7200 with any questions.



Honor a Veteran or Service Member in 2026

Since 2019, the Romeoville Veteran & Service Member Banner Program has recognized the accomplishments of the men and women who have served in one of the six branches of the armed forces.

A new banner design and a new location debuted in 2025, with banners hanging along Montrose Drive in addition to Village Hall grounds.

- 41 spots are available on the grounds of Village Hall from May-November for \$50.
- 28 spots on Montrose Dr. near Edward "Doc" McCartan Veterans Memorial from May-April for \$100.

For program qualifications and to order by **Friday, January 31, 2025**, visit www.romeoville.org. For questions, please email Kathy Beckmann at kbeckmann@romeoville.org.



Village Continues Veteran's Video Tribute

The Village of Romeoville is continuing the tradition of the last few years by producing a video tribute to honor current Romeoville veterans who served in the armed services.

To be included in the video, visit www.romeoville.org to complete the registration form with name, branch of service, years served, and a photo of a living veteran you would like to honor. If you submitted previously, you will be included this year. There is no need to submit again.

Please complete and submit the form by **Tuesday, November 4, 2025** to be included in the video tribute. Please direct any questions to marketing@romeoville.org.

Happy Holidays
from
Village of
Romeoville
Where Community Matters

2024 Artwork created by
Romeoville resident
Itzali Ibarra, Age 11



2025 Holiday Card Contest

We're seeking art for the front of our 2025 Romeoville Holiday Card. Submit your original artwork for a chance that it will be selected.

- All ages are eligible.
- Must be a Romeoville resident.
- Art size 4.25" x 5.5" (half of a standard sheet of paper.)
- **Deadline to submit is Friday, October 17th.** Submit your art by emailing it to marketing@romeoville.org or dropping it off at Village Hall, 1050 W. Romeo Rd., attention: Marketing. Please include name, age, and address of the artist.

Community News and Senior Programs



New Businesses Coming to Romeoville

Progress is always in motion in Romeoville! You can keep up to date with what is being planned and built in town by visiting the Projects Map at www.romeoville.org. Here is a glance at what is on the way:

- VASA Fitness - in the former Dominick's in Romeoville Towne Center.
- Wetzel's Pretzels - inside Walmart
- Scooter's Coffee - just south of the Route 53 and Greenwood Avenue
- Marriott Towneplace Suites - Weber and Windham Parkway
- Hatch Chicken - inside Rebel Convenience Store, Weber & Normantown Rds.
- Wing Snob - 482 N. Weber Rd.
- Rack Room Shoes - northeast corner of Weber Road and Airport Road.
- Earthmover Credit Union - southwest corner of Weber Road and Airport Road.



- For the active adult we encourage you to enjoy the many recreational and leisure activities available at the Recreation Center. **For more information regarding any of these activities, call the Recreation Department at (815) 886-6222.**

- **Nickle Bingo:** Held each week from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please bring your own refreshments. One time registration is required. Free to join. Cards are a nickel a card per game. Must be 50+ to register.



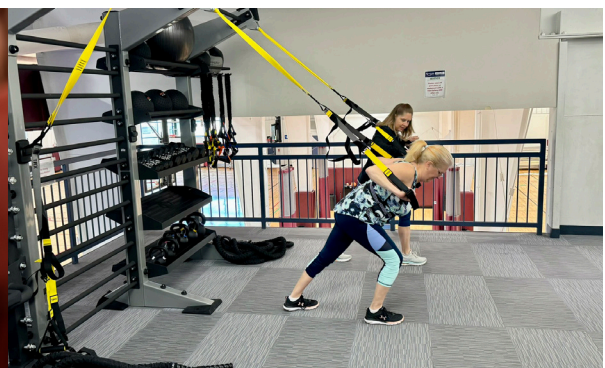
- **Active Living (50+):** Walkers: Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Gym shoes must be worn. All residents must obtain a free Active Living Open Gym ID from the Front Desk. This must be presented at the Front Desk each visit. Non-residents must pay \$2 each visit at the Front Desk.

- **Wednesday Drop In Day:** Held each week from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Residents and non-residents 50+ can play dominoes, cards, and board games with others. Free to join. Please bring your own refreshments.

- **Golden Age Club:** The Romeoville Golden Age Club meets every Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Seniors enjoy socializing over lunch, cards and bingo. Members must be 55+ years to join and may do so by coming to any Thursday meeting.

- **Fit 4 Life Fitness Center:** The Recreation Center offers a 3,000 square foot fitness center where you will enjoy getting in shape with our convenient hours and quality services. Discounted rates are offered to seniors 60 and up. Group Fitness classes such as Fit & Active are included in Fit 4 Life Fitness Center Memberships.

- **Romeoville Aquatic Center:** The Aquatic Center offers designated Open Swim, Lap Swim, River Walking times, as well as a variety of Aquatic Fitness Classes for all ages and ability levels. For more information, call the Romeoville Aquatic Center at (815) 886-6269.



Upcoming Events

19th Annual Autumn Colors Craft Show

Join us at the Autumn Colors Craft Show on **Saturday, October 4th** from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Romeoville Recreation Center, (900 W. Romeo Rd.) Shop a variety of indoor and outdoor booths (weather permitting.) Free admission and parking. Concessions will also be available. www.romeoville.org/craftshows

Bark-tober Fest

Bark-tober Fest, a free, tail-wagging celebration for dogs and their families is **Sunday, October 5th** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Wiggly Field Dog Park, (400 W. Romeo Rd.) features food trucks, local pet vendors, a pet costume contest, pup-tastic photo ops, and more. Details at: www.romeoville.org/barktoberfest

Opportunity Matters Workshops

The upcoming Workshops at the Romeoville Athletic & Event Center, (55 Phelps Ave.) offer valuable skill-building sessions for ages 11-17. Join us on **Wednesday, October 8th** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Leadership and on **Wednesday, December 10th** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Social Media & Communication.

Halloween Fest

The Halloween Fest is a residents-only celebration held on **Friday, October 17th** from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Deer Crossing Park, (1050 W. Romeo Rd.) featuring a pumpkin patch, inflatables, a costume contest, DJ entertainment, a trunk-or-treat, a petting zoo, and more. www.romeoville.org/halloweenfest

Veterans Day Service and Complimentary Breakfast for Service Members

The Village of Romeoville and the Romeoville Veterans Commission is proud to celebrate and honor veterans at the Veterans Day Service on **Tuesday, November 11th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Romeoville Recreation Center, (900 W. Romeo Rd.) Returning this year, veterans who are Romeoville residents and a guest

are invited to join us for a complimentary breakfast before the service. Breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:00 a.m. No registration required, first come first served. All are welcome to the service, which will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Dive-in Movies

Dive-In Movie nights at the Romeoville Aquatic Center, (630 Townhall Dr.) Pool access begins at 5:00 p.m. and the movie starts at 6 p.m. Registration is required for Hotel Transylvania on **Friday, October 24th** and Penguins of Madagascar on **Friday, November 14th**. Details/registration: www.romeoville.org/divein

Zumba Toys For Tots Fundraiser

Join us on **Sunday, December 7th** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Romeoville Recreation Center, (900 W. Romeo Rd.) for an energizing Zumba session while supporting a meaningful cause. Bring a new, unwrapped toy valued between \$15-\$25 or make an online donation at the event to benefit Toys for Tots.

Jingle Bell Splash Bash

Join us for a winter-themed poolside celebration packed with seasonal fun, games, and surprises for the whole family on **Sunday, December 14th** from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Romeoville Aquatic Center, (630 Townhall Dr.) Registration is required. Details at: www.romeoville.org/splashbash



HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY –

November 19-January 2
on Village Hall Grounds



WINTER WONDERLAND –

Fri., Dec. 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 6, 4:00-8:00 p.m.



HOLIDAY PARADE –

Saturday, December 6, 4:00 p.m.

Festival Of Lights

The Romeoville Festival of Lights is a festive display featuring over 30 dazzling light installations—highlighted by a 32-foot-tall walk-through castle—and for 2025 it will debut enchanting additions such as a Weeping Willow Tree and Reindeer. The lights will shine nightly from **Wednesday, November 19 through Friday, January 2**, and visitors can drop letters to Santa in a light-up mailbox (available from November 19 to December 7) right in front of Village Hall. Details at: www.romeoville.org/holidaylights

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland is a festive two-day outdoor holiday celebration held on **Friday, December 5th** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Deer Crossing Park, featuring photos with Santa, a holiday market, live reindeer, character encounters, ice carving, live music, a holiday train, food trucks, and a parade on **Saturday, December 6th** at 4:00 p.m. For more information go to: www.romeoville.org/wonderland



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Halloween is a highly anticipated holiday by children and many families alike. As in previous years, the Village of Romeoville gets in the spirit of the spooky holiday and provides residents with upcoming Halloween Happenings within the village, safety tips and an interactive map with houses that are decorated for Halloween. Visit www.romeoville.org to see it all this October!

Halloween Decoration Registry

We will once again provide a guide to the spookiest houses in town this Halloween! **Starting September 30th**, residents can head to www.romeoville.org and fill out the Halloween Decorations Registry form. We will plot homes on our interactive map and invite people to come see the outdoor Halloween displays! We also invite residents to share photos of their favorite decorated Romeoville homes on social media by using the hashtag #SpookyRomeoville.

Trick or Treat Hours

Of course, the best parts about Halloween are the dressing up and the candy! Trick or treating in the Village of Romeoville is on Friday, October 31st. Suggested hours are from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Let's keep in touch!
Scan QR Code for our
social media outlets.



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