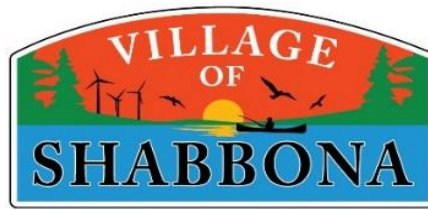


January 2024 Newsletter



Happy New Year!



SNOW & ICE REMOVAL:

Please help keep our streets clear when we have snow. By ordinance vehicles should not be parked on the road during snow and until snow removal is completed. If you are parked on the roadway, please remember to observe the ODD & EVEN Parking Rule.

According to house numbers:

ODD days of the month park on the odd side of the street

EVEN days of the month park on the Even side of the street

SIDEWALKS: need to be cleared by the owner, agent, or occupant of a lot that the front or side yard abuts a public sidewalk designated as a Pedestrian Safety Route.

6-3-2: DESIGNATION OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ROUTES:

STREET ROUTE

Navaho from Illini to Nokomis

Comanche (RT 30): Illini to Nokomis

Comanche (Rt 30): Nokomis to
Shabbona Road

Cherokee from Illini to Shabbona Road

Illini from Navaho to Comanche (Rt. 30)

Nokomis from Navaho to Cherokee

Shabbona Road from Cherokee (Rt. 30)

DIRECTION

south side of street

north and south side of street

south side of street

north side of street

west side of street

west side of street

east side of street
to High School Dr

REMINDER: Garbage totes must be removed from streets and sidewalks by end of pick-up day.



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Reminders

Village Board Meeting Dates are posted on the Village website homepage under **ANNOUNCEMENTS**. Village Office: Open Wednesdays 3:30pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 9am-11:30am



Community Garden plots will be available in 2024! Interested in signing up and starting to garden your own plot? Please visit the village website for forms or pick forms up at the Village Office. Gardeners may turn their forms and payment in at the Village Office, 308 E Comanche Ave during office hours on Wednesdays from 3:30pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 9am-11:30am. Pick your plots when you turn in your forms: forms, plot map and more information available on our website: www.shabbona-il.com/community-garden.

Spring 2024 Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Construction along US Route 30 (Comanche Avenue) from Nokomis Street to Illini Street is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2024. The scope of the project includes improvements on both the north and south sides of Comanche Avenue. Work will be staged, with crews scheduled to begin work on the south side of the street first. The improvements are a continuation of work completed by IDOT at the end of last year and will include curb and sidewalk replacements, new light poles and LED fixtures, and beautification improvements including installation of trees, shrubs, planter boxes, benches, and bicycle racks. These improvements are primarily funded with a \$2M grant the Village received through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) administered by IDOT.



While work is being completed, construction crews will make all efforts to provide temporary access to all buildings but there may be times where short-term closures of the sidewalk and parking lanes adjacent to buildings may need to occur. We appreciate your understanding during the construction. Work is expected to begin in March 2024 and be completed by the end of June 2024.

Please contact any Village Board Trustee or the Village President with any questions or concerns. Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation as the improvements are made to the downtown streetscape.



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From Village President Don Goncher:

I would like to thank all who attended the Village's Winter Holiday Festival on December 2nd. I also want to thank those that made this event possible, without the volunteer work of those mentioned below, this festival would not have been possible:

- Trustee's David Simpson, Joy Fay, Marc Cinnamon, Alison Kidd Probst, Denny Sands, and Geoff Cooker
- Public Works Department: Buddy Forrer, John Boltz, and Jake Beeh
- Village Staff: Jen Morrison, Cindy Barnes, and Melanie Berg
- Flewellin Memorial Library – Melanie Berg, Cindi Cinnamon, and Janet Clark
- Shabbona Cafe – Freddie Castro and Laura Neuberg
- Shabbona Lion's Club for Santa and the free vision testing
- Shabbona Fire Department for providing indoor spaces
- Shabbona Community Church for providing craft fair space
- Village Bible Church for volunteers and face painting
- Tinez Tacos
- Randy Espe & Whispering Pines Reindeer Ranch for the sleigh under the pavilion
- Nielsen Farms for the Belgian Horse wagon rides

I'd also like to give recognition to the sponsors of the festival: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Resource Bank, and First State Bank – we greatly appreciate your sponsorship!

The inspiration and direction to plan and hold this event was in the hands of the Village of Shabbona Board and Staff. I applaud their work and thank them.

The Public Affairs Committee is looking to apply the same effort to plan the annual Fourth of July parade and festival. On behalf of the Village, I ask that volunteers from within the community step forward and offer time and assistance with the 4th of July event and future events. The next planning meeting for the 4th of July Parade & Festival will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in Village Hall @ 6pm. The committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 6pm from March thru December, so mark your calendars to attend the meetings and volunteer for future festivals and events.



Mark your calendar for the annual Village of Shabbona 4th of July parade, festival, vendor/craft fair, and fireworks!



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Museum Fundraiser



Purchase tickets from:

- ♦ Museum: call and leave a message or stop by during hours
- ♦ Board Members
- ♦ Email your request

\$50 each

1 winner

Drawing will take place on
March 26, 2024

Shabbona-Lee-Rollo Historical Museum

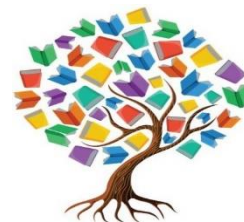
119 W. Comanche Ave.

Shabbona, IL

815-824-2579

Email: slrmuseum@gmail.com

HELP SAVE YOUR LIBRARY



For those of you who are not aware, we have had to cut our hours of operation recently due to lack of funding. We currently receive approximately \$30,788 in tax revenue for the library, and it is currently costing us approximately \$42,000 a year at a bare minimum to keep the library open. This leaves us with a deficit amount of \$11,200 that we must obtain each year just to keep the library open.

While funding may be very limited, our library attendance and patron base continues to grow. Our daily attendance in FY '21-'22 was 1522, FY'22-'23 increased to 64% for a total of 2505, and in this FY our attendance is already at over 2200 and we are only 75% of the way through our FY. Due to the generosity of community members, volunteers, and donors we have also been able to provide over 40 programs for over 500 people in the community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY?

- **Get a library card!**
Discover everything your library offers. It's yours! Have a card already? Bring a friend or child to get their card.
- **Shop the ongoing book sale!**
We continually have books for sale. Your purchase helps the library to buy NEW books to add to our collection for everyone to enjoy!
- **Donate**
Consider making a monetary donation that can help keep the doors open, help make building repairs, purchase new books, and fund programs. This is where donations, no matter how big or small help us supplement the \$11,200 gap. Every little bit helps!
- **Volunteer**
We are always looking for volunteers to help us with Toddler Times, Story Times, help with other new programs that we are trying to do in the future, and help with fundraising events.
- **Vote**
Support candidates and ballot initiatives that better position the library for long term success.
- **Advocate**
Did you attend an impactful library program? Do you value your library? Tell others about it! Help spread the word about the good that libraries do in the community.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Every Wed – Toddler Time @ 10AM Every Sat – Story Time @ 10AM
Week of Jan. 8th & Jan. 15th – Winter Themed Drop In Crafts (During open hours of operation)
Jan. 20th @ 6PM – Cards With Kim Hart – Valentine's Day Greeting Cards
Week of Jan. 22nd – Black Light Mini Golf (During open hours of operation as well as a few limited special times)

Follow us on FB for more details and program/event info – [Flewelin Memorial Library](#).

