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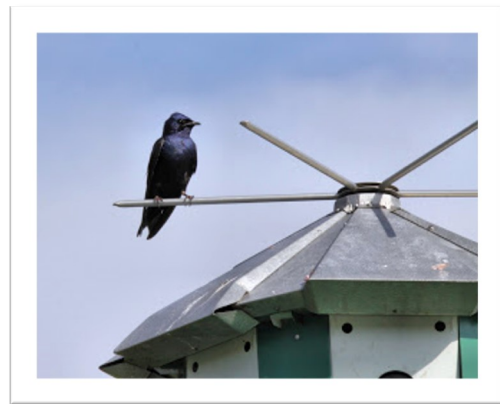


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On our cover

It's summer time and Marguerites (daisies) nod in the breeze next to the Historic Farmhouse. Their yellow centers glow like little suns, making us smile. Their name reflects their connection to the sun. It comes from the Old English meaning, "Day's eye" because the flower uncovers its bright yellow center in the morning and closes its petals over it again at the end of the day. A sunny smile from Mother Nature.



The Purple Martin Island is full of fledglings like this one. If you haven't yet visited this gem of a sanctuary, now is the time. The Island is located in Armstrong Park and was featured in the Spring issue of Time & Place. He's waiting to greet you.

CSHS REGULAR MEETINGS 2021

Now in Person!>>>>

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| JANUARY 28 | JUNE 22 |
| FEBRUARY 23 | JULY 27 |
| MARCH 23 | AUGUST 24 |
| APRIL 27 | SEPTEMBER 28 |
| MAY 25 | OCTOBER 26 (ANNUAL MEETING) |

>>>>MEETINGS ARE NOW IN PERSON

We are now meeting in person at the Historic Farmhouse, 301 W. Lies Rd., Carol Stream. Masks are requested and numbers are restricted.

Please see our Facebook page for meeting information and event updates.

We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

301 W. Lies Rd., Carol Stream

January - October

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Let the Sun Shine In



The June general meeting of the Historical Society could be considered a novel event given the last fifteen months of virtual meetings.

We met in person at the Farmhouse!

Being together was a reality we welcomed and one we realized how much we had taken for granted prior to Covid. Following the prescribed protocols, members gathered to discuss future events and make plans. The whole meeting had a energy missing from a zoom meeting and was abuzz with ideas for Facebook and Farmhouse projects. Everyone is anxious to share experiences and once again move toward welcoming the public. In the meantime, we proceed with caution, but things are happening! The sun is shining!

One of the first events being planned is a members-only tour of St. Stephen's pioneer cemetery. On September 25 the Society will welcome guests as we host musical artist, Bucky Halker, for a Woody Guthrie tribute concert on the Farmhouse lawn.

A farmhouse garden tour will be announced soon to enjoy the work done by our master gardener, Marlene Ashby, her committee, and employees of public works.

On December 9, the we will co-host *Charles Dickens-A Tale With a Twist* with the Carol Stream Public Library. This will be a virtual program.

Stay in touch to find out more. Updates will be posted on Facebook Come join us!

We also continue to update our archives and preserve the history of the area. If you would like to share photos, memoirs, or artifacts relating to Carol Stream, please contact us:

carolstreamhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

Margaret Leabru
President, CSHS

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Carol Stream History Spotlight

What's in a number? 60188

Before 1992, Carol Stream residents used the Wheaton Zip code, 60187. It was in that year, that the United States Postal Service built a new regional sorting center at 550 Fullerton Avenue and Carol Stream finally got its very own Zip code, 60188.

The postal center was designed with three facilities located on a 63 acre site. The largest, at 739,000 square feet, houses the sorting center, regional offices and the Carol Stream Post Office. A 23,000 square foot vehicle maintenance facility and an 18,000

square-foot warehouse are also part of the center. According to a 1992 *Chicago Tribune* article Mayor Ross Ferraro said that the Village “...got a pretty good deal out of it.” The



The Carol Stream Regional Processing Center and Post Office at Schmale Road and Fullerton Avenue opened in 1992.

Postal Service compensated Carol Stream with money for road work, a helipad for medical transport, and three acres for a baseball field.

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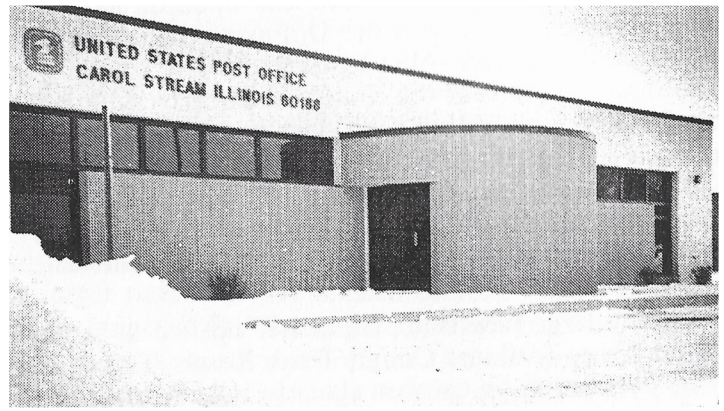
The groundbreaking for the first Carol Stream postal facility located on St. Paul Boulevard included many of those who worked to make it a reality in time for the 25th Anniversary of the Village.

From left: Jean Moore, Barbara Simkus, Richard Harmon (chairman of the post office committee), Barbara O'Rahilly, Janice Gerzevske (village president), Ralph Fletcher (Wheaton postmaster), Charles Stulb, George Kostopoulos, and Robert Ulrich.

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The Fullerton facility, however, was not Carol Stream's first post office. As the Village was approaching its twenty-fifth anniversary, ground was broken for the Carol Stream Branch of the Wheaton Post Office on April 6, 1983. For twenty-one years, a determined group had campaigned for a post office in the community. The branch, located at 344 St. Paul Boulevard in the industrial area east of Kehoe, was the answer. It later served as a postal training facility.



The first Carol Stream Post Office at 344 St. Paul Boulevard was a branch of the Wheaton Post Office. It opened in 1984.

Carol Stream residents were delighted to finally have a post office close by even if the Village still didn't have its own Zip. It wasn't until 1992, with the construction of the regional center and after nearly 33 years of waiting, that Carol Stream finally had its own Zip code—60188.



Zip codes were introduced in 1963 in a five digit format. The addition to mailing addresses was intended to move mail more efficiently and quickly—zipping along. Mr. Zip was created to remind patrons to use the codes. In 1983, ZIP+4 was introduced to designate a more specific location. The acronym "ZIP" stands for Zone Improvement Plan.

Commemorative envelope marking the June 23, 1984, ceremony held at the site of the new Carol Stream Branch of the Wheaton Post Office. Note the photo of Miss Carol Stream and the 1983 20 cent "Love" stamp. According to the accompanying letter, a time capsule was buried at the 344 St. Paul Blvd., site on the same day.





FREE

This Land is Your Land *The Folksongs of Woody Guthrie*

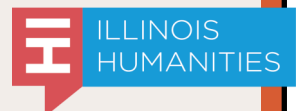
with Bucky Halker
Saturday, Sept. 25
2:30 p.m.
Historic Farmhouse Lawn
301 W. Lies Road

Bring your lawn chairs. See our Facebook for Covid updates.

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2021 Calendar

Coming SOON! The Society is planning for in person and virtual events that comply with current CDC guidelines. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

Gardening With Friends at the Farmhouse

Thursday, July 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Like to garden? Bring your hat, gloves, and tools. Meet us at the Farmhouse, 301 W. Lies Rd., for an hour or weeding and fun. Master gardener, Marlene Ashby will guide us.



St. Stephen's Cemetery Guided Tour (Members Only)

Tuesday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Led by long-time Milton Township Pioneer Cemetery preservation advocate, Bob Jacobsen. Followed by lunch at Augustinos. Bob will share anecdotes from his extensive work to restore and preserve this unique early site.



Historic Farmhouse Guided Garden Tour

Date TDA. Check our Facebook page for details.

Led by master gardener Marlene Ashby who leads the maintenance of the Farmhouse gardens. Learn about period plantings and gardening in the late 1800s. Enjoy the picket fence garden and learn about native cultivars.



Charles Dickens—A Tale With a Twist

Thursday, December 9

A Zoom presentation co-sponsored with the Carol Stream Public Library.

Presented by Terry Lynch of HFK Presents. Lynch brings history and stories to life with his character portrayals. Register for this free event at the Carol Stream Public Library.





Independence Day

The Carol Stream July 4th Parade has been a village tradition since 1987. It is 100% funded through fundraising and community donations.

Enjoy celebrating with these pix from 2019.



The Carol Stream Way



***Thank YOU Parade Committee!
See you at the 2022 parade!***

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW....



Among the members of this 1952 Wheaton Park District tennis team is someone you may recognize. Who is it?

Back row, second from right-Meet Miss Carol Stream.



Carol Stream Historical Society

2021 Membership Form—JOIN US!

Please join us in our quest to preserve the history and heritage of Carol Stream. Membership is open all who are interested in supporting this mission.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am enclosing my \$10 dues for 2021: _____
 I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____

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 QUESTIONS—CALL: 630-665-0308 (Barb)

Thank you for your support! Connect with us today!



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