



State of the Village

Presented by Mayor Jim Tinaglia, March 2026

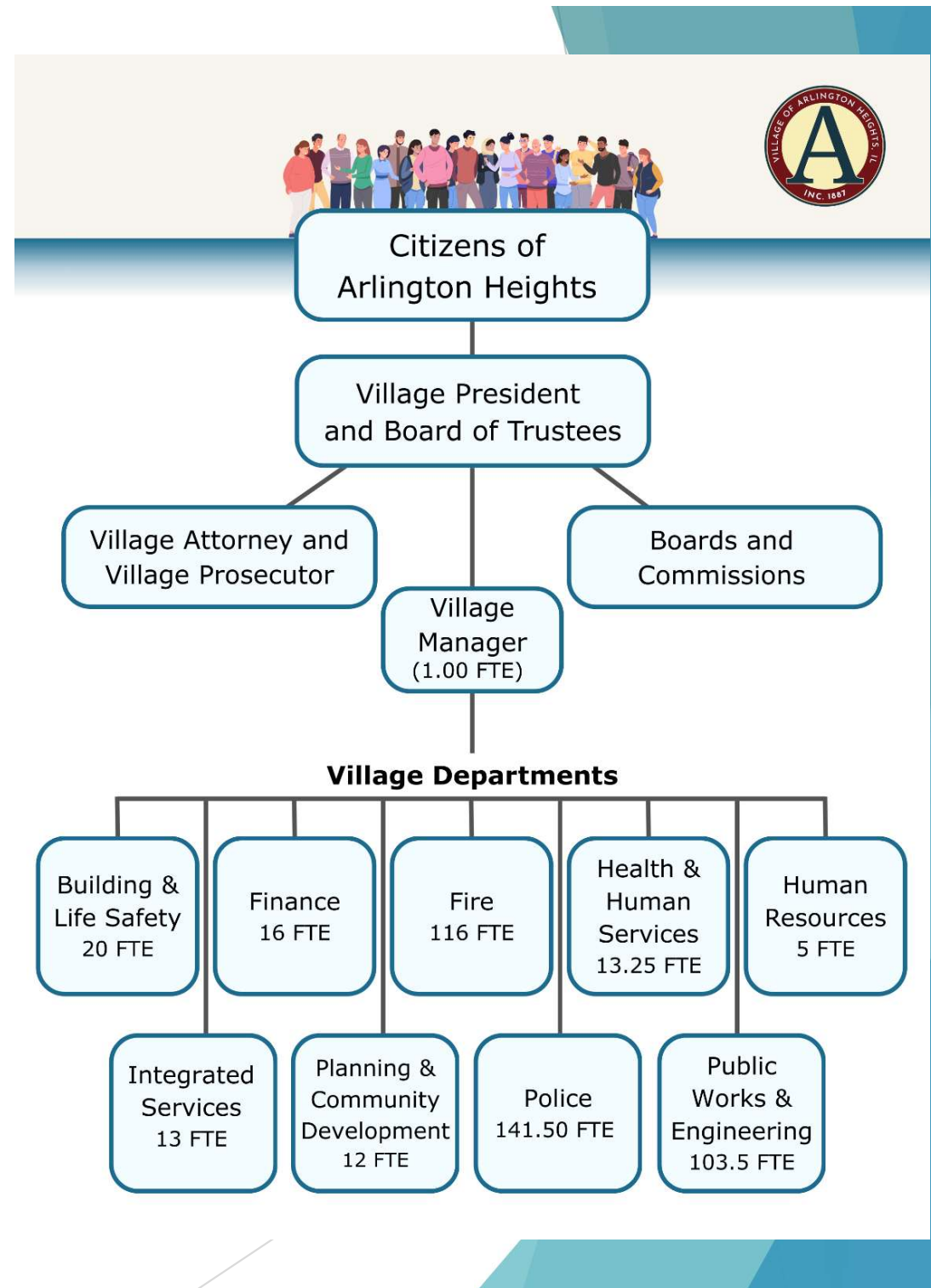
Your Award Winning Village!

- 2025 Reader's Choice Awards
 - Rated Best Place to Live for 10th Consecutive Year
 - Rated Best Downtown Atmosphere
- 2025 National Community Survey
 - Above Average Ratings for top 10 Livability Factors
- #1 Place to Live in Illinois
 - U.S. News & World Report
 - 56th Safest Place in USA

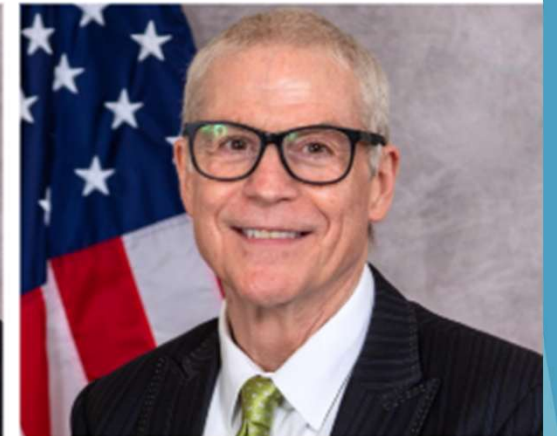


How We're Organized

- Council Manager form of Government
- Village Board Sets Policies
- Village Manager, Randy Recklaus
 - Manages Staff
 - Manages day-day business
 - Implements Board Policies



Arlington Heights Village Board



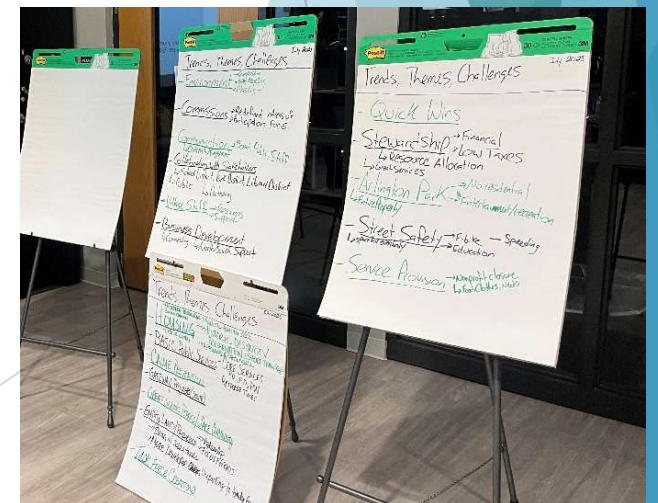
Village Strategic Priorities: 2026-2027

The Village's highest priorities will always be the maintenance of public safety, the provision of core services, and the continuing of fiscal responsibility with taxpayer resources.

8 Strategic Goals focusing on:

- Collaborate with Chicago Bears
- Housing affordability & accessibility
- Economic Development: approved projects and filling vacant properties
- Policies to improve street safety conditions
- Engage stakeholders regarding Historic Preservation & consider new options
- Environmental Sustainability: Village-led programs and infrastructure
- Reinvigorate Village Boards & Commissions
- Support Village's efforts related to arts, entertainment & community identity

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Village Board & Commissions

- Arlington Economic Alliance
- Arts Commission
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Health
- Board of Local Improvements
- Building Code Review Board
- Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
- Design Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Fire & Police Commission
- Firefighters' Pension Board
- Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
- Housing Commission
- Joint Review Board
- Plan Commission
- Police Pension Board
- Redevelopment Commission
- Senior Citizens Commission
- Special Events Commission
- Village Board of Trustees
- Youth Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

152 Serving Members

Police Department

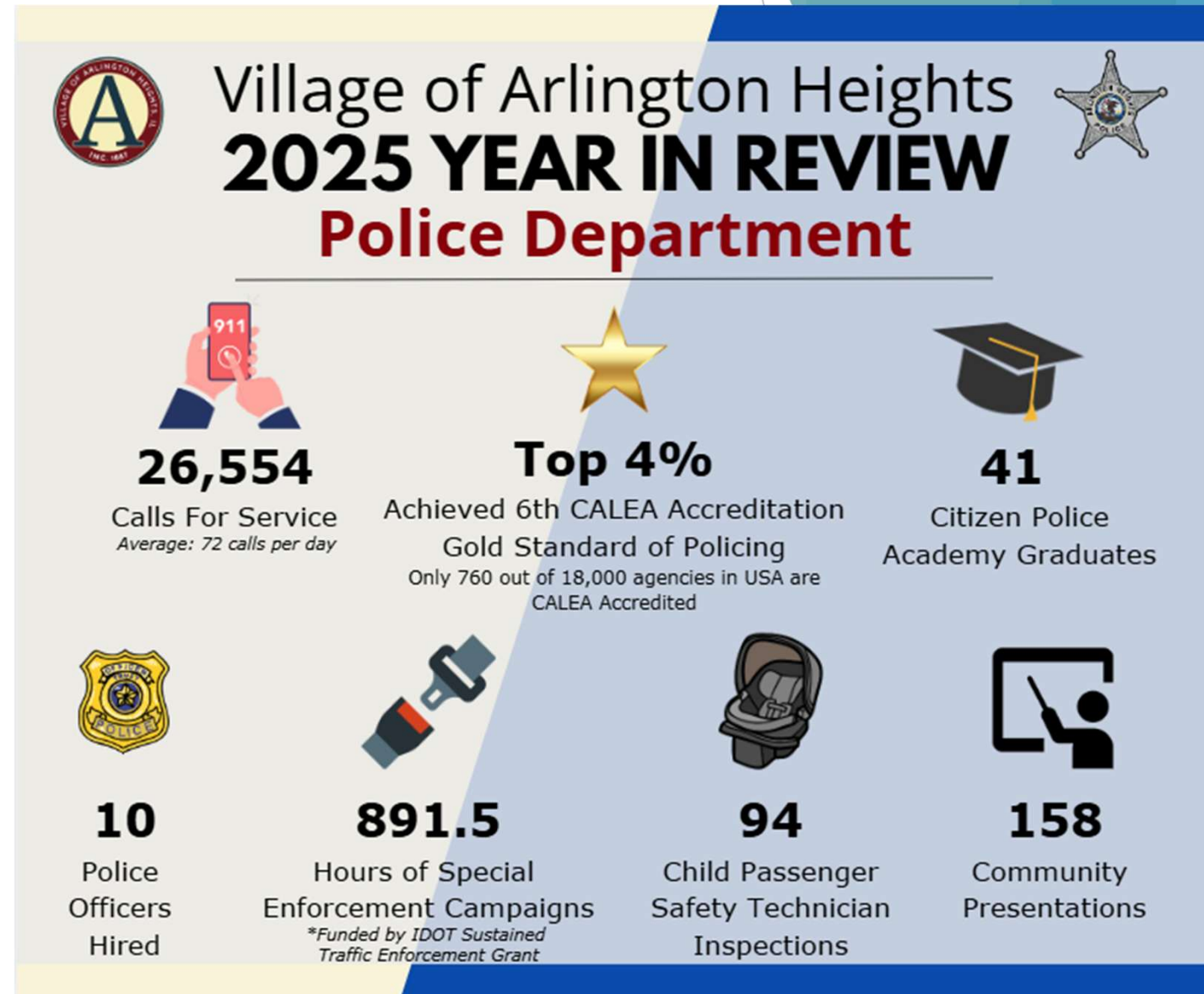
- **CALEA Accreditation**

- Highest Policing Standards
- Only 4% of agencies in USA



- **Traffic Safety Challenge Awards**

- First Place Winners in three categories!



E-Bike Regulations



The Village of Arlington Heights Ordinance 18-313 helps to regulate usage of motorized mobility devices, including electric bikes (e-bikes) and e-scooters, to help keep our community safe. For more information visit www.vah.com/ebikes

MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE TYPES	LOW SPEED	STANDARD	OUT OF CLASS
	Up to 10 m.p.h.	Up to 28 m.p.h.	Capable of +28 m.p.h. PROHIBITED

WHAT IS ALLOWED WHERE	Low Speed	Standard	E-bikes & devices allowed on sidewalks up to 10 mph, except downtown and in event areas
Public Streets	YES	YES	E-bikes & devices allowed on sidewalks up to 10 mph, except downtown and in event areas
Public Sidewalks	YES	NO*	
DTA Sidewalks	NO	NO	
Special Event Areas	NO	NO	
Age Requirements*	NO	YES**	

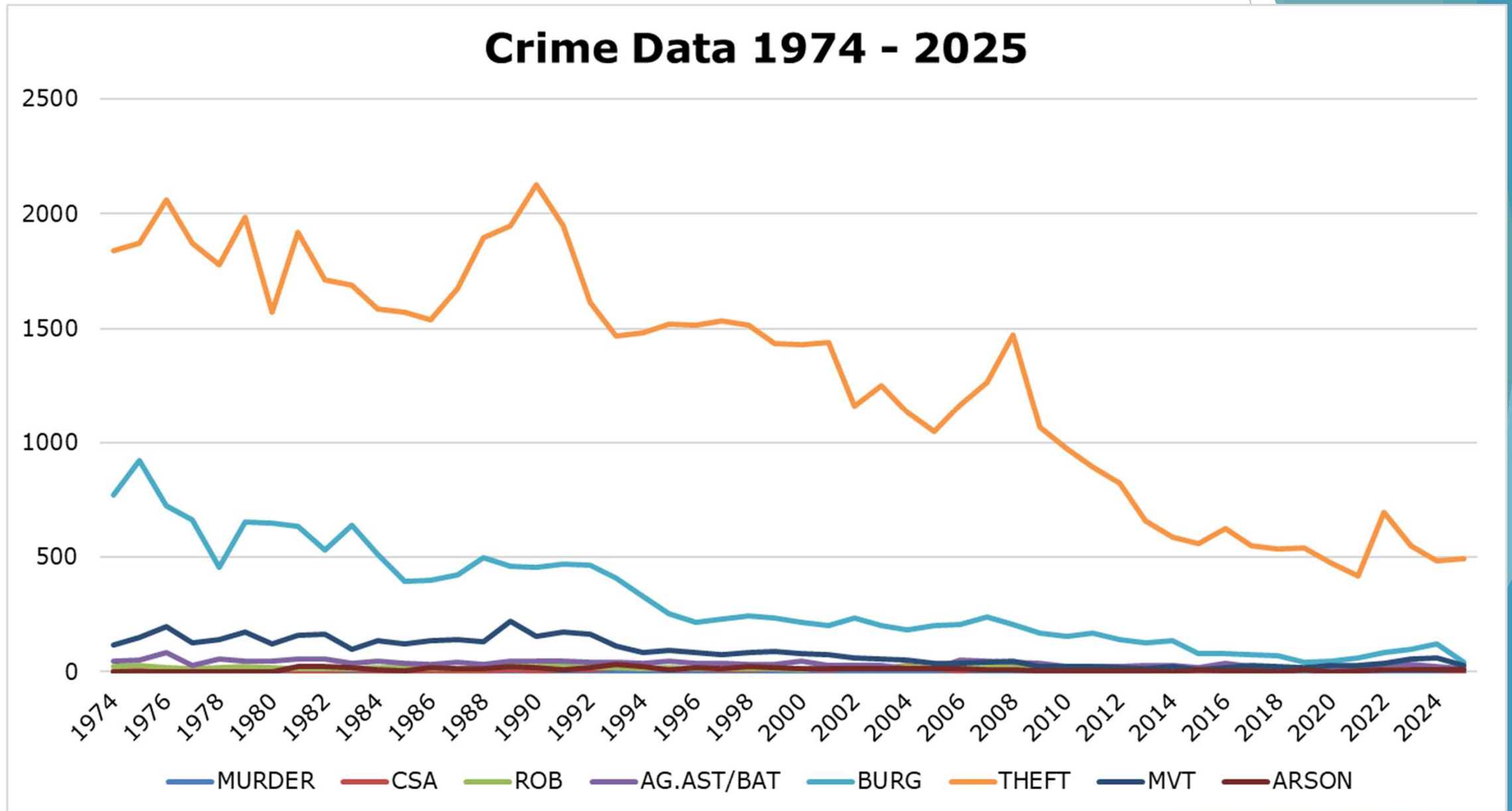
REGULATIONS

- Devices must be operated responsibly
- Only one rider per device - unless manufactured to accommodate multiple riders
- Riders must comply with Rules-of-the-Road & bicycle laws
- Devices must have front white light visible from 500 ft. at night, with rear facing red reflector
- Devices must have operable brakes
- Helmets are required for all riders

ENFORCEMENT

- First offense: \$75
- Second Offense: \$150
- Third Offense \$250
- Device may be impounded after reckless use or multiple violations and/or fines
- Parents/guardians may be held responsible for violations of minors

Safety Is Our Priority



Fire Department

- **ISO Class 1 Rating**

- Out of approximately 37,500 rated fire departments nationwide, there are just over 500 departments to hold an ISO Class 1 rating, with only 31 in Illinois.
- Busiest Department in the region
- New 5th Ambulance introduced in 2026



Building & Life Safety



Village of Arlington Heights **2025 YEAR IN REVIEW** Building & Life Safety



4,679
Building Permits
Issued



11,661
Building Inspections
Completed



3,691
Plan Reviews
Completed



1,423
Code Enforcement
Interactions



4,048
Fire Inspections
(Annual, Re-Inspections,
and Business License)



21
Building & Life Safety
Employees

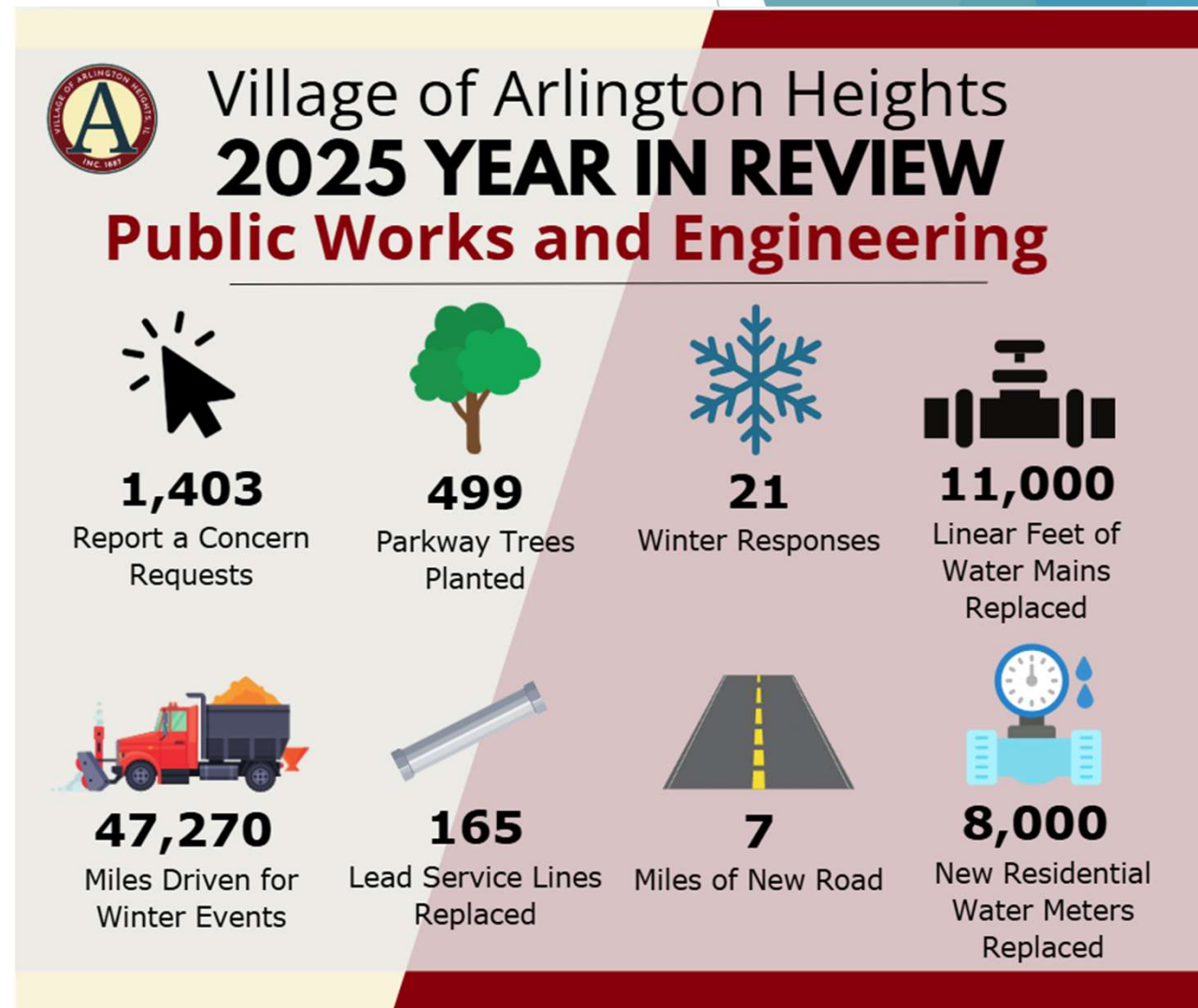


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Employee Certifications

Public Works and Engineering

- **Achieving Excellence**

- ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborists
- IDPH (IL Department of Public Health) Certified Water Lab and Technicians
- Professional Engineers on Staff
- Illinois Class C Water Operators



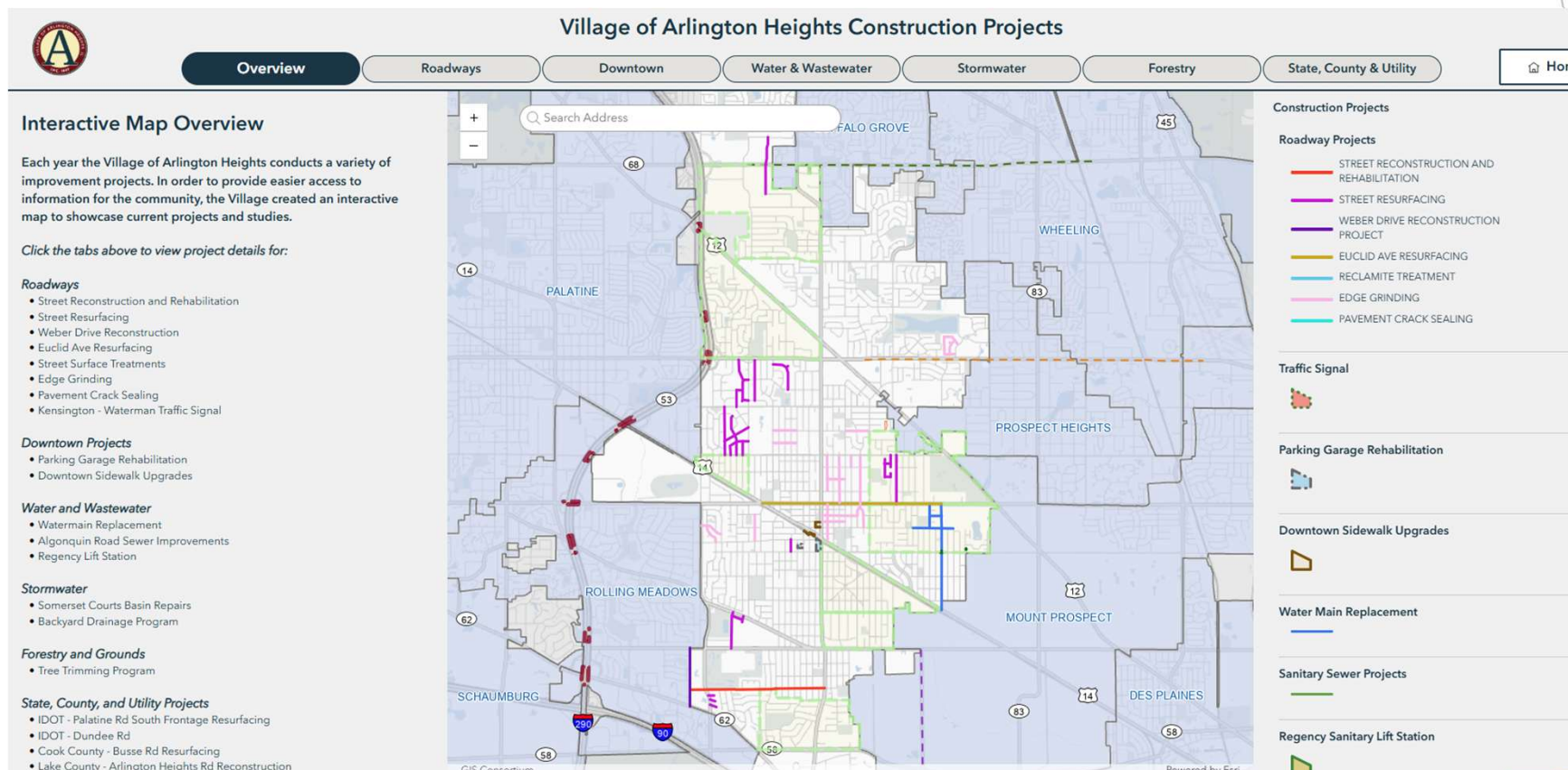
Utility Improvements 2025

- Lead Service Line Replacement
 - \$300,000 in 2025 for 165 services replaced
- Water Main Replacement
 - 11,000 linear feet
 - \$4.3 Million investment
- Commercial Meter Replacement Program
 - \$400,000 investment
- Residential Meter Replacement Program
 - \$2.6 Million Investment
 - 8,000 meters replaced in 2025
 - Project completed in 2025. Automated meter system will go live in 2026.



2026 Construction Projects

- Algonquin Rd Sewer Improvement
- **Euclid Ave Resurfacing Project**
- Somerset Courts Basin Project
- Weber Dr Reconstruction



www.vah.com/construction

Finance Department



Village of Arlington Heights 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Finance



\$232,254,500

Total Village Budget



CREDIT SCORE

Aa1

Credit Rating from
Moody's



124,127

Water & Sewer
Bill Payments



\$52,890,200

Planned Capital
Investments



74.9%

Percent Funded for
Fire Pension Fund



83.2%

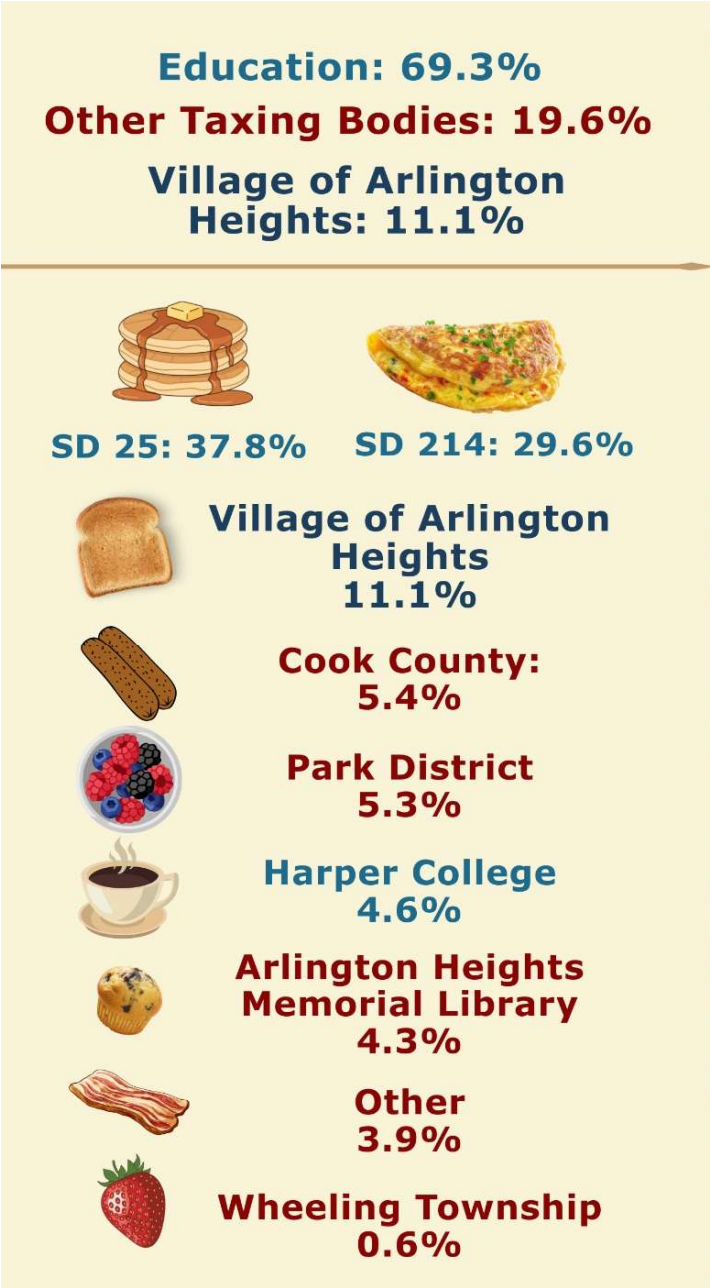
Funded Police Pension
Fund

Finance Department

2026 Financial Forecast

- Property tax increase below inflation at +2.29%
- High Quality Aa1 bond rating from Moody's Rating Service
- \$224.3 million budget (3.4% decrease from 2025)
- \$42.6 million planned investments in Capital projects

Property Tax Breakdown



Planning & Community Development



Village of Arlington Heights **2025 YEAR IN REVIEW** Planning & Community Development



\$51,335.80

In Community
Development Block
Grants Awarded



4

Businesses participated
in the Zero Interest
Loan program



475,163

Square Feet of
re-tenanted space



103

New Businesses
in Arlington Heights



30,487

Square Feet of Vacant Space filled
by New Industrial &
Manufacturing Businesses



\$72,545

Group Home Rehab
Project Grants

New Businesses in Town

Category	New Businesses	Total Sq Ft
Restaurants / Food & Beverage	14	19,983
Retail Stores	18	83,026
Offices / Professional Services	28	53,128
Beauty / Personal Care	12	18,690
Health / Fitness	5	10,829
Education / Arts	4	9,300
Contractor / Industrial	14	32,313
Storage / Logistics	3	85,921

98

313,190

Developments Around Town

- **Arlington Plaza Shopping Center**
 - **Qargo Coffee** – coffee shop with a drive-through, construction is ongoing and opening should be spring/summer
- **Urban Air Adventure Park** – indoor amusement facility with trampolines, electric go-karts, climbing walls and food court



Developments Around Town

- **Arlington Gateway (Arbor House)**
 - First phase construction completes this spring and currently leasing residential and commercial spaces
 - *Future* phases proposed
 - Conversion of Daily Herald building to medical office
- **East Country Lane Townhomes**
 - 24- unit townhome development on N. Old Arlington Heights Rd. at University Drive. Construction to commence in spring/summer.



Developments Around Town

- **Tasty Breads**

- 94,000 square-foot manufacturing and storage for Tasty Breads Dough. Construction is ongoing this spring/summer

- **Pep Boys Site Redevelopment**

- Redevelopment of the Pep Boys and Suburban Trim & Glass for two drive-through restaurants, a bank and 3-4 additional in-line restaurant tenant spaces at Rand Rd and Palatine Rd. (in staff review)

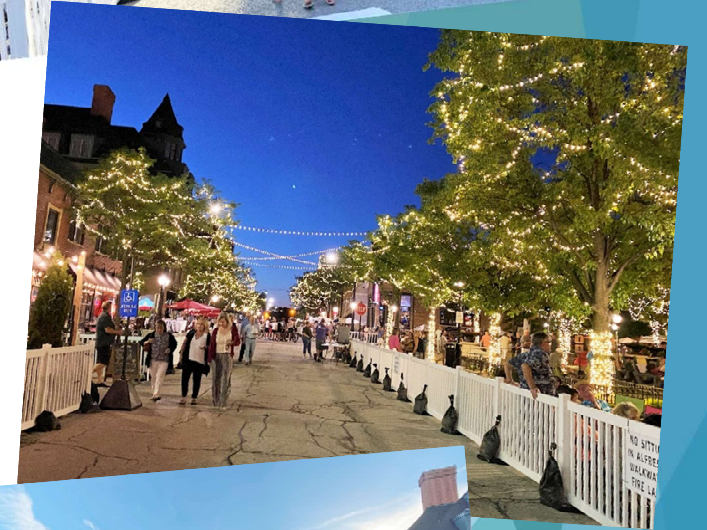
- **5 N. Douglas Ave**

- 60-unit rental apartments in the Hickory-Kensington area. Review is ongoing for site development approvals.



Taking Entertainment, Shopping, and Dining to The Heights!

- **Visitors - 2025**
 - 673,200 people visited downtown Alfresco zone throughout 2025
 - 339,200 people visited the Alfresco zone during Arlington Alfresco, May 1 – Sept. 30, 2025
- **Arlington Alfresco 2026 Season Begins Friday, May 1st**



Sounds of Summer

Concerts return to Harmony Park,
Thursday nights, 7-8:30 p.m., June 4 – August 27

**56,700 Visitors to Downtown
during Sounds of Summer in 2025!**

LINEUP COMING SOON!



**Sponsorships
Available!
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Music with the Mayor!

Join Mayor Tinaglia and his band, Exit 147, for Music with the Mayor on June 4th – the opening night of Sounds of Summer!

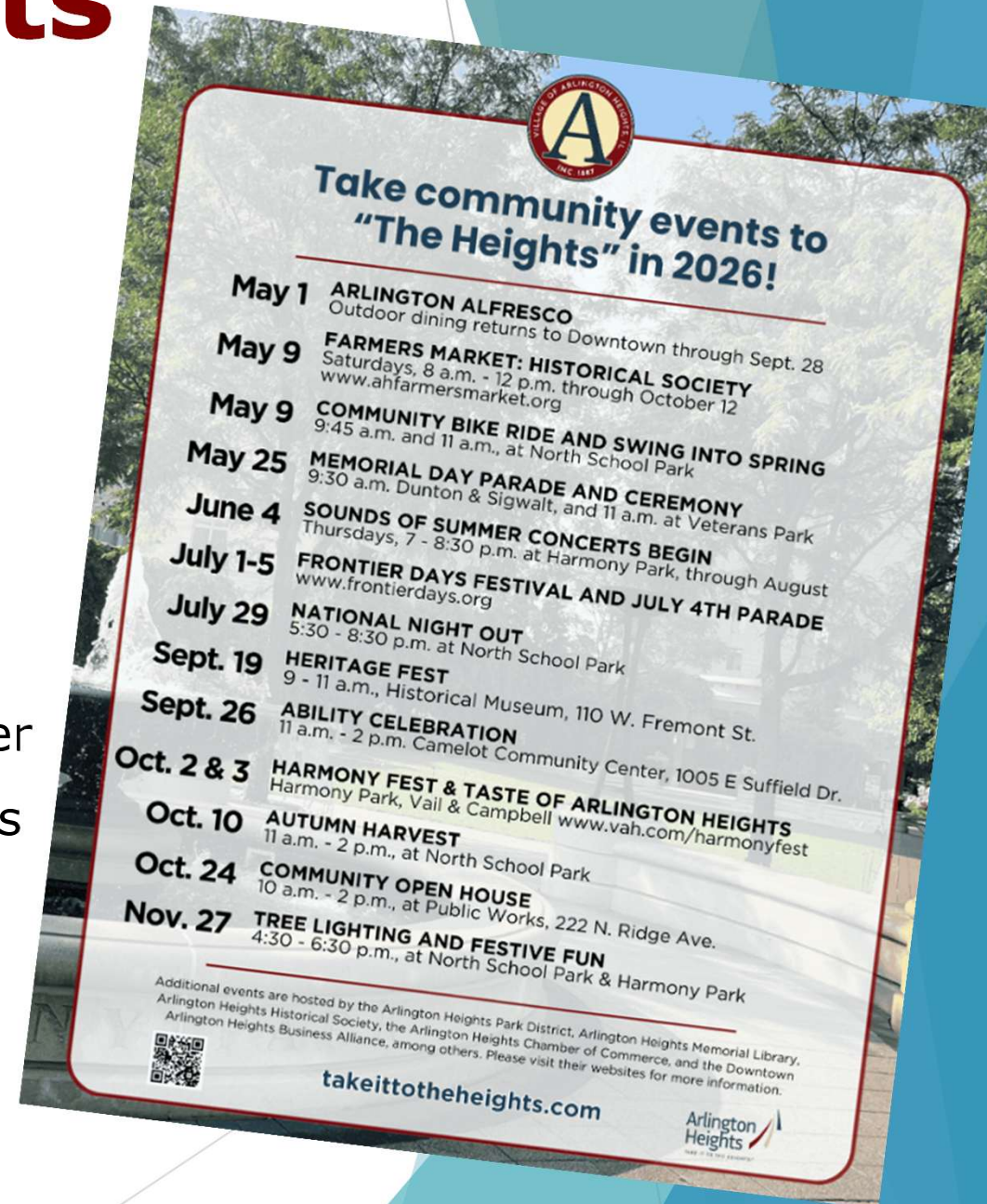
Opening night of **Sounds of Summer** will feature a special hometown feel, as Mayor Tinaglia will kick off the season! The Village will also be hosting a Food & Diaper Drive as part of the event!



2026 Community Events

- **May 1:** Arlington Alfresco Returns
- **May 9:** Farmers Market Begins
- **May 9:** Swing Into Spring & Community Bike Ride
- **June 4:** Sounds of Summer Begins at Harmony Park
- **July 1-5:** Frontier Days Festival at Recreation Park
- **July 29:** National Night Out at North School Park
- **Sept. 19:** Heritage Fest at the Historical Museum
- **Sept. 26:** Ability Celebration at Camelot Community Center
- **Oct. 2 & 3:** Harmony Fest & the Taste of Arlington Heights
- **October 10:** Autumn Harvest
- **October 24:** Community Open House at Public Works
- **Nov. 27:** Tree Lighting

www.takeittotheheights.com



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Be the first to know about what's going on in Arlington Heights!

- Website: www.vah.com
- Village on Social Media
 - Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, X, NextDoor, LinkedIn
 - Senior Center is now on Facebook!
- Village's E-News: vah.com/enews
- Business E-News: Email Kim!
- Download the Arlington Heights app!

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Any Questions?

**Thank you
for the
opportunity
to present
the 2026
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Arlington Park and the Bears

- Mega Projects Bill is needed for Chicago Bears or ANY Development at Arlington Park's 326 Undeveloped Acres
- Approved by State's House Review and Finance Committee. Waiting for State action.
- Mega Projects Bill IS:
 - Tax Certainty for School Districts, Taxing Bodies – Including Village
- Mega Projects Bill is **NOT**:
 - A hand out or Village money for a stadium
 - A Village owned stadium
- We are still in the First Step in Development Process.
 - Formal plans, neighborhood meetings, review process, and more



www.vah.com/ArlingtonPark