

City Clerk and Recorder provide service for Veterans

Businesses participating will be listed on the Honor Rewards website for Stephenson County. Businesses name will also be provided to Veterans who receive an Honor Rewards card and be mentioned by email notifications to current Honor Rewards members. In addition, participating businesses will be provided with promotional materials like door stickers and flyers to promote their involvement. For more information, contact 815-235-8289 or visit www.honorrewards.com.

Stockton Sewer debt fee timeline

The Village of Stockton continues to progress with its upgrades to the wastewater treatment collection and treatment systems. The overall project has been separated into two phases.

The first phase was to construct a flow equalization lagoon north of the existing treatment facility, and sewer piping to directly connect Brewster Cheese to the facility. Other needed collection system upgrades were included in this first phase. The construction of this phase is nearly complete.

The second phase of the project includes the wastewater treatment facility upgrades. These upgrades are required in order to be compliant with IEPA standards. Construction is currently under way and will continue through 2024.

The debt repayment for this project required a \$15 monthly debt service fee on water/sewer bills since Jan. 1, 2021. Effective Jan. 1, 2022, another \$15 monthly debt fee was added for a total of \$30. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, an additional \$12.50 will be added for a total monthly debt service fee of \$42.50. This debt fee is necessary to pay back the loan used to fund the improvements. The Village secured a low interest loan for 30 years through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

In accordance with an agreement between the Village and Brewster Cheese, and as good faith stewards of the community, Brewster Cheese will participate in payment of their portion of the conveyance and facility improvements.