



September 2022

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**WEBINAR -
WHAT'S NEXT: IAMMA**

THURSDAY, OCT. 6 @ NOON

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83520604718>

Tune in to learn about all of the new, exciting ways to get the most out of your IAMMA membership

Learn what IAMMA is planning to do next on Thursday, October 6 at noon. Join by using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83520604718>.

IAMMA's New & Improved Committees

Did you know that the IAMMA is revamping the committee structure? Previously, IAMMA committees included five committees:

- Next Generation Committee



- Service and Activities Committee
- Communications Committee
- Programming Committee
- Conference Committee

The new structure now features three committees:

- Membership
- Education and Events
- Engagement

Click [here](#) to learn more about the new committee structure.

Legacy Project and Chicago Women in Public Finance Presents:

**Team Leadership Training
and Engaging Hybrid Workplaces**

Dr. Suzy Francis Best
Lake Forest Center for Leadership

WEDNESDAY OCT 19
RIVERWAY AUDITORIUM
6133 N RIVER RD ROSEMONT, IL 60018
HOSTED BY: CLARK BAIRD & SMITH

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join the Legacy Project on Wednesday, October 19 for a half day seminar in Rosemont. [Find more information and register here.](#)

HAPPY NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

from the
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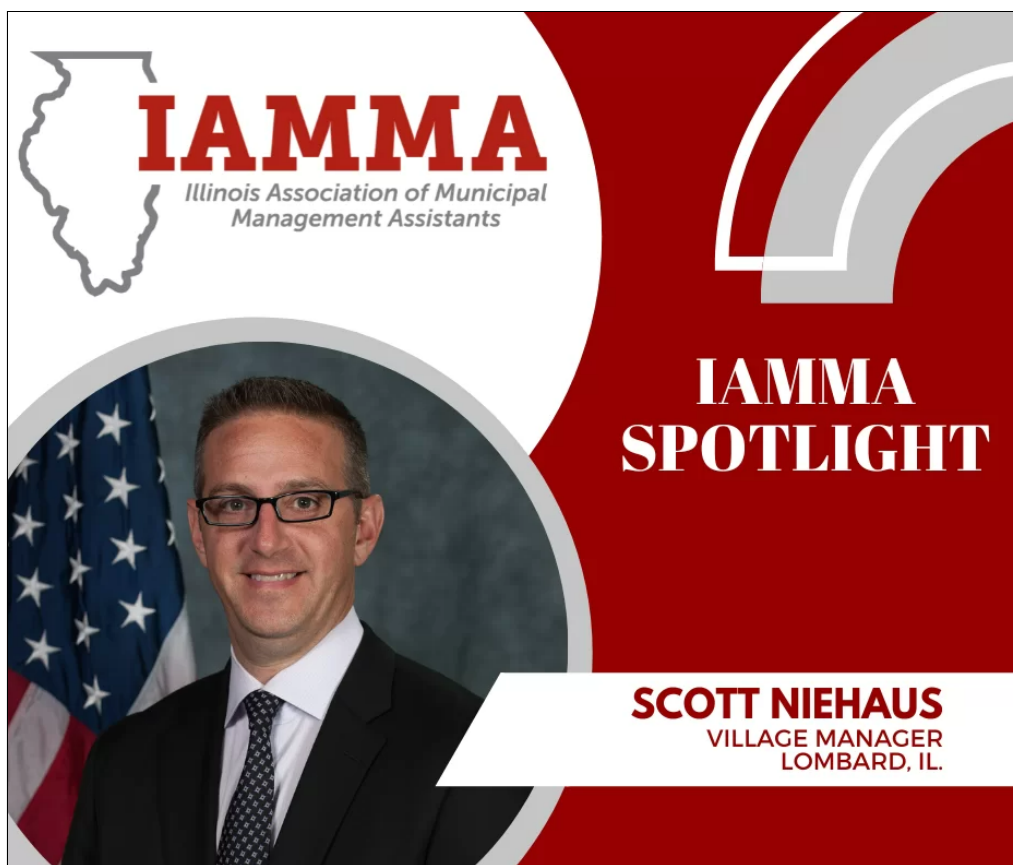
Journey into the Profession

During my undergraduate career at DePaul University, I developed a deep passion for international affairs and geopolitical studies. As a first-generation Assyrian-American, I already had a knack for speaking multiple languages, was naturally interested in global politics, and had dreams and aspirations of contributing to conflict resolution in the middle east. I learned later that my dream was to be a Diplomat with the United States Foreign Service. I worked very hard toward that pursuit and even took and successfully passed the Foreign Service Exam and subsequent language tests. Unfortunately, 21-year old's with no professional work experience weren't sought after by the State Department; go figure.

After graduating in 2010, still unsure about how I would make this dream a reality, I bounced around a few odd jobs before landing my first full-time job at Northwestern University. I was hired as a Program Assistant for the Student Conduct office. While working there, I was also continuing to study for the LSAT, because that's what Political Science Majors do. While at NU, I discovered the Master of Public Policy and Administration Program, I had no interest in the Administration side of things. However, I saw that there was a concentration that included classes in National Security and Defense and thought maybe studies in those areas would help me on the path to my goal.

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In Case You Missed the Previous Spotlight...



Journey into the Profession

I like to say that my first foray into public service was during my summer job experience while in college. For three (3) years from 1990 through 1992 I came home from Augustana College and worked Public Works for the City of Elmhurst. During this time I did a number of jobs in the Street Department and certainly had a crash course in policy, unions, workplace safety, risk management and interaction with the public. Alas, I never worked enough hours to qualify for IMRF.

In a more classical sense, while at Augustana I double majored in Political Science and Public Administration. While there, I had a supportive professor who encouraged me to consider a career in local government. He introduced me to the NIU MPA program. I took the GRE and applied to the program in the winter of 1993 and was accepted shortly thereafter. By June, I started working as an intern in the Village of Elk Grove and started the graduate program in the fall of 1993.

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- October 6 - What's Next: IAMMA Webinar
- October 12 - In-person Event TBD
- November 16 - What's Next: Economic Development
- December - Angel Tree



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