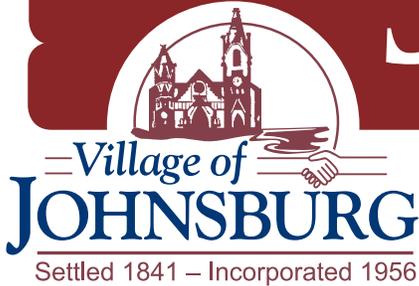


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FROM THE PRESIDENT A YEAR IN REVIEW

Each year at this time I take a moment to reflect back and write about some of the more significant changes and accomplishments of the previous year. In 2012 we saw the following:



- Police Officer Michael Vollmer was promoted to the position of Sergeant and Vincenza LaMontagna and Kevin Del Re were hired to fill two vacant police officer positions. The Village also hired its first part-time Community Service Officer - Randy Schmitt.
- The Administration Department welcomed Marikay Gebis to replace Ellen Bathje who retired from her position in the spring. With dedicated, hardworking employees and improved operational efficiencies, the Village continues to operate with 20% less personnel than it did in 2007 while still insuring that the community's needs are met.
- The Village Board, with input from its strategic planning partners consisting of residents, business owners, and representatives of area governmental entities and other organizations developed a vision statement for the Village.
- The Village participated in the 2nd Annual State of the Village dinner presentation hosted by the Johnsburg Area Business Association.
- Residents voted NO to a referendum question regarding electric aggregation as an opt-out energy supply alternative for households and small businesses.
- The Village Board unanimously approved the FY 2013 budget. This consensus was developed using the same conservative spending policies implemented over the past several years. Proactive reductions and the implementation of a Comprehensive Capital Improvement, Maintenance and Replacement Plan have positively positioned the Village to address both operational and capital demands, now and into the future.



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MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole
Last Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Community Affairs
2nd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Development & Government Affairs
4th Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development
2nd Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Finance
4th Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance
2nd Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Plan and Zoning Commission
2nd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Public Works
2nd Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Village Board
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Please call the Village Hall to confirm a meeting date and time. Meetings are rescheduled from time to time.

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- The Village acquired a key parcel of land located at the southwest corner of St. Johns Avenue and Church Street. The acquisition was pursued to accommodate future realignment and improvements to Church Street. The Village can now seek grants for the improvements.
- The Village also received a donation of approximately 18 acres of land from Ms. Dorothy Hughes located at the southwest corner of Riverside Drive and Chapel Hill Road. The property is an important component to our storm water drainage system. We are truly grateful to Ms. Hughes for her generous contribution to the Village.
- Efforts continued by the Economic Development Committee regarding the development of a Downtown/Town center vision. The Village also moved forward with a sewer extension project along Fairview Avenue from Chapel Hill Road to Church Street. **This project, which was 100% funded through federal and state grants, will enable the Village to eventually serve more than 400 households and businesses.** I thank Senator Pamela Althoff and former Congresswoman Melissa Bean for their efforts in securing the funding for this project.
- Litigation concluded in a suit brought against the Village regarding the ownership of Maple Avenue with the judge finding in favor of the Village. The judge’s finding preserves the Village’s ownership of Maple Avenue, a public right of way. Litigation also concluded in a development related matter which the Village pursued to enforce obligations under an annexation agreement. The judge found in favor of the Village and directed the developer to fulfill its obligation under the annexation agreement.
- Cameras were installed in Sunnyside Park to improve security and address vandalism concerns. The Village approved the construction of dugouts at Hiller Park. Construction began on the dugouts in the fall and will be completed early in the spring benefitting the 2013 season. **The Village also approved control system improvements (SCADA) for the wastewater treatment system. The improvements will enable public works personnel to monitor and manage sewer infrastructure remotely to help insure proper functioning of the system.**
- The Village entered into a contract with Fox Bluff Corporation to audit its telecommunication and energy system costs. **The audit resulted in a change to the Village’s electric supplier which will provide a savings of approximately 30% annually.**
- Beginning with the fall 2012 edition, residents and business owners once again started receiving their newsletter through the mail. This was done in response to requests by many residents who wished to receive a hard copy of the newsletter rather than receive it electronically. The Village entered into a contract with DP Design to handle all the marketing and development details. **The cost is covered through the sale of advertisements to area businesses. We thank our area businesses for their support and the State Bank Group who provided the funding to cover the cost of postage for the first year.**

- The Johnsburg Police Department once again hosted the Chief's Challenge 5K Run Walk and Cop on Top fundraisers. Proceeds from these events went to the Illinois Special Olympics. Family, friends and neighbors came together in October to enjoy the annual Celebration in the Park event coordinated by the Community Affairs Committee who also hosted a Meet and Greet Santa event in December, both of which were very successful.

Looking back, 2012 was a busy year. By working together we accomplished a great deal. As I have often said, the generosity and dedication of our residents, businesses and civic organizations is second to none. We truly are a "Hometown with Spirit". I wish all of you and your families a healthy and successful 2013.

Respectfully
 Edwin P. Hettermann
 Village President

Consolidated Election April 9, 2013



The last day to register to vote for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election is March 12th. You may register to vote at the McHenry Township office or at the Johnsburg Public Library. Please make certain to bring two forms of identification with your current address and a picture ID. Early Voting will be Friday, March 25th through Saturday, April 6th. Absentee Voting is also available at the McHenry Township office, from Friday, March 15 to April 8, 2013. Early Voters and Absentee Voters must display valid photo identification.

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Community News

Community Sailing @ Pistakee A new twist on an old tradition

How would you like to get out and learn how to sail this summer? Thanks to a hard working group of volunteers that are revamping the Pistakee Yacht Club Sailing School, you can.

Sailing has been a part of our community since the late 1800's but has often been perceived as a costly and elite sport, it's not. Currently registered as Pistakee Yacht Club Sailing School, the group has decided to change its name to **Community Sailing @ Pistakee (CS@P)** in an effort to break down perceived barriers and encourage participation throughout the community.

Summer classes will begin in June and wrap up in August. The Intro "Kindersail" class will be held on Saturday mornings and will provide 4-7 year olds a taste of the sport along with their parents. Morning Intro and Afternoon Intermediate to Advanced Level courses will be offered to children 8-12 year olds. Full day, weeklong options will alternate every other week between Intro and Performance level classes for 12-18 year old participants, and two - 4 week sessions for Adults and parent/child classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Costs are less than \$15 per hour of instruction and all of the instructors are trained and certified by US Sailing - the governing body of the sport.

Long term goals of the CS@P initiative include providing a platform for High School Students to create teams that will compete in the spring and fall with more than 50 schools that are already active in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. They also look forward to collaborating with teachers and schools that want to teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs through sailing - a curriculum that is already being used around the country.



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The Committee, consisting of long-time residents Tom Kartheiser, Kathleen Winkiel, Jim Huemann and Sally Lucke-Elkes, have committed to purchase a fleet of new boats and has hired a national level program director to lead the restructuring, hiring and training of staff in 2013. Through the "Sail into the Future" Capital Campaign they have already raised enough to develop a new website and purchase two new boats. The campaign goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next two years. Once the campaign has run its course the expectation is that the school will be large enough to support its continued operations through class registrations.

To learn more about the school, sign up for classes, ask questions, or support the campaign please visit their website at www.commsailpistakee.org.



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Community News



JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB SUPER RAFFLE

The Johnsburg Community Club will be holding its 21st Annual Super Raffle on Friday, May 10th. The Club opens at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. Each Super Raffle ticket costs \$100 and includes one complimentary steak or chicken dinner and an entry into the double elimination Calcutta Super Raffle. Additional dinners are available for \$20.

For more information, please call
Len Eaton at 815-759-9375 or
visit their website at
www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com

Happy 2013 From the Johnsburg Lion's

The Johnsburg Lion's would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and thank everyone for their past support. Thanks to the community's participation, the Johnsburg Lions' were able to assist many local families through events such as Banjo Beer Night, Candy Day, Christmas Wreath Sales and their monthly Meat Raffle programs. The New Year will be full of new challenges as the Club continues its efforts to assist those who are in need of eye, ear and other support within the Johnsburg community.

Meat Raffles are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at Chef Davitos Restaurant, 4000 N. Johnsburg Road. The first raffle begins at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the next raffles will benefit the following:

- February 7, 2013 – Rescue Squad Retired Food Program
- March 7, 2013 – Johnsburg Post Prom Night
- April 4, 2013 – JHS Girls Softball Program

The Lion's Club wants to thank you for your continued support and hopes to see you at an upcoming event. For more information about scheduled events and fundraisers, visit their website at www.johnsburglions.org

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Area News

Johnsburg Road Roadway Construction for 2013

The McHenry County Division of Transportation is working to begin construction on Johnsburg Road this year. The project limits are from Illinois Route 31 east to St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road. As most of the project is ready for construction, McHenry County is proceeding by splitting the project into two construction contracts to take advantage of this year to construct a majority of the project.

This first contract (Contract 1), which is out for contractors to bid on now, will be from Illinois Route 31 east to a point approximately 500 feet west of the St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road intersection. Contract 1 will include building two-way continuous left turn lane along Johnsburg Road, new traffic signals at the Riverside Drive and Spring Grove Road intersections, and lowering the hills west of Riverside Drive to improve driver visibility. To construct Contract 1, a partial detour along the project is necessary. The partial detour will allow traffic to travel westbound only from Cherokee Drive east to the St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road intersection. Access to all driveways and streets will remain open during construction.

Construction on Contract 1 is planned to begin this spring likely in April/May. More information will be made available as the start of construction nears. In

addition, a Construction Informational Meeting will be scheduled later this spring open to the public. At this meeting, County staff will be available to discuss the construction schedule, the partial detour, and information on who to contact during construction.

It is anticipated that Contract 2 of the project will begin in the fall of 2013 or spring of 2014 depending on project readiness. Contract 2 primarily consists of the construction

To learn more, visit the project website at www.JohnsburgRoad.com. From the website, you can view project photos, detour maps, the plans for the project, and ask questions. You can also sign up for email updates or follow the progress on Facebook or Twitter. Visit the project website to link to our social media sites.

of a modern roundabout at the St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road intersection. Also during Contract 2, street enhancements will be completed. From Spring Grove Road east to St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road, the sidewalk on both sides of Johnsburg Road will be finished along with other public amenities such as decorative roadway lighting, park benches and trash receptacles.

The project is funded by primarily by federal grants to alleviate roadway congestion, improve safety and provide street enhancements (sidewalks, lighting, etc.) with additional funding from McHenry County and the Village of Johnsburg.

GET INVOLVED



The Village welcomes all its residents to get involved in their local government. Volunteering for a village committee is the best place to begin serving. Here, you will have the opportunity to participate in making decisions that will steer the course of the Village as well as solve everyday problems. The valuable knowledge and experience gained serving on these committees provides an in-depth understanding of Village issues and will help answer your questions regarding Village operations. If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to learn more about how local government works in Johnsburg, please visit our website www.johnsburg.org or contact Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Applications for consideration can also be downloaded from our website under "Resident Handbook".

Area News

LOCAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

In accordance with Chapter 7.01-B of the Johnsburg Municipal Code, all businesses are required to register with the Village no later than April 30th of each year. This includes home based businesses as well. Registration questionnaires are available through the Village Hall. The annual registration fee of \$25.00 is waived if the registration questionnaire is completed and returned to the Village by April 30th.

If you've registered your business in previous years, you will receive a prefilled registration form which simply needs to be updated and returned to the Village. If you are a new business or have not registered in the past, you can either print the registration form from our website at johnsburg.org (Click on Resident Handbook then Forms) or stop by the

By registering your business with the Village your business will be included in our business listing on the Village's website. The Village of Johnsburg encourages everyone to shop and pursue services locally.

Village Hall to pick up an application.

Chapter 7 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code also requires all vending machines (dispensing pop, candy, tobacco and other food items), and electronic amusement devices (such as pool tables, dart boards and juke boxes) to be licensed by the Village. Contact the Village Hall for more information and to obtain the required license.

JABA ANNUAL BUSINESS AND CRAFT EXPO

Booth registration is currently being accepted for the 2013 Johnsburg Area Business Association annual Business and Craft Expo. The expo will be held Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Johnsburg High School. Booth registration forms are available on the "News" link at www.johnsburgjaba.org or at the Johnsburg Public Library. See the registration form for information regarding booth fees. For more information about the expo, please contact Richard Bierman - R.B. Custom Designs Inc. at 815-759-9459.



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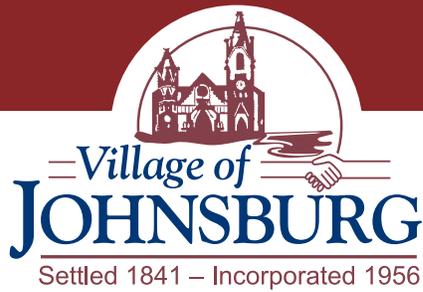


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Spring Preparation Tips

Spring arrives as a welcome break from the winter doldrums. Start addressing things inside and then move outside as the weather warms up.

INSIDE:

Set your timers and clocks ahead one hour. Check for daylight saving time and remember to adjust any timers on household gadgets, indoor and outdoor lights, and those regulating the thermostats on your heating system.

Start kitchen herbs inside and transplant later in May. Basil, chives, dill, parsley, and fennel can be started from seeds. Oregano, rosemary, sage, savory, and tarragon do better if you start them from small plants or cuttings.

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors. In addition to testing batteries regularly, you should change these twice a year without fail.

Wash your windows. Clean the residue left behind by winter storms by tackling the job while the weather is still cool to prevent streaking. Start indoors before installing your screens, then finish the job outside on a dry day.

OUTSIDE:

Clean the deck to remove grime, pollen, fungus, and mildew. Scrub the surface with a deck cleanser or this homemade cleaning formula: Add one cup of powdered laundry detergent to a gallon of hot water, and add 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach to kill moss or mildew.

Check shrubs and trees for winter damage and prune accordingly. Remove deadwood or broken branches. Replant any shrubs that have heaved out of the soil during a freeze-thaw cycle, before the roots dry out.

Bring your garden hose out of storage. Check for cracks and leaks and examine the rubber or plastic washers at the connectors as well.

School News

School Board Abates Taxes on District-Owned Land

In December 2005, the Johnsborg School Board accomplished one of its main goals for the year by purchasing 119 acres of land north of the Junior High School. This land purchase has provided the District with maximum flexibility to meet any of its future needs. While no building plans are in place at this time, this parcel of land is large enough and adaptable enough that it could be used for any building project that the District may face in the foreseeable future. Johnsborg School District 12 continues to work with the Village of Johnsborg and the Village of Ringwood regarding potential growth.

At the December 11, 2012 Board of Education meeting, the Board continued to meet their pledge of abating those taxes associated with the land purchase for the upcoming year. This means that the cost of the land will continue to be paid for by the new growth occurring in the District. By continuing to abate these taxes, the Board of Education will shift the financial burden for the cost of this land on the new growth we are seeing.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration and Screening

Johnsborg School District 12 will hold registration for children three, four and five years of age who have not yet entered kindergarten. **Registration will take place on March 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and on March 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ringwood School Primary Center.** Registration is required for all preschool children ages three through five, even if the child has registered and been screened in previous years. For more information, please call the Ringwood School Primary Center at 815-728-0459.

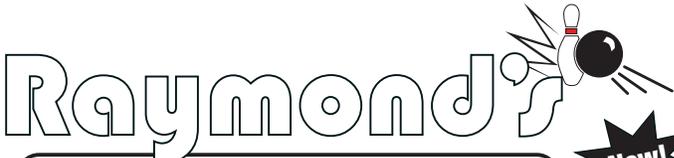


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M.A.Y.C. SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

The McHenry Area Youth Commission (M.A.Y.C.) is gearing up for the spring & summer. Their mission is to provide recreational based prevention programs for youths in grades 1st - 9th. M.A.Y.C. has created programs which give kids an opportunity to make new friends, learn and try new things and have lots of fun, while leading a healthy lifestyle. Spring programs will take place on March 26th and 28th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Below are the outings planned for spring break:

3/26 ~ Kristof's family Entertainment Center

Lunch Provided, Mini-golf, Bowling, Arcade (Can bring Extra Money for Arcade) Bus leaves MAYC @ 9:30 a.m., Bus returns to MAYC @ 3:30 p.m.

3/28 ~ Libertyville Sports Complex

Lunch Provided, Climbing Wall, Open Gym Bus leaves MAYC @ 9:00 a.m., Bus returns to MAYC @ 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per day. They will also be providing open hour activities before and after field trips including: Ping pong, pool table, air hockey, outdoor play/sports, games, crafts, painting and a whole lot of fun!

M.A.Y.C. summer program will take place June 3rd - August 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with extended hours available from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at an additional cost. Registration for the summer program begins in April. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, go to the M.A.Y.C. website at www.mayc.net or Email them at youth@mayc.net. To register for the spring session please email Sarah at youth@mayc.net or call 815.344.0001.

Holiday Charity

During the 2012 holiday season we were truly fortunate to have civic organizations, residents, and business owners help ease the burden on some of our less fortunate residents. Programs such as the Shop with a Cop, the Rescue Squad Retired Food Drive and Jolly-Pa-Looza truly help our area residents. Thank you to the dedicated group of volunteers from the Johnsburg Lions Club, Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired, Johnsburg Community Club and Jolly-Pa-Looza. Many people from our community work tirelessly to insure that these programs are a success.

Shop with a Cop

The police department has closed out a very successful year in its fundraising efforts for Illinois Special Olympics and the Johnsburg "Shop with a Cop" program.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in our very successful 2nd Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk which took place at Hiller Park on September 8th. In all, over \$5,000 was raised for Illinois Special Olympics through the run and the "Cop on Top" event which was held in May. We would like to acknowledge Dunkin Donuts, Sunnyside Inn, Johnsburg State Bank, Sports Decal and Raymond's Bowl for their continued corporate sponsorships. On February 1st officers from the Johnsburg Police Department attended the annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Conference in Bloomington Illinois at which time Johnsburg was publically recognized for its fundraising efforts.

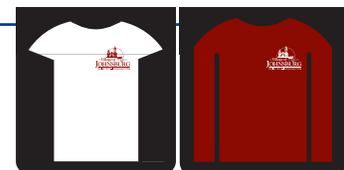
We would like to thank the Johnsburg Lion's for their continued partnership with the "Shop with a Cop" program. Due to the overwhelming community support for the program we were able to have 15 children participate in this year's shopping event which was held on December 11th.



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Library Events

Reptiles & Amphibians

Sat., March 2 2:00 p.m., Ages 5 and up
Learn the differences and similarities between reptiles and amphibians, and get up close and personal with over 20 live animals. Registration begins February 11.

The Life & Art of Pablo Picasso: A Hands-On Drawing Program for Teens & Adults

Sat., March 9, 1:30 p.m.
The Art Institute of Chicago will present a major exhibition of Picasso's work during February-May 2013. This library art program will help you prepare for this exciting event. Learn about Picasso's art and then choose one of his paintings to copy for your own small study. Registration begins Feb. 15.

Advance registration is required for all programs. Register online at www.johnsburglibrary.org or call the library at (815)-344-0077. Additional library events for children and adults can be found under Calendar of Events on the Library's webpage. Visit the Library at 3000 N. Johnsburg Road or contact them at 815-344-0077

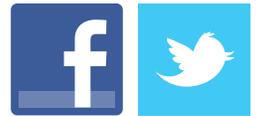
St. Patrick's Day Concert

Sunday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the holiday with the Banna Irish Duo, who will bring an enchanting mix of lovely Irish ballads, sing-a-long songs, and a unique blend of vocals, guitar and keyboard. It's a party for your ears, complemented by flavored coffees and sweet treats. Registration begins March 1.

Easter Brunch Cooking Demo and Tasting

Wed., March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Spend an evening with Chef Michael Maddox learning how to prepare great recipes for your Easter celebration. You'll sample Wild Mushroom & Roasted Red Bell Pepper Frittata, Champagne Mint Fruit Salad, Chilled Pear & Leek Soup, and Winter Stonefruit & Croissant Bread Pudding with Orange Caramel Sauce. Registration begins March 1.

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