

VOICE OF JOHNSBURG



A Hometown with Spirit

Fall 2010 Newsletter

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As I write this letter, I can't help but notice how quickly this summer is passing. While parents are busy getting their children ready for the start of school, the Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club are busy preparing for the upcoming Saufen und Spiel activities. This annual event has been taking place since 1972 bringing neighbors together for a couple of fun filled days and nights of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and the parade. The event began as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Johnsburg Community Club. Please visit www.johnsburg.org for more information about this event. Also be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Celebration in the Park being held on Saturday, October 2nd. This event began in 2006 as a celebration of the Village's 50th anniversary. Reductions in revenue prevented the event from taking place last year, but through the efforts of the Community Affairs Committee and many generous businesses and organizations, it will take place this year. To date, businesses have donated more than \$6,900 to fund the event which will include food, beverages, music and fireworks. I hope you will come out to enjoy time with friends and family at both of these events.

The Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired recently agreed to donate \$150,000 for improvements to park land owned by the Village adjacent to the Johnsburg Community Club. Improvements will include tree clearing; grading and the creation of detention area; construction of a gazebo and sitting area; an asphalt parking lot with concrete curbing and sidewalks; construction of a retaining wall for the parking lot area; purchase and installation of lighting for the parking lot; landscaping (to include shrubs and trees); and the purchase and installation of a flagpole and monument. The Village Board accepted the proposal that was presented by Trustee Karl Nitz on behalf the Community Affairs Committee which he chairs. The Committee gave their input to the Rescue Squad Retired which lead to the finalization of an agreement which provides that the park will be named "Johnsburg Rescue Squad Memorial Park". While some of the improvements may begin this year, the majority of the work will take place next year. The Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired has contributed a great deal to our community. The Village purchased the building that currently houses our Police Department from the Rescue Squad Retired at a reduced cost financed over ten years with no interest. The Rescue Squad Retired also donated the Johnsburg Community Sign located by the Library, and purchased furniture for the Library conference room. The Rescue Squad Retired has also given in excess of \$72,000 in scholarships to students pursuing a career in the medical field from Johnsburg, McHenry East, Grant and Marian Central High Schools and has organized food drives every other month for the past three years. I would like to thank the members of the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired for their many generous donations over the years.

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PRESIDENT'S HOMETOWN WITH SPIRIT THANK YOU'S

Thank You Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, for putting on an incredible fireworks display in celebration of the Fourth of July, on July 3rd, 2010. We appreciate your generosity in sponsoring this event.



Thank You Les and Joan Lunsman for their generosity in sponsoring Farmers Feed the World Charity Tractor Run held on August 28th in an effort to raise funds for McHenry County Food Pantry. For more information about this event, call Sunnyside Inn at 815-385-4460.

Thank You Johnsburg resident Craig Wallace for your lead efforts assisted by the McHenry Moose Lodge, Woodstock Infantry Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club in organizing the 2nd Annual Walla Pa Looza event. The event, held July 31st at the Johnsburg Community Club, was a great success raising nearly \$18,000 dollars for the mutual benefit of the Sage Cancer Center, Pediatric Cancer Research, American Cancer Society, and McHenry County citizens battling cancer.

Thank You Marty Palmer and the many volunteers of CABA (Continental Amateur Baseball Association) for a successful tournament. The 15U tournament was held at Johnsburg's Tigers Field and Hiller Park. This year the Johnsburg Tigers was the host team for participants who attended from all over the United States and Puerto Rico. We are honored to be one of the host communities for CABA.

The hard work and generosity displayed by Tom, Les, Joan, Craig and Marty and their team of volunteers are great examples of why Johnsburg truly is a Hometown with Spirit.



VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole

Last Thursday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Community Affairs

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

Development & Government Affairs

4th Tuesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Economic Development

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

Finance

1st Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

JCAN

3rd Thursday of each month - 7:30 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

4th Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Village Board

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

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

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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Ed Hettermann

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On July 27th we said goodbye to Chief Kenneth Rydberg wishing him well in his retirement and welcomed Keith

Von Allmen as the Village’s new Acting Chief of Police. Keith has been with the Village’s Police Department since 1995 when he was hired as a patrolman. During his time with the Village Keith has worked his way through the ranks of the department and has served in many positions including School Resource Officer, Detective, and Corporal. In 2007 Keith was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Keith has always been active in the community and has served the Village well. During his tenure with the Village, Keith has been a part of many major investigations and has served on MIAT Major Investigation Assistance Team for McHenry County. In 2006 Keith applied for and was awarded a grant from the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association to attend Northwestern University’s prestigious Police School of Staff and Command in Evanston Illinois. During this 10 week course the studies primary focus is to prepare command personnel to manage and supervise a law enforcement agency.

On behalf of the residents of Johnsburg, I would like to thank Sheriff Keith Nygren for the donation of twenty portable and five mobile radio units that were donated to the Village after having received a grant to replace radios for the McHenry County Sheriff Department. The Village had included dollars in this year’s budget for the purchase of new radios which are necessary because of new federal mandates imposed by the FCC. This donation has saved the Village nearly \$10,000. We are very fortunate to have a great working relationship with Sheriff Nygren’s office and appreciate their generosity.

Many people have approached me regarding the status of the Wal-mart development. State of Illinois regulatory permits and their approval of infrastructure improvements are expected to be in hand by the end of August. We still plan to see construction activities begin this year and will keep you posted on the progress.

In an effort to contain costs and insure that our residents are receiving the best level of service for their refuse and recycling needs, the Village requests proposals from waste haulers from time to time. The Village’s current refuse and recycling contract is set to expire on September 30th. Proposals were opened on August 2nd. Village staff and the Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and made a recommendation to the Village Board regarding a new three year contract which would limit the amount of refuse picked up each week. The Committee made this recommendation in an effort to reduce costs and encourage recycling throughout the community. The Village Board discussed the recommendation at length and directed the matter back to the Finance Committee for further discussion and input. The Village is seeking input from our residents regarding this matter through a survey that has been posted on the Village’s web-site at www.johnsburg.org. Please take some time to complete the survey so that the Finance Committee and Village Board can consider your input before making a decision regarding residential refuse service. Should a limited refuse removal contract be instituted, options will be available for those instances when our residents may have more refuse than what is limited by the contract. Read the article on Page 5 of this newsletter for more information and watch your mail for more information regarding refuse, recycling and yard waste services.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our village staff with any suggestions and/or concerns.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann,
 Village President

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We have made much progress on the extension of sewers this past couple of months. The sewer project for west Fairview Avenue, Reed Avenue and Chapel Hill Road is progressing. Bids were opened on June 28, 2010 and the Village Board voted to accept the low bid from Merryman Excavating at the meeting held on July 15th. The Village Board adopted a bond ordinance to finance the project and we expect to close on the bond in August with construction beginning shortly thereafter. The work will be completed by late fall and the residents of these areas will then be able to abandon their septic systems and connect to the Village's wastewater treatment system hopefully by Thanksgiving.

In June, the Village Board also approved an ordinance proposing the establishment of another SSA for sewer infrastructure. This SSA was requested by Fritz Larsen, owner of Half-time Bar and Grill, so that he may construct infrastructure needed to enable him to connect to the Village's wastewater treatment system. The infrastructure will be built to Village standards and inspected by Village consultants. Upon completion, the infrastructure will be turned over to the Village. Mr. Larsen has been anxiously waiting to be able to connect to the Village's system and has chosen to proceed at his expense and will not be receiving any grant dollars to offset costs. The infrastructure he is pursuing will also enable adjacent property owners to connect to the system at a future date. If they chose to do so, Mr. Larsen will receive some reimbursement towards the infrastructure he paid to construct. This improvement also provides a much needed benefit to the Village by providing additional flow which will enable the downtown lift station and the wastewater treatment plant to operate more efficiently.

The Village has also received inquiries regarding the availability and costs to connect to the Village's wastewater treatment collection system from residents on both Oakdale Avenue (from Aspen Drive south to the cull de sac) and Sunnyside Beach Drive (from Fairview Avenue to east of Stubby Avenue). Members of the Village's sewer committee have been meeting with these residents to provide them information should they decide to proceed and if grant money becomes available. It has come to my attention that since these meetings were held, some misinformation is being circulated regarding the Village's wastewater treatment collection system. Please read the Q & A section below for some official clarification to this misinformation. Village officials continue to work closely with our lobbyist and representatives to secure additional grant funding to help make these projects more affordable. If you are interested in learning more about extending sewer service to your subdivision, please contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters, at 815-385-6023 or email her at cpeters@johnsburg.org.

Q&A

Q: Has the Village's central wastewater lift station and backup generator ever been tested?

A: Yes. Upon completion of the construction of the lift station, the pumps, the equipment, and the generator were all tested and inspected, prior to the acceptance in March of, 2006. Village staff regularly tests the operations of the central lift station and the generator installed for backup power per the recommendations of the manufacturer's representatives for both the pumps and the backup generator. In testing the lift station, river water is pumped into the lift station so that the water can be pumped through the force main all the way to the wastewater treatment plant on Route 31. During a recent test of the lift station, Village staff was able to locate a break in the force main and is currently working to contract for the repair of this break. Breaks of this nature can occur from time to time as a result of extreme weather conditions affecting frost in the ground. The discovery of this break is exactly why the Village tests the operations of the lift station and force main even though they are not currently handling any wastewater. We want to make certain that our wastewater treatment collection system is operating properly so that when the infrastructure begins to handle wastewater we can be certain that the system is reliable. Prior to the completion of the first neighborhood, we will complete a similar startup and testing procedure, and we will have the operators, manufacturer's representatives, Village Staff, and our engineering/automation team on hand to ensure the system is functioning properly. The team will complete this four to six weeks ahead of the completion of the first project.

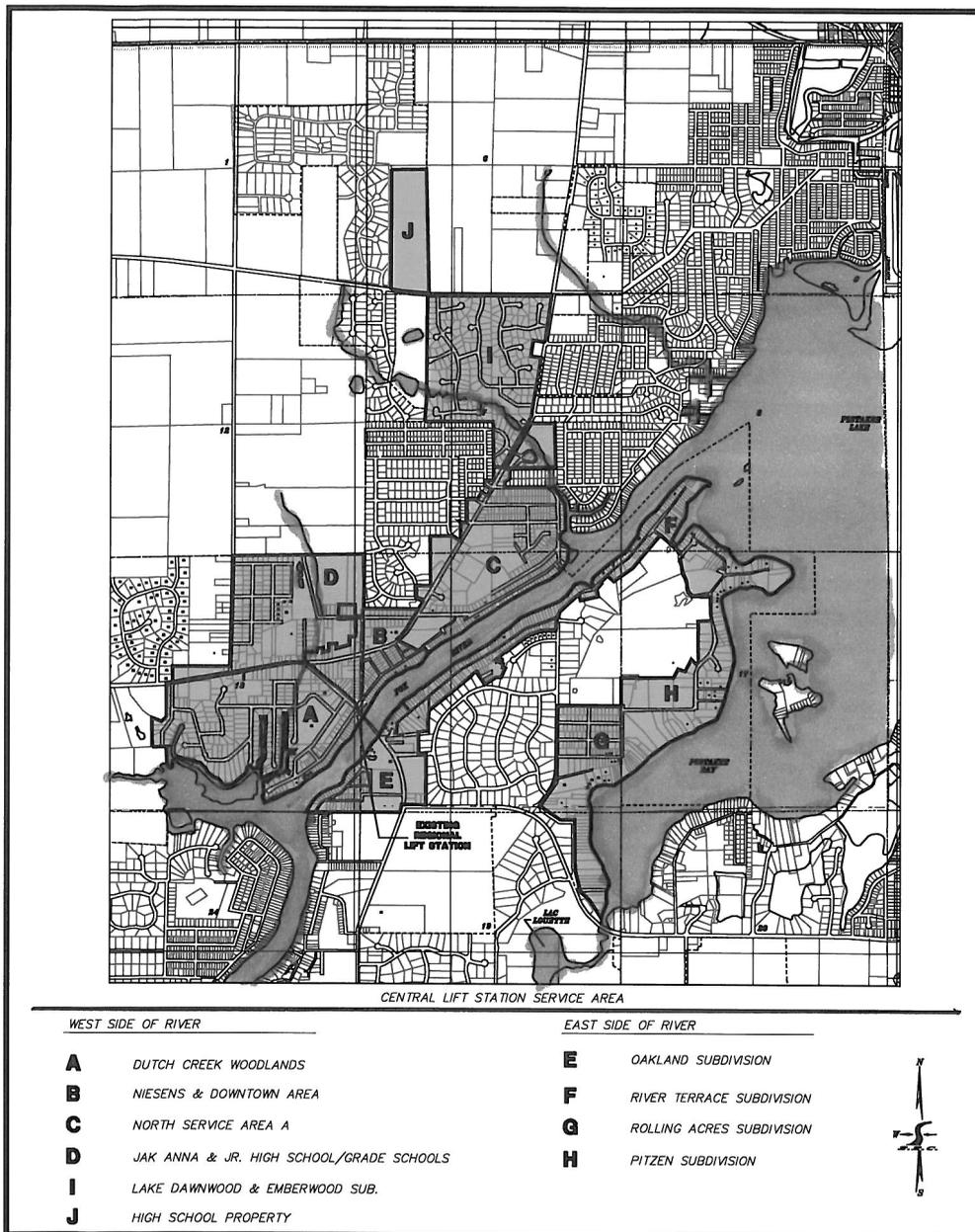
Q: Is the central lift station sized appropriately to handle wastewater from the existing homes on both sides of the river?

A: Yes. The central lift station located by the Chapel Hill Road Bridge on Fairview Avenue has been sized to accept flow from 3250 Residential Customer Equivalents at full build out of the system. A Residential Customer Equivalent (RCE) is a measurement equal to one single family home. An exhibit which shows the areas on both the west and east side of the river that have been planned to be served by the central lift station as part of our Facility Planning Area (FPA) Amendment can be found on the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org. The west side of the river that was proposed to be funded through SSA 23 included 670 RCE's and the east side of the river includes approximately 495 RCE's. Once both of these areas are connected to the system, there will still be plenty of capacity at the lift station to serve future areas that are in our Facilities Planning Area.

Q: If the Village already engineered the wastewater infrastructure for the established areas in the Village, why are additional engineering costs included in the SSA's currently being proposed?

A: Engineering was completed for the entire west side service area that was proposed to be funded through SSA 23 in 2007. This engineering was based upon constructing the entire west side sanitary sewer infrastructure as one project. Unfortunately the Village was unable to proceed in this manner and is instead pursuing the infrastructure in smaller phases as neighborhoods come forward to request sewer service. In doing so, some design alternatives and minor changes are required to hook up certain areas and set it up for future extensions into other areas. The Village needs to submit for an amendment to the permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) if the plans deviate from the original permit. This results in some additional engineering design costs, meetings with the residents and coordination with the regulatory agencies. Also, there are additional engineering costs for bidding the projects, and inspecting and overseeing the construction which would have been experienced even if the project moved forward in 2007 for the entire west side sewer service area. Our engineers work with Village staff to keep the costs down for the residents while insuring the project gets built in accordance with the approved plans and specs.

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUED



has been awarded \$1,000,000 in federal grants and another potential \$500,000 from the State. By applying the \$1,000,000 in grants from the Feds to the 2007 project, the cost would have been reduced to approximately \$13,400 per resident or approximately \$21,200 financed over 20 years. Additional dollars received between now and 2013 would have resulted in additional savings

The increase in interest rates and the loss of economies of scale have resulted in higher costs for this project today. Unfortunately, we do not know how long grant money will be available. We continue to work closely with our representatives and lobbyists to insure that our project remains a priority for grant funding. While it would have been less costly to proceed with the project as was proposed in 2007, we will work diligently to keep costs down for those residents who choose to move forward with the construction of wastewater infrastructure for their subdivisions.

Q: It has been alleged that low pressure sewer systems installed in other communities have been problematic. Is this true?

A: Village staff and our engineers have contacted communities across the country and have also compiled case studies and information on low pressure sewer systems since the FPA process in the late 1990's. This information has been used to select the low pressure sewer alternative and equipment in lieu of a conventional gravity sewer system and is an approved method of collecting wastewater and conveying it to the WWTP by the IEPA. This information is available at the Village Hall.

Q: Is it true that the Appellate Court's decision was not published and therefore cannot be cited in future SSA litigation?

A: No, this is not true. Upon receiving the Appellate Court's decision, the Village requested that the decision be published so that it can be cited in future SSA litigation matters. We feel that this decision is important in clearing up legal questions regarding the records that should be relied upon when pursuing an SSA objection petition and the signature requirements for a valid petition. The Appellate Court determined that the decision can be published and therefore relied upon in future SSA matters.

Q: Did the SSA litigation result in lower costs for sewers to the residents.

A: No. In 2007, the Village proposed to move forward with the construction of sewer infrastructure which would have served approximately 670 homes and businesses located west of the Fox River. At that time, single family homes would pay \$14,800. Resident could chose to finance the cost through a Special Service Area (SSA) added to their real estate tax bill for a period of up to 20 years. If a resident chose to pay for the project through the SSA, their total cost with interest over twenty years would be approximately \$23,500. Interest rates at that time were expected to be around 5%. By pursuing the project in smaller phases (without the benefit of economies of scale), today's projects without grant money are anticipated to cost between \$20,000-\$26,000 per home, or \$35,000-\$45,000 financed over 20 years at an interest rate of 6.25% which is what can be expected currently.

Q: What can be done to lower the cost of the sewer collection system project today?

A: When grant money is available, the Village can pledge up to a maximum of 55% in federal grant dollars to lower the cost of the sewer collection system project. In the case of the Fairview Avenue, Reed Avenue and Chapel Hill Road sewer project, the Village has \$275,000 in grant funds available to help reduce the cost to the residents. In 2007 the Village Board also committed to reduce this cost by the amount of any grant dollars that may be received between the fall of 2008 and the fall of 2013. Since 2007, the Village

Tell Us What You Think!

The Village of Johnsburg has posted a Communication Survey on our website. **We are interested in what forms of communication you currently use to learn about Village happenings and what forms you would like us to use in the future.** See page 12 for more information.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS FOR CLEANER WATER

Whether you live in the city or the country...whether your home is large or small, there is something you can do to improve water quality.

- Collect oil and other automotive products preferably for recycling, or tightly seal and wrap them for proper disposal.
- Wash cars on the lawn, where soapy water can't quickly run toward the nearest storm sewer, picking up other pollutants as it goes. Wash your car with non-toxic, low phosphate soap and use water sparingly.
- Clean up pet wastes, from which nutrients and bacteria could be washed toward lakes and streams.
- Direct downspouts away from foundations to planting beds and lawns where water can safely soak into the ground. Use a rain barrel where practical.
- Conservatively use salt in winter. Substitute sand when possible.
- Sweep your walks and driveways instead of hosing them down.
- Buy low-phosphate cleaners and detergents. Phosphates act as a fertilizer and increases algae and aquatic weeds in waterways. When these plants die, they rob the water of oxygen and fish may die.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years and have the septic tank pumped as necessary. Care for the septic system drain field by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drain field to avoid damage from roots.
- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Compost your yard waste or use grass clippings as mulch. Keep grass clippings out of swales, drainage ways, ravines, streambanks and shorelines where they will pollute the water and degrade bank stability.

REFUSE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE SERVICE

In the Summer Edition of the Village's quarterly newsletter, it was reported that the Finance Committee and Village Board worked diligently to find solutions to the economic challenges the Village is facing to maintain service levels at a time where revenues are significantly down. In order to meet these economic challenges, the Village performed an in depth analysis of our operations and further reduced spending wherever possible. Reductions were made to staffing and employee benefits while hiring and wage freezes along with furlough days were once again instituted. Capital improvements and equipment purchases have been postponed. To help replenish depleted fund balances and restore financial stability the Village Board voted to approve a 5% utility tax.

While these reductions and operational changes have helped the Village reduce costs, we know that the Village can no longer afford to provide direct services without established revenue streams to cover their costs. The Village's refuse and recycling program is a good example of this. In the Summer Edition of the newsletter, we reported that the funds collected through real estate taxes to pay for residential refuse and recycling services fall seriously short in covering its cost. In order to help bridge the gap, the Village Board approved a budget proposing a \$30,000 cut in refuse removal through a possible reduction in garbage service. The cost savings would be achieved by limiting refuse pickup to one can per household each week while still allowing for unlimited pickup of recycled material. In addition to reducing costs, a major goal of this program would be to encourage more recycling in our community. In reviewing the data, it was discovered that Johnsbury falls way short in the amount of recycling collected as compared to other communities of similar demographics. Perhaps more disturbing is the three-year trend that indicates the annual amount of recyclables collected in Johnsbury is declining. This may be happening in part because some residents believe the recyclable materials are not being sorted by our current waste hauler. This is not true. Waste Management utilizes equipment that collects both refuse and recycling in one truck to limit the number of trucks traveling our roadways in order to minimize their wear and tear and long-term damage. Once collected, garbage and recyclables are processed separately prior to disposal. Another reason our recycling collection is low, may be that people do not realize all the materials that can be recycled. The Village will be rolling out a recycling awareness campaign with helpful hints and links to sites to help educate our residents. Please check our website for more details.

On September 30, 2010 the current contract for refuse, recycling and yard waste services will expire. In preparation, the Village requested proposals for this service from several waste haulers. Bids were opened on August 2nd from the three refuse removal companies who submitted their bids to the Village. Village staff and the Finance Committee reviewed the proposals that included several service level options. At a meeting of the Finance Committee held August 4, 2010, the Finance Committee recommended the Village pursue a refuse removal contract with Waste Management that would include the pickup of one 35 gallon container of refuse, unlimited recycling and one large item per pickup. Residents could choose to increase their service through the rental of larger containers or the use of stickers to cover the cost of additional refuse. This recommendation was not easily reached by the Finance Committee. Members of the committee were very sensitive to the impact such a reduction may have on our residents yet in the end, the recommendation was made in order to meet the approved budget guidelines to reduce refuse and recycling costs by \$30,000 and to increase recycling efforts in the community.

The Finance Committee's recommendation went to the Board at the August 10th Board meeting. At that time, Waste Management was awarded the contract as the low bidder. The Board then spent a great deal of time discussing the pros and cons of reducing refuse collection to a one can limit. Much concern was again raised regarding the impact this reduction could have on our residents. A motion to reduce the service failed and the Village Board has directed the matter back to the Finance Committee for further review and input. The Board also requested that resident input be obtained through a survey so that the Village Board can be fully informed before making a final decision. The survey has been posted on our website at www.johnsbury.org. Please take the time to complete the survey. Your input is greatly needed on this matter. Whatever service level the Village Board ultimately decides to pursue, everyone agrees that increasing our communities recycling efforts through education and opportunity are crucial.

JOHNSBURG BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bald Knob Marina

If you enjoy the water Bald Knob Marina is the place to be this summer. Originally, Bald Knob Marina started out as a resort/marina in the early 1900's with a picnic area, boat slips, tavern and hotel. On February 14, 1989, Bill and Phyllis Wehrs purchased the resort with Bill Jr. soon joining them to make it a true family business. Bald Knob Marina, located at 515 Bald Knob Rd in Johnsburg, spans 7 1/2 acres with 1200 feet of prime beautiful waterfront. It is located on a peninsula which gives the slip holders a feeling of really being out on the lake. To protect from waves, the harbor is outlined with floating breakwalls. Shore master floating docks were the first major project to be constructed and consist of ten foot wide main docks and 30 and 35 foot fingers comprised of the most stable pier structure known on the Chain O' Lakes. A year later, the first modern dry-stack building was constructed on ground that had been leveled. The original massive hills of sand were hauled away by thousands of truckloads over the several years. Since then, a second dry-stack building was constructed, a unique indoor showroom on the 2nd floor featuring Formula Power Boats, office/customer service area, service area with parts storage, private toilet and showers for slip and dry-stack customers, and a public toilet building. In 2004 an outdoor trailer/boat rack was added. The Dry-Stack In/Out service is open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 7:00



pm. making boating convenient and protecting customer's boats. It keeps your boat secure, clean, dry and out of the elements. They can accommodate up to a 38' boat. Call one hour in advance and your boat will be ready to board when you arrive! They also offer free Wi-Fi, barbecue grills and wood picnic tables under the shade of willow trees and on open sunny lawn. 140 wet slips are also available with

private showers, handicap facilities, dockside electric, water and TV hookups. Bald Knob Marina has the largest indoor storage facility on the Chain O' Lakes which holds about 400 boats in the winter. The Dock-N-Shop was added and has such things as pop, beer and liquor, ice, snacks while the Beach Shoppe and Ship's Store carries clothing, accessories, life vests, batteries, ropes and dock lines and the Fox Waterway stickers among other items. Bald Knob is Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin's exclusive source for Formula boats and also have Donzi, Sea Ray, Baja, Bayliner and many more used boats for sale. They also have a spacious gasoline dock, head pump-outs and are open 7 days a week.

For more information on Bald Knob Marina, please call 815-344-5223 or log on to www.baldknobmarina.com.

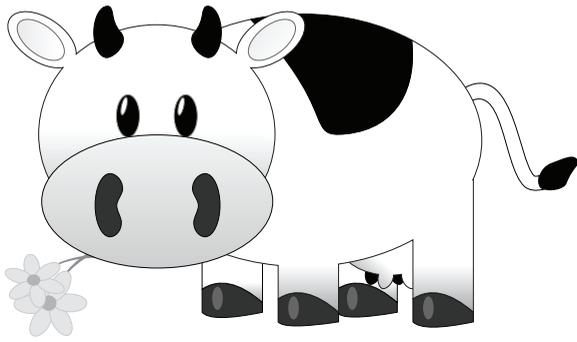


JOHNSBURG WELCOMES QUALITY TIRE SERVICE

John Jindra and his wife Patti have recently relocated their business from Spring Grove to the Prairie Commerce Center at 2420 Hiller Ridge. Quality Tire has been in business 50 years and has grown so much that a bigger building was needed. Mr. Jindra stated that the new building will allow a much safer work environment for his employees as well as a nicer customer waiting room and a child's playroom. A major portion of the business is tire sales and repair. All employees are certified in the latest tire repair and installation. Nitrogen inflation is available which offers a more stable gas in the tire for better gas mileage as the pressure does not fluctuate in different temperatures. They also offer new and used tires for sale, purchasing online and loaner tires if the tire you need is not in stock. Tires are supplied by eight different warehouses in Chicago throughout the week so most sizes are in stock. Quality Tire will also fix lawn mower tires, bicycle tires and large truck tires. "If it is black, round and it rolls, we can fix it", said Mr. Jindra. Full service auto repair and maintenance is also available including oil changes, brakes, transmission fluid change and are certified to do any extended warranty work. If you need to drop off your car for service and need a ride to work or home, just ask and they will drive you. All credit cards are accepted and 90 days same as cash financing is also offered. Quality Tire is also certified by the EPA to accept auto fluids for recycling. If you have extra oil, transmission fluid, batteries, filters or tires you need to get rid of, just drop them off and they will make sure they are disposed of properly. Hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information please call Quality Tire at 815-344-2573 or visit their website at www.gofasttires.com.

SAUFEN UND SPIEL 2010



The finale of the day's festivities will be the ever popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities). Raffle tickets will be limited and are available by contacting Al Stilling at 815-675-6018 or Greg Boal at 815-375-4344. Get them early...they go fast. For the new parade route and more information on Saufen und Spiel, go to www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com.

The Johnsburg Community Club, Inc, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2010.

Starting Friday evening, September 10th thru Sunday, September 12th, Johnsburg is the place to be for Food, Music, Games and good old fashion fun! This year's event promises to be as great as you have come to expect Saufen und Spiel (German for food and play) weekends to be....with a little help from Mother Nature it should exceed last year's event with more bands, food, games and over 100 entrants in the parade on Sunday.

Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 10th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Club 3rd Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable at registration. The tournament starts at 7:30 p.m. with a double elimination format. There will be a 32 team tournament and a 24 team tournament. Rules will be passed out at registration. If you would like to sponsor a board for \$50 or for more information, please contact Marty Palmer at 815-307-6427. Come on out and participate in a family favorite with a unique twist. Your musical entertainment will be provided by Johnsburg's own Bony Knees (starting at 7:00 p.m.). Grab a beverage, some food and show off your skills with the bags.

The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday with their 14th Annual Banjo Beer Night. The festivities will start at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 11th. Your feet will be tapping to two bands this year. There will be plenty of Dixieland Jazz music by the Banjo Baron's at 5:00 p.m. Then they kick it into high gear with Peter & the Versatiles for the rest of the evening. Don't forget to bring your appetite; there will be plenty of burgers and brats, hot

dogs and fresh sweet "corn on the cob" roasting on the grill. There will be raffles and some frosty beverages to beat the heat. Come on over and treat yourself to a night out.

Then here comes Sunday, Sept. 12th and the 39th Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade will get things rolling at 12:30 p.m. The lineup will be at the Johnsburg Junior High's west parking lot. The route will go East to Johnsburg Rd (toward First Midwest Bank) then right onto Johnsburg Rd. The judging of the floats will be at the intersection of Johnsburg Rd and Chapel Hill Rd. The parade will then continue on up to Spring Grove Rd to Church St. It will then take another quick right onto Church St and straight up to the Johnsburg Community Club Memorial Hall. Find yourself a good seat along the route and enjoy all the various entries, then get on over to the Community Club for a fun filled day. As always there will be a variety of food and beverages provided by our area restaurateurs and local organizations, GAMES for kids of all ages, dancing to the live music of Chasing Amy under the main tent, and the German Polka band, Die Special Exports inside, providing a neighborhood atmosphere for socializing and having fun.

A PISTAKEE BAY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION EVENT

PARTY ON PISTAKEE

Pistakee Bay Charitable Foundation is holding a Cash Raffle on September 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pistakee Yacht Club, to support their 2010 Grant Winner, The Pioneer Center. This event is open to the public. But hurry to reserve your ticket. Only 100 will be sold! Contact Marc Ulanowski at 815-861-3559.

1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, and 9 chances to win: \$100!

Tickets cost \$100.00 and include entry for two to Party on Pistakee with a Pig Roast and Cash Bar. Need not be present to win. Contact Marc Ulanowski to purchase your ticket, 815-861-3559. This event is hosted by Pistakee Bay Charitable Foundation and sponsored by the Pistakee Yacht Club. For more information, please visit www.pbcfoundation.org.



Pistakee Bay Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 foundation committed to producing innovative solutions to social problems by contributing financial resources to select underserved initiatives and non profit organizations while promoting individual social responsibility and leading future generations in philanthropy. For information on volunteering or contributing please visit www.pbcfoundation.org

FALL BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting a Fall brush pickup throughout the Village starting September 20, 2010. All brush must be placed at the road by 7:00 a.m. on September 20th. Crews will only be going through subdivisions once so if your branches are not at the road when they go by they will not be picked up at a later time. All branches must have their cut ends closest to the road in a neat and orderly pile. All branches must be a minimum length of 4 feet and cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter. Anything that cannot be put through the chipper safely will not be taken. Evergreen cuttings must be kept separate from other tree branches and will be picked up separately. This service is being provided for larger tree and bush branches generated from trimming or storm damage and is not intended to dispose of whole trees that have been removed.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

The McHenry County Council of Governments will be hosting an Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, September 11th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. at the McHenry County Fairgrounds, Route 47 and Country Club Rd in Woodstock. The following items will

be accepted: TV's, CRT and LCD monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, stereos, speakers, VCR's, keyboards and mouses, DVD players, computers, misc cables, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game counsels, handheld electronics, I-Pods, CD players and Game Boys. Recycling services provided by Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

For information on how to dispose of paint, oil and other household hazardous waste, go to www.mcdef.org/recy.pdf. For Business hazardous waste, go to www.mcdef.org/busrec.pdf

Visit www.johnsburg.org for frequent updates!

Did You Remember To Purchase Your Village Sticker??

Village Vehicle Stickers were due by July 31st! The Police Department has started issuing ordinance violation tickets to any vehicle not complying. Stickers for passenger cars and trucks under 4 tons gross weight are now \$20.00; For trucks over 4 tons gross weight, the sticker cost is now \$50.00; and Motorcycle stickers are now \$10.00. **** Please Note — there is no senior or disability discount after the due date of July 31st.**

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

- Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. For older kids, know the route your kids will be taking and let them know that they are to check in with you every hour. If going out in a group, make sure you stay as a group.
- Help your child pick out a safe costume. Make sure it is fire proof, can be seen easily and, if wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision. If your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, make sure the ends are smooth and flexible enough not to cause injury if fallen on. Make sure that costumes won't get in the way when they are walking, which could cause them to trip.
- When driving, don't use cell phones or other electronic devices. Pay extra attention and drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas.
- Vandalism is not cool and is a crime. Subjects caught damaging or defacing property will be prosecuted to the full extent to the law.

The Voice of Johnsburg is proud to have resident, Mike Clark, as our local historian. Mr. Clark has spent much time learning about Johnsburg and has agreed to share his knowledge about the history of our community by providing answers to any questions residents may have. Mr. Clark invites you to email your questions about the history of Johnsburg to him at mclark@johnsburg.org. Answers will be featured in the next newsletter edition. Be sure to check out his latest article on page 10 of this newsletter.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG AREA SCHOOLS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

James C. Bush Elementary and Johnsburg Junior High will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 6, 2010. Students from both schools will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. In the U.S. International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community. For additional information, please contact Ellen Bathje at the Village Hall, 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.

M.A.Y.C.

As our Summer 2010 Program is coming to an end, we are starting to plan for the school year! Please check out our website for up to date information www.mayc.net.

We have once a month outings just for middle schoolers. We get together once a month to hang out and have some fun. In the past we have gone sledding, skiing, to Chicago and so much more. If you are interested please sign up for our mailing list by calling 815.344.0001 or email us at youth@mayc.net.

In remembrance of Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, M.A.Y.C., along with local school districts 12, 15 and 156, will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23rd – 31st 2010. Red Ribbon Week brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. Please show your support by wearing a red ribbon, for more information please visit our website at www.mayc.net.



JEPF Casino Night

Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation is holding its 3rd Annual Casino Night on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the McHenry Moose Lodge, 3535 N. Richmond Rd. This is a new location for the event. Gaming tables include Blackjack, Texas Hold Em Poker, Craps, Bang, Roulette, and more. If you would like to volunteer your time as a Dealer (training provided) or sponsor a table for \$50.00, contact Leslie Koscinski at cecilk9@hotmail.com.

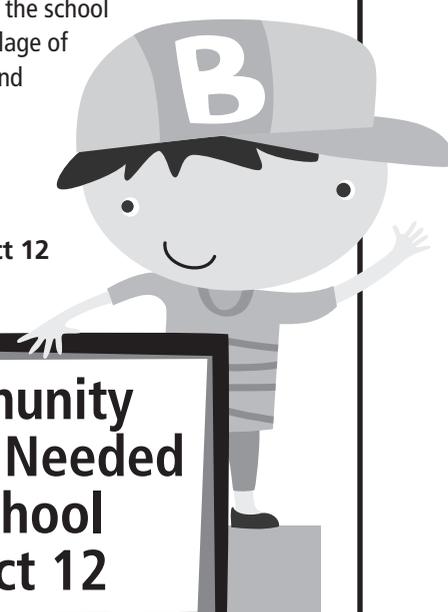
As we have informed you throughout the year, Johnsburg School District has been completing a Strategic Planning process. This process included a committee consisting of 23 different stakeholders meeting throughout the school year under the direction of Dr. Francis Glosson. The committee consisted of members of the Village of Ringwood, Village of Johnsburg, Johnsburg Area Business Association, Johnsburg School District staff and students, and community members.

The Strategic Planning process consisted of:

- clarifying and updating the mission statement,
- confirming and/or identifying various needs and expectations of Johnsburg District 12
- the adopting of the vision of becoming a "Lighthouse Blue Ribbon School District"

As part of this process, we are looking for your feedback regarding our school district. On our district website, www.johnsburg12.org, there is a link to a brief community survey. We are asking all of our community members to take a few moments, go to our website and complete this survey. The results of this survey will be used as we begin to plan for our future. We would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in completing this valuable survey.

Log on to www.johnsburg12.org



**Community
Input Needed
for School
District 12**

A cartoon character wearing a grey baseball cap with a white letter 'B' on it, a grey shirt, and grey pants is standing on a grey rectangular block. The character is holding a large white sign with a black border. The sign contains the text "Community Input Needed for School District 12" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

SOMETHING FROM THE ARCHIVES

By: Johnsburg Historian Mike Clark

A few issues back we looked at the letter Nicholas Frett wrote to his Family and friends back in Germany to encourage them to come to this new land. With no internet or facebook or texting to use this was quite an accomplishment. In 1841 with the first US postage stamps a few years off, this letter probably had to be carried by someone who was going to the dock where the ships from Europe were arriving and put on a departing boat. It was then delivered to the recipient once it made its way to the right town in Germany. Needless to say this probably took months if not years to get there. By the time it was passed around and read and then acted upon the people who arrived in Johnsburg as a result of the Frett letter were probably several years older than when the invitation was first written. The author Nickolas Frett had passed away in 1844 so he never even saw the results that this letter had on his community. Nicholas had a son John who welcomed these people from his homeland and helped them get settled. I have read where these people were so glad to be welcomed by John that they decided to name this new home after John Frett and we are all now called Johnsburgers. Thank God that his name wasn't HAM, I can only guess what we would be called then.

The last question for this month is from Mike Ogorek who owns the building at 2204 Johnsburg Rd. This building is an apartment building and was home to Lorraine Hiller for over 65 years. While growing up and going to the Bush School (before it was the Bush School and Mr. Bush was the principal) I always heard this building referred to as the Frett Building, with good reason, Joe Frett owned it. Joe and his brother George along with Frank Freund started in business about 1921 as Frett Brothers and Freund Contractors. This evolved to Frett Brothers Contractors who built this building about 1926. They ran the business from the first floor and the Frett brothers lived in the apartments upstairs. Over the years Joe's wife became confined to a wheelchair and they redid the downstairs into living space and moved downstairs. Later, George Frett ran the carpentry part of the business in Woodstock, IL and Joe Frett continued the masonry and concrete here in Johnsburg. By 1948 George became partners in Woodstock with George Jackson and was called Frett and Jackson Contractors. Joe stayed in Johnsburg and McHenry under the name of Joe Frett and Son. Joe was a community leader as well as player and manager for the Johnsburg Tigers Baseball Team. He was also instrumental in arranging the Baseball Game between the Tigers and the Chicago White Sox in Oct. 1929. Throughout the years the rosters of the Johnsburg Tigers included Joe and George Frett, Frank Freund, George Jackson, and Joe Frett's sons Wally and Bob. So either there was a lot of work being talked about at the baseball games or more likely a lot of baseball being talked about at work. The Annual Joe Frett Memorial Golf Outing is sponsored by the Johnsburg Community Club, with the proceeds funding the Joe Frett Scholarship awarded each year at the Johnsburg High School. Email history questions to mclark@johnsburg.org

Email your Historical Questions About Johnsburg to mclark@johnsburg.org and I'll find the answer.

BOOK SIGNING



Beyond the Pasta: Recipes, Language & Life with an Italian Family by Mark Leslie.

Former Johnsburg resident, Mark Leslie returns to his hometown to talk about his new cookbook and food memoir. Mark, a self-proclaimed "foodie," vacations in Italy every year and lives to eat his way through every plate of pasta and cone of gelato placed before him.

Several years ago Mark enrolled in a full-immersion cooking and language program and lived with a family in Viterbo, Italy for an entire month. He learned to cook authentic Italian from the grandmother, Nonna.

Beyond the Pasta contains delicious recipes, and also delves into subject matter not found in a typical cookbook. Day-to-day living, befuddled social interactions, laughing and shopping with Nonna, and exploring the countryside enabled Mark to develop a new, more joyful and uniquely Italian way of looking at the world. Copies of Beyond the Pasta will be available for purchase at this special event.

Registration begins September 1. Visit www.johnsburglibrary.org or call 815-344-0077.

The Johnsburg Public Library offers a variety of programs for residents of all ages. For more information on any library programs, please contact them at the Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051, by phone at 815-344-0077 by fax at 815-344-3524 or by visiting their website at www.johnsburglibrary.org. Also, look for the quarterly newsletter and program guide in your mail.

Celebration in the Park 2010

With less than three months before the Celebration in the Park the Community Affairs Committee is working on the arrangements. The event, this year will take place on October 2nd, the first Saturday in October, at Sunnyside Park behind the Village Hall. The celebration will start at 5:00 p.m. with fireworks beginning at dusk.

**This year's Celebration will rely solely on the donations of our sponsors for funding.
The following businesses have already made very generous contributions:**

Event Sponsor: SEC Group Inc an HR Green Company, The State Bank Group, Rohm and Haas

Gold Sponsor: Raymond's Bowl, Waste Management, Comcast

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The Committee hopes to have the usual entertainment for all ages: moon jumps, food, hayride, beer garden, live band and, of course, the fireworks.

We are very grateful to our sponsors and appreciate the sacrifice they have made to help make this event possible. Please express your appreciation when you patronize their businesses. Donations from individuals, groups or businesses (in any amount) are still needed and would be appreciated.

The Celebration has become a popular Fall event and we look forward to gathering our residents for an afternoon of fun and socializing. Please contact the Village Hall (815-385-6023) to learn more or with any questions.

Park Dedication

On October 2, 2010 the Village will be formally dedicating the boat launch park located east of the Village Hall on Riverview Drive. The park will be formally named Alfred J. May Park in honor of the late Alfred J. May who donated the land to the Village. Mr. May developed the land around the Village Hall for homes in the 1940's. As a part of the development, he set aside several small parcels as park land. Many years later, one of the park parcels was improved with a boat launch for the benefit of the residents. In honor of his donation, we hope you will participate in the dedication ceremony which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on October 2, 2010 at the boat launch on Riverview Drive. Parking is limited in the area but there is additional parking available at the Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding the dedication ceremony, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

CAR SHOW FOR CHARITY **Street Rods – Cruisers – Race Cars Muscle Cars and** **Motorcycles**

The Rotary Club of McHenry Sunrise and the Johnsborg Police Department present their Annual Rotary Car Show for Charity on Saturday, October 9th at McHenry Township Park, 3703 Richmond Road. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the show runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the McHenry Area Youth Commission and the Rotary Club of McHenry Sunrise Charitable Foundation. There is \$20.00 entry (remember this goes to charity) per car or bike. Admission to the show is free to the public. Food vendors and a beer tent will be available so bring the family for a fun day out. Call 815-382-9624 with any questions you may have.

REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICE SURVEY...

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The Village of Johnsburg has posted a Communication Survey on our website.

We are interested in what forms of communication you currently use to learn about Village happenings and what forms you would like us to use in the future.

To access the survey, click on the link below. If you do not have internet access, please call the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 and we will survey you over the phone. It's just two simple questions. Thank you for your input!

http://www.johnsburg.org/?=Resident_Input_Surveys

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Visit www.johnsburg.org often for community updates and events.

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