

VOICE OF JOHNSBURG



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A Hometown with Spirit

Winter 2011 Newsletter

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While writing this letter, I'm amazed how quickly this past summer has gone by. Suddenly we are in the throes of fall with cool and crisp days, and trees quickly dropping their leaves. The past several weeks have been busy with much activity. In September we celebrated the 40th annual Saufen und Spiel event. Family, friends and neighbors came out to enjoy games, fellowship, good food, music and the annual parade. Once again I would like to thank the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club for all of their hard work to make this event a success.

Weeks leading up to October 1st kept the Community Affairs Committee busy organizing the Village's 5th annual Celebration in the Park. The day brought about wonderful weather that encouraged friends and family to come out to enjoy the event. Once again, generous donations from residents, businesses and vendors enabled the event to take place. I would personally like to thank the following for their generous contributions: Walmart; The State Bank Group; Rohm and Haas, HR Green Company; Sunnyside Tavern; Raymond's Bowl; Waste Management; J & M Transmissions; The Sisk Family; First Midwest Bank; Zukowski Rogers

Flood and McArdle; Evans, Marshall and Pease, P.C.; Blue Star Machinery; Lawn Doctor; Ace Hardware; Nicor; Novotny Sales, Inc.; the Ducak Family, the Weingart Subdivision Association; Ron Zanko; A.H. Management Group, Inc.; the D'Angelo Family; the McEvoy Family; the Bathje Family; the Hettermann Family; Rivera Licenses and Title Services; the Nitz Family; Chris Hesch; Northern McHenry Chiropractic LTD; and ComEd. Our residents, businesses and vendors truly made this event a reality. A special thanks to the Johnsburg Community Men's Club for jumping in and providing the food for the event. The event would also not have been possible without the hard work of the Community Affairs Committee, Johnsburg Lions, Home Town Caterers, 1st Midwest Bank employees, Mad Bomber, Bony Knees, Johnsburg High School Football Team, Johnsburg High School CARES, Johnsburg Explorers, McHenry Township Fire District, and the Village of Johnsburg staff who donated their time.

On September 10, 2011, the Village formally dedicated the park located at the intersection of Chapel Hill Road and Fairview Avenue to Francis Schmitt in honor of his generous donation of the land. Mr. Schmitt's donation was very beneficial to the Village as it not only provided the

Village a beautiful piece of property situated along the Fox River, but the land also serves as the location of the Village's central lift station. The dedication was attended by Mr. Schmitt and several of his family members, along with residents, Village Trustees and employees. In closing the dedication ceremony a new sign was unveiled officially designating the park as the Francis M. Schmitt Park. We are very grateful to the many people who have made generous contributions to our community over the years that make it the wonderful place that we call home today.

This year's Jolly-Pa-Looza event will be held on December 3rd at the Johnsburg Community Club. It will be a 21 and over event with live music from BarFly and HawnskeFunk. Food and beverages will be available and the event includes a 50/50 raffle.





Village of JOHNSBURG

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 Tuesday 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

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

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

Village President

Ed Hettermann

Village Board of Trustees

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Funds from Jolly-Pa-Looza are donated locally and nationally for cancer and cancer research.

As the holiday season approaches, there will be many area events and activities for you and your family to enjoy. Check the Village's website about holiday events taking place in the area. One of these events is the Village's upcoming Meet & Greet Santa event on Friday, December 9th, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. Read the article on page 4 to learn more about this fun event for kids and adults alike.

On October 26th, we welcomed Walmart to our community. It was a very exciting day for all of those who have worked so hard for more than 15 years to make this event a reality. In 1997, Village officials worked with the property owners along Route 31 and annexed their properties into the Village. We did so in an effort to create a commercial corridor which would provide the Village an opportunity to bring more businesses into our community to help alleviate the tax burden on our residents. In 2007, we excitedly participated in the grand opening of the JC Penney store at the Shops at Fox River Shopping Center. Around that same time, Village representatives were responding to interest by Walmart to locate a Walmart Super Center in Johnsburg. After many hours of hard work, we finally saw our efforts pay off. I would like to thank Trustee John Huemann, Village Administrator Claudett Peters, Village Engineer Tim Hartnett, Village Attorney Michael Smoron, Public Works Director Dave Wilcox and Bill Swartzloff from our Building Department for all of their hard work handling the many details involved in a development of this nature. I would also like to thank Walmart's development team who were incredible to work with. By working together we were able to bring this great new business to our community.

Shortly, we will also be welcoming the opening of Angelo's Market. We are equally excited about this new shopping opportunity and have heard from many residents who are anxious for the store to open as well. Watch for more information regarding the official opening.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our residents and the business community for the opportunity to serve you again this past year as your Village President. I hope I have addressed any concerns you have had and if not, please contact me. I, along with the Village Board and staff, wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President



Thank You

The Village President Expresses Gratitude

As you are aware from reading my past letters, I strive to acknowledge the many generous hard working people that make our community a great place to call home. One individual that comes to mind and has been overlooked over the years is resident and business owner Gerry Karlen. Gerry owns Lankford Construction which he moved to the Village in 1997. We were all very excited to have Gerry's business come to our community. For years, Gerry has helped our community in many ways that most are unaware of. An example, Gerry annually donates his trailer to the Johnsburg Lions Club to be used for their annual wreath sale. Additionally, shortly after opening his business in Johnsburg, Gerry donated the phone system that the Village Hall still uses today. Each year Gerry sets up a beautiful holiday display on his property located on Johnsburg Road, north of Ringwood Road. Make time this holiday season to drive by and see his beautiful holiday display. I would like to thank Gerry for his generosity and commitment to our community.

On September 24th Les and Joan Lunsman along with their many dedicated patrons and volunteers held a benefit at Sunnyside Tavern to raise funds for Duey Abernathy, a father of four recently diagnosed with stage three esophageal cancer. The event was a great success raising more than \$ 9,100 to assist with medical bills and financial needs.

On October 29th, the Johnsburg Lions once again sponsored free eye screenings to help with early detection of Diabetic Retinopathy. The Johnsburg Lions Club holds a monthly meat raffle on the first Thursday of every month. The proceeds go towards supporting a different cause each month. This past year, the Johnsburg Lion's Club has supported the following: Chase Benjamin Freund Cancer Fund; JHS Post Prom; Johnsburg Boy's Baseball League; Walla-Pa-Looza; Johnsburg Youth Football; JHS Girls Volleyball; JHS Football; JHS Sub-Zero Travel Softball; and JHS Girls and Boys Basketball. December's meat raffle will take place on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Castaways restaurant on Bald Knob Road. All proceeds will support the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired's Food Drive which takes place at the Johnsburg Community Club. I would like to thank the Johnsburg Lion's Club for their generous contributions throughout the year.

I would like to thank former trustee, Bruce Bennett for assisting Village staff in getting the Village's Facebook page up and running. Administrative Assistant Debra Swetz worked with Mr. Bennett to initiate the page. She then proceeded to establish the Village's Twitter page. Ms. Swetz has been busy implementing many improvements to our website. If you haven't visited the Village's website lately, I encourage you to do so. You may now view all of the Village's codes along with a monthly Board Report and approved ordinances. We continue to strive to find more ways to communicate with our residents and urge you to sign up for our e-Blast Alerts and E-Newsletters; and friend us on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank
You



The Village of Johnsburg would sincerely like to thank Zim and the Johnsburg High School graphics students for their assistance in the preparation and production of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Johnsburg Police Department is proud to announce the second annual Citizen's Police Academy Class. A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate citizens about police work and is designed to give the public a working knowledge of our department's organization, personnel, policies and procedures. The Citizen Police Academy is not designed as a preparatory class for individuals who desire to become a law enforcement officer. Rather, it is intended as an educational and informative offering for adults who both reside in our village and have a desire to learn more about their police department. Enrolled students will be encouraged to build a lasting partnership with the Department, with the ultimate goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

The Citizen Police Academy topics will include the history and evolution of law enforcement, firearms familiarization, patrol tactics, gangs, drug enforcement, special response team operations, canine patrol, criminal law, crime prevention, media relations, crime scene processing, investigations, and others.

The Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to start in January of 2012. The Academy will meet once per week for a total of 9 three hour sessions. A variety of instructors from the Johnsburg Police Department, and guests, will be presenting an assortment of topics in order to provide the public with a comprehensive view of police work and the criminal justice system.

The Academy is offered free of charge to Johnsburg Citizens and business owners. Anyone interested in applying for the Academy must complete an application which involves a criminal background check and must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 21 years old or older
- No prior felony conviction
- No outstanding warrants
- No pending criminal cases

Class size is limited to 8 participants, and the class will fill quickly, so contact the police department as soon as possible if you would like to apply. Any questions may be directed to Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815-385-6024 or by e-mail at police@johnsburg.org.



JOHNSBURG LIBRARY

Upcoming programs:

Christmas Stamping Fun with Darla

For ages 7-12

Sat., Dec. 3, 10:30-noon

Create an ornament, a holiday card, gift tags, and a gift treat bag using the stamping technique. Advance registration is required and begins November 16. Space is limited!

"The Christmas Cookie Caper" Puppet Show

Sat., Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m.

Welcome the holidays by enjoying this fun puppet show for the whole family, presented by *Mark Nichols of The Puppet Place Theatre*. (Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Advance registration is required and begins November 1.

Register online for programs at www.johnsburglibrary.org. Additional library events for children and adults can be found on the library's Calendar of Events page.

Contact Information: **Johnsburg Public Library**
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MEET & GREET SANTA

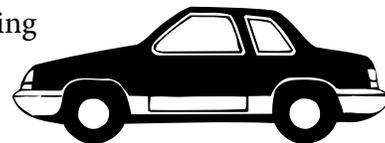


The Village of Johnsburg will bring in the Holidays with our Meet & Greet Santa event on Friday, December 9th, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. We invite the residents of Johnsburg to come with their families and enjoy some treats, hot chocolate, decorate ornaments and of course, talk to Santa. The evening will end with a Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:45 PM. We look forward to ringing in the Holidays with you!

Regulations & Reminders

2011-2012 VEHICLE STICKERS

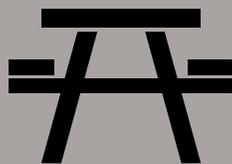
August 1st, 2011 was the deadline for having your vehicle sticker displayed. Any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than 30 days of the year must have a sticker displayed. Vehicles that have temporary license plates also must have a sticker as do company vehicles being kept in the Village that do not have a sticker from the town in which they are registered. The Johnsburg Police Department is actively enforcing this ordinance. The cost of a citation for not displaying the sticker is \$50. Below are the prices for purchasing a sticker now.



PARK SHELTER FEES

In September, the Village Board approved Ordinance 11-12-07 which establishes fees for the use of park shelters. The ordinance was established in an effort to offset park maintenance costs. In addition to use fees, refundable deposits will also be required to cover the cost of cleanup should the party reserving the shelter fail to clean up after their event. Park shelter fees will go into effect in the Spring of 2012.

For more information and to access the shelter reservation application, go to our website at www.johnsburg.org and click on "Resident Handbook" – "Applications and Forms".



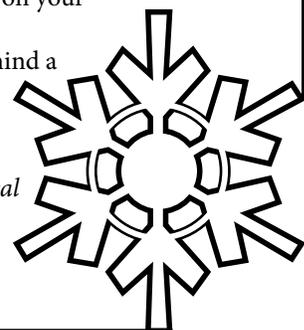
Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight	\$20.00
Passenger cars and trucks with permanent Disability license plates or placards*	\$20.00
Motorcycles or Motorbikes	\$10.00
Trucks over 4 tons gross weight	\$50.00

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS SNOW REMOVAL

The Village of Johnsburg has a Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy in place to help insure safe roadways during inclement weather. As we prepare for winter weather, here are some things you should know:

- * Hazards at the roadside, such as boulders or driveway markers that may interfere with or damage plows, must be removed before the first snowfall. In larger storms it can be difficult for our drivers to see the edge of the road.
- * Major roads and bus routes are plowed first, followed by secondary subdivision streets and finally cul de sacs and private roads.
- * Please adhere to the "No Parking" along the road on days when a 2 inch snowfall has occurred or is being forecasted.
- * Check your mailbox post to make sure it is sturdy enough to withstand snow being deflected from the plow. We will repair mailboxes only if they come in direct contact with the snowplow and will not repair them if the force of the snow knocks them down.
- * Make sure the area around your mailbox is shoveled so mail can be delivered and around any fire hydrant that may be on your property.
- * Increase the following distance when driving behind a snowplow. It is very difficult for the drivers to see cars directly behind them.

With your help and patience, this year's snow removal should run smoothly. You can view the entire Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy on our website at www.johnsburg.org.



Topics of Interest

CYBER BULLYING

Bullying is nothing new; it has been around since the beginning of time however, today's kids have the ability to utilize new technology to expand their reach and the extent of their harm. Online social networks have created great opportunity to access information from around the globe and keep in contact with friends but there are downsides to this social media - Cyber bullying. Simply put, cyber bullying is "willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices".



Here are some steps you can take as a parent to be aware of your child's actions:

- Keep computers in a location where they are easy to see when in use;
- Set clear expectations for online behavior and phone use;
- Be aware of changes in the mood or behavior of your child (this may be as a result of bullying); and
- Contact school administration for help in ending this behavior

We are committed to providing a safe environment in school so all students can focus on achieving the highest academic standards possible.



A district curriculum committee evaluated our strategies in educating students about bullying and cyber bullying and how to deal with these issues both in school and in our community. The committee studied curriculum that was not only researched based, but also focused on social emotional learning standards. They found exactly what they were looking for in a program titled "Second Step". This program will be taught to students at Ringwood and Bush School on a continuing basis.

Follow-up and reinforcement of these skills will continue in Junior High and High School. Our Junior High is also incorporating a program titled "Rachel's Challenge". This is a program that can create a permanent positive culture change by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. We are very excited about this new and updated approach to keeping our children safe.

November is National Diabetes Month

With nearly 26 million children and adults in American living with diabetes, and another 79 million at high risk for developing type 2 Diabetes, the disease is taking a devastating physical, emotional and financial toll on our country. Yet, most Americans don't consider diabetes a serious matter. They feel it is someone else's responsibility, someone else's problem, until someone in their life is diagnosed with diabetes.

- Recent numbers by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention paint a desperate situation of where we are at, and where we are headed.
- Every 17 seconds, someone is diagnosed with diabetes.
- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death killing more people each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined
- Medical expenses for people with diabetes are more than two times higher than for people without diabetes.
- Recent estimates project that as many as 1 in 3 American adults will have diabetes in 2050 unless we take steps to Stop Diabetes.

*For more information on how to prevent diabetes go to ADA's website
<http://www.eatright.org>*

Make Clean Air Count with Energy Efficient Lighting in your Home

What can save you more than \$8,000 over 30 years and also improve your ability to read at night? Energy-efficient lighting, of course.

By replacing standard bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs, you can save about \$78 a year, assuming a three-bulb purchase year. While the initial purchase of an energy-efficient bulb might result in a higher-than-average price, the savings incurred through their efficient use of energy and long operating life can offset the initial pinch of the item's cost.

To get the maximum cost benefit from these bulbs, they should be used in fixtures that are left on for hours at a time – like outdoor lanterns or security floodlights, hallways, landings, or your most lived-in rooms. A compact florescent light bulb costs about \$8, but can last 10 times longer than a regular bulb. Better yet, these bulbs use about 75 percent less energy, saving the average homeowner approximately \$26 in energy bills over the bulb's lifetime.

Benefits of energy-efficient lighting practices include:

- Reduced emissions of nitrogen oxide, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide into the environment for better air quality
- Improved electricity system reliability
- Reduced electrical and cooling loads in buildings
- Lower electricity costs (roughly 10-15%)
- Lower maintenance costs
- More appropriate lighting levels
- Natural lighting is aesthetically pleasing

Find out how you can make Clean Air Count by visiting www.cleanaircounts.org. Make your home and/or community a leader at making our air cleaner, our quality of life better and our home climate more inviting.

Clean Air Counts is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption.

Clean Air Counts is made possible through the support of The Chicago Community Trust, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, Grand Victoria Foundation, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY

Did you know that your personal computer may contain up to 1,000 toxins that can cause serious health risks? A typical computer monitor alone can contain 4 to 8 pounds of lead! When you recycle you are protecting your environment. On Saturday, November 19 from 8:00 am to 12 noon, McHenry Township is holding an Electronic Recycling Day at McHenry Township Road District in the township employee parking lot at 3703 N. Richmond Road. Please note that this is for McHenry Township homeowners only, so you will need a photo ID with your address.

There is a \$10 fee for monitors.

TV's are not accepted.



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 your Village. 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 the 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.



VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

The Village of Johnsburg has T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hooded Sweatshirts featuring the Johnsburg Village logo available for sale through the Village Hall.



T-Shirts \$10.00
T-Shirts are cream with a burgundy logo. Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large. All sizes of T-Shirts are in stock.



Sweatshirts \$20.00
Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large

Hoodies \$22.00
Sizes Medium and Large

Hoodies \$28.00
Sizes X-Large and XX-Large.

Sweatshirts and hoodies are burgundy with cream logo. Orders for sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are being taken. (Most sizes in stock.)

Please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 to place an order. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards The Celebration in the Park.

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

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