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Greetings!

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The holiday season is a busy and exciting time for us all as we look forward to holiday events and gatherings with friends and family. Make time in your busy holiday schedule to come out an enjoy this year's Holiday Magic Parade and Event, which will be held on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's parade will take a more extended route beginning at Johnsburg High School and ending at the Johnsburg Community Club (Click Here for the Parade Route).

The unexpected snowfall we experienced on Halloween is a harsh reminder to us that winter will soon be upon on us. Our Public Works and Parks Department employees are busy closing up facilities for the season and preparing trucks and equipment for the inevitable winter weather ahead. Take time to prepare by making sure your vehicle is in good working order and equipped with blankets and warm apparel.

A new <u>Christmas tree</u> has been placed in the lobby at the David G. Dominguez Municipal Center in celebration of the holiday season and we need your help decorating it. We invite you to donate a special ornament or use your imagination and create an ornament for the tree. Ornaments can be dropped off at the Municipal Center, 1515 Channel Beach Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Village staff will place the ornaments on the tree for all to enjoy. Ornaments will be kept and displayed each year.

With the New Year quickly approaching I wanted to take a moment to reinforce a code enforcement matter that is regularly violated. The "No Left Turn" off of Fairview Avenue onto Chapel Hill Road has been in effect since the Chapel Hill Road bridge repairs were done in 2018 yet we continue to see travelers completely disregard the many signs instructing them not to turn left. The site distance at the intersection is limited and the restriction was put into place to avoid accidents. In the interest of public safety, our police department will be actively enforcing this regulation and citations will be issued so please adhere to the restriction.

Also in the New Year, non-highway vehicle registrations must be renewed. Your current registration expires on December 31st so please plan ahead and take steps to renew your non-highway vehicle plates to avoid costly fines.

Communication in today's world has changed significantly and people have come to rely on e-blasts and other social media as a means of communication. In response to those changes, the Village increased its use of eblasts and Facebook and eliminated the mailing of a quarterly newsletters. Our e-blasts are helpful and informative but many residents have expressed that

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they miss my articles in the quarterly newsletter. With that in mind, I will resume writing letters to share information and updates on projects and event which will be distributed via email. Additionally, over the holidays, I will be writing a letter summarizing our year in review, which will be mailed to each home and business in the New Year.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your Village President. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous Happy New Year. I hope to see you and your family at the Holiday Magic Event!

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