

New Village Website



The Village of Johnsborg is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website www.johnsborg.org. The new website features a mobile-friendly design that allows users to easily navigate through the site on their preferred device, be it a smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. Our website is an important tool in our efforts to communicate with the community. This redesign allows us to better organize and present information, creating a more transparent village government.

The new site was developed with user-ease and services in mind. Popular content on the

Village’s website includes online payment and information on Village services, all of which are prominently featured. Additionally, navigation designed specifically for smart phone and tablet users is presented in a visually-appealing format.

The content of the new Village website is based on the needs of residents and other visitors. It is organized by topic and provides multiple ways for people to find what they need in a convenient manner.

The new website is intended to make everything the Village does even more transparent for the public. In addition to news and service information, meeting minutes and financial data, the site also provides for online permit applications and expanded epay services, all of which are a part of the Village Board’s goal to improve communications and services.

The Village partnered with aHa Consulting, Inc. to revamp the previous site which was last redesigned in 2009. Comments and feedback regarding the new website may be submitted by clicking “Contact Us” in the top right corner of the website.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It's the beginning of another new year, and it seems that each passes more quickly than the prior. I hope everyone had a happy and prosperous year and wrapped up 2016 sharing the holidays with family and friends. Looking back, I once again am touched by the generous people that helped make 2016 yet another great year for the Village of Johnsburg. None of these incredible accomplishments would have been possible if not for the help and dedication of our many hardworking citizens. The Village of Johnsburg becomes better every day because of you and we deeply appreciate all of your efforts.

Yearly our Community Affairs Committee hosts their Holiday Magic event which is nothing short of amazing. Santa filling the kids with such great joy and wonder is always a beautiful experience to see. The Christmas decorations and lights displayed along with the smiles and laughter are all possible because of the efforts of the Community Affairs Committee, our hardworking staff and the generosity of the Johnsburg Community Club, who let us use the facility at no charge to host this event along with the many volunteers that make this event possible.

Another great event that took place in December was the annual Johnsburg Shop with a Cop. The Johnsburg Police Department and Johnsburg Lions Club started this event more than 15 years ago, helping children who are less fortunate in and around the community. We continue to see excellence from these two organizations as they continue to make our community stronger.

I would like to welcome Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks Cheerleading (JJSC), a new and exciting recreational cheer program established by program director Christine Giovingo. The JJSC will be cheering for the Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's beginning this season. Cheerleading enrollment is open to all children grades 1 - 8. The organization is completely run by volunteers and parents from the community. More information about the program can be found at jjscheerleaders.org.

The Village of Johnsburg has a great year to look forward to. This spring, JABA is hosting their 17th Annual Business and Craft Expo on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The Village of Johnsburg's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 15th, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 24th Annual Play Day Golf Outing will take place on Friday, May 12th. Look for more coming events in this issue of the Voice of Johnsburg newsletter.

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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 Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development

3rd Wednesday 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.

Planning 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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Police/Fire Emergency: 911

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I am excited to inform you that construction is scheduled to begin on Church Street this spring. Road improvements will start at Blitzsch Street and continue east to just short of the intersection of Johnsburg Road. Sidewalks, pedestrian lighting and other streetscape enhancements will be installed along Church Street and St. Johns Avenue consistent with those constructed as a part of the Johnsburg Road Roundabout Project. Thanks to the efforts of Village Administrator Claudett Peters and Village Engineer Tim Hartnett, this project is being partially funded through \$2.5 million in grants. While the work is being done, sewer pipe will also be installed in some of the project area. Residents residing in the project area will soon receive notice of meetings being held to discuss the construction timeline and project impacts they can expect. Watch for more information on the Village's new website and in eblasts about this long awaited project.

As I write this article, the Sunnyside Beach Sewer project is under construction. Soon, 33 households along Sunnyside Beach Drive will be able to connect to the Village's wastewater treatment system. This is yet another long awaited project.

I would like to give special congratulations to the Johnsburg School District for placing in the College Board 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll for expanding opportunities of Advanced Placement (AP) course work and for improving performance of the Advanced Placement students at Johnsburg High School. Johnsburg School District is only one of 433 school districts in the United States and Canada named to the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll, and one of 21 school districts in Illinois. Congratulations to the dedicated teachers, administration, District 12 School Board and students.

In closing, if you have any questions or Village concerns please contact the Village Hall. As always, I can also be reached through the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or via email at ehettermann@johnsburg.org. If you feel your concerns are not being addressed, I want to hear from you. You are the customers of the services we provide. I can assure you that you will receive an answer. If I do not have it readily available, I will get back to you. Can I assure you that you will like the answer? Not always, but please give me an opportunity to try and assist you. Everyone's thoughts, opinions and comments, whether complimentary or complaint are important to me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Village President.

Respectfully,

Edwin Hettermann
Village President

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March Is A Great Month To...

Get a jump-start on your spring garden by **starting seeds in your garden window** so that you'll have seedlings ready to plant as soon as the ground is ready. Garden supply stores and seed catalogs stock treated soil mixtures that are especially conducive to starting seeds, as well as biodegradable cardboard containers to plant them in. Once you've sown the seeds, set them in a bright south window and think spring.

Start **planning for your summer vacation**. Check out the Sunday travel section of the newspaper. Send for brochures of faraway places with strange sounding names. Maybe you're willing to save up for an extra special vacation next year, and make this the year you visit interesting places in your own hometown.

Go on a **money diet**. Self-made, wealthy Americans have a few self-imposed rules in common; namely, they live below their means, they budget their spending, they have a disciplined investment plan, they take on debt very sparingly, they participate in serious tax-sheltering, they get help from a professional financial advisor, and they own their own business. None of these things are possible without adhering to the first rule: live below your means. That will make possible the investing, avoidance of debt, sheltering of funds, the need for a financial advisor, and the ability to own a business. Make this your motto for the year: "Use it up, wear it out, make do, or do without."



Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Johnsburg along with the Community Affairs Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on

Saturday, April 15th

Sunnyside Park from 11AM to Noon

There will be 3 separate hunts broken down by age group. Come join your neighbors for some Hoppy Fun! Bring your own basket to collect your eggs and watch out for a

Hoppy Visitor!

Summer Movies in the Park

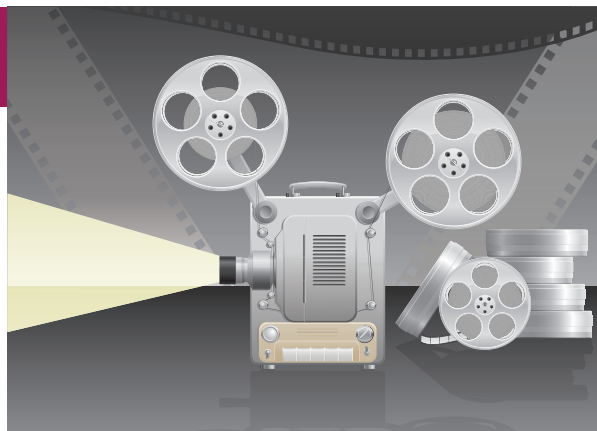
The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee are hosting Summer Movies in the Park.

These events are scheduled for

Friday, June 9th, Wednesday, July 19th and Saturday, August 19th at Hiller Park

Mark your calendars for this family fun entertainment!

Watch our new website, johnsburg.org, for more information.



JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY



**REPTO-MANIA,
FOR AGES 5+**
*Sat., March 4,
2:00 p.m.*

Meet all kinds of reptiles and amphibians with award-winning naturalist Deb Krohn (aka the Frog Lady). Advance registration required.

**MIND GAMES: A NIGHT OF
SELF-DECEPTION, FOR AGES 12-18**

Thurs., March 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Magician and mentalist William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. Advance registration required and begins Feb. 20.

**BACKYARD EXPLORERS NATURE CLUB,
AGES 3-5 WITH ADULT**

Wednesdays, March 8 & April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Curious children are invited to explore the wonders of nature through science and art. Please wear clothing appropriate for mess. Registration is required and begins one month before program date.

**MONDAY MOVIE SHOWINGS
1:00 P.M. WITH FREE MOVIE TREATS!**

February 27: Light Between Oceans

March 13: Manchester by the Sea

March 20: Moonlight

March 27: Moana

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

at www.johnsburglibrary.org, or call the library. A complete listing of events for children and adults can be found on the library's Calendar of Events page.

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2017-2018 PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION NIGHT

The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment process will begin this year with an Orientation Night on March 21, 2017 at Ringwood School Primary Center at 6:00 PM. The topics that will be covered include: Program Explanation, Enrollment Process and Student Screenings. There will also be a building tour and Q&A time.

Since this is an informational night, you will not need to bring any verification or birth certificates. Packets of information will be distributed. If you have any questions, please call Ringwood School at 815-728-0459.





JOHNSBURG AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

"On the Road to SUCCESS - 2017"

2017 brings a new board and new goals for the Johnsburg Area Business Association. Our new board consists of President, Lori Boyle with BWB Graphics & More, Vice President Leonard Thornburg with Edward Jones, Secretary, Kim Giovanni with the Village of Johnsburg and Treasurer, John Huemann with Joseph H. Huemann & Sons Well Drilling.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. In 2017, we're looking to provide more networking events so that local area business owners can meet each other and share ideas on how to grow and improve their business. We are also going to have speakers quarterly on topics relevant to business management. Be sure to visit johnsburgjaba.com for the latest JABA news and meeting information.

If you have a business, no matter what size, come to our meetings and get to know other business owners in and around Johnsburg. In addition to networking and educational opportunities, JABA members participate in the community by supporting the Johnsburg Police Department Shop with a Cop Program, Village of Johnsburg Celebration in the Park and provide a scholarship for a local student from the Johnsburg area. For information about membership visit the JABA website at johnsburgjaba.com or call John Huemann at 815.482.8724.

JOHNSBURG AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS & CRAFT EXPO



Booth registration is currently being accepted for the 2017 Johnsburg Area Business Association Annual Business & Craft Expo. This event will be held **Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Johnsburg High School.** Booth registration forms are available on the "News" link at www.johnsburgjaba.com, at the Johnsburg Public Library and at the Village Hall. See the form for information regarding booth fees. There will be over 50 vendor booths, crafts for sale, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, art show and food concessions. Once again the JABA Business & Craft Expo will be teaming up with the **Johnsburg High School Fine Arts Department** to bring you **Bowl O' Arts** to give you two events in one. Get a handmade ceramic bowl, soup or chili, bread, dessert & beverage for \$10. For more information about the expo, please contact Richard Bierman, R.B. Custom Designs Inc. at (815) 759-9459.

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- Food waste
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- Needles

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BOAT LAUNCH & VOLUNTARY VEHICLE STICKERS

New boat launch stickers are available at the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to use the Village’s boat launch on Riverview Drive is required to purchase a sticker and display it on the vehicle used to launch the boat. The two year sticker cost for Village residents is \$20 and non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$100.

VOLUNTARY VEHICLE STICKER RENEWAL - In 2014, the Village Board eliminated the requirement for residents to purchase and display a vehicle sticker on all vehicles housed in the Village. The decision was made after pursuing a detailed cost analysis which reflected that the vehicle sticker program was not cost effective. Although the Village *no longer requires* the use of vehicle stickers, we do have them available for residents who wish to display one. New two year stickers are now available and can be purchased at the Village Hall for a cost of \$20. Displaying this sticker also enables Village residents to utilize the Riverview Drive Boat Launch.



PICNICS IN THE PARK

With the hope of warmer weather around the corner, it won’t be long before families will be coming out to enjoy our parks. The Village provides shelters at Sunnyside Memorial, Hiller and Rescue Squad Memorial Parks which may be rented for private functions for a small fee.



Go to www.johnsburg.org for the park application and fee information.

TAX LEVY

In December, the Johnsburg Board of Trustees voted unanimously to pursue a decrease to the Village's tax levy this year in an effort to provide some tax relief to its residents. Although the Village's portion of the real estate tax bill is small, every effort towards decreasing the real estate tax impact is helpful. Last year, the Village held its levy flat, only increasing it by an amount to capture new growth. This year, Village officials have decided to forego any increase which results in a decrease to its residents and business owners as the levy is shared with new development.

JAMES C. BUSH FACILITY

Over the past several months, the Johnsburg School District 12 Board of Education and District Administration have been analyzing and evaluating the next steps and potential uses for the James C. Bush Elementary School. Built in 1949, the building housed students until the end of the 2015-2016 school year, when students began attending the new Johnsburg Elementary School. The Board of Education and District Administration worked with consultants regarding potential options and real estate market evaluations. After extensive discussions and an in-depth market analysis, the Board of Education decided at their November 22nd meeting to place the James C. Bush Elementary School building and property for sale with a minimum bid of \$900,000. The Johnsburg School District will keep the community apprised on the status of the building and property.



HAPPY 2017 FROM THE JOHNSBURG LIONS



The Johnsburg Lions would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and thank everyone for their past support. Thanks to community participation, the Johnsburg Lions were able to assist many local families through events such as Banjo Beer, 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 the month** (except January and July) at Raymond's Bowl, 3960 Johnsburg Rd. The first raffle begins at 7:30 p.m.



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The drawing, as in past years, will be double elimination Calcutta. 149 tickets will be sold. The 150th ticket will be raffled when only 3 containers are left. Cash prizes will be distributed as follows:

- First name eliminated will win \$125
- Every 10th name eliminated wins \$125
- 3rd to last name eliminated wins \$500
- 2nd to last name eliminated wins \$1000
- The last name left will win \$3500
- Non-Winners *Last chance draw wins \$250 (must be present to win).

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 at www.johnsburg.org or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Applications for consideration can also be downloaded from our website under "How Do I?".

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AM I A REGISTERED VOTER?

You can check your registration at:
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EARLY VOTING AT McHENRY TOWNSHIP STARTS MONDAY, MARCH 20.

BELOW ARE THE DATES AND HOURS:

Monday, March 20 to Friday, March 24
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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- Make sure the vehicle brought in for testing is due for a test by going to <http://illinoisairteam.net/vehicle-eligibility-check-tool>
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UPCOMING JOHNSBURG EVENTS - SPRING 2017

MAR 2	LIONS Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	APRIL 21	Johnsburg Community Club Super Raffle
MAR 3, 10, 24, 31	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry @ St. Johns School Hall on Friday, Mar. 3, 10, 24, & 31	Date TBD	Cop on Top - Dunkin Donuts
MAR 11	JABA (Johnsburg Area Business Assoc.) 17th Annual Business & Craft Expo Johnsburg High School 10:00AM - 2:00PM	MAY 4	LIONS Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
MAR 11	Catholic Order of Foresters Court 96 and the Johnsburg Men's Club Corned Beef Dinner @ JCC 4:00PM - 8:30PM	MAY 12	St. Johns 24th Annual Playday Golf Outing
APRIL 6	LIONS Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	MAY 21	49th Fair Diddle Woodstock Square 10:00AM - 4:00PM
APRIL 8	Knights of Columbus Easter Bunny Breakfast @ St. Johns Hall 8:00AM - 1:00PM	MAY 21 & 22	Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Poppy Days
APRIL 8-9	Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Easter Bake Sale after all masses @ St. John's School Hall	MAY 25	Senior Care Volunteer Network "Taste of Mexico"
APRIL 15	Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee Easter Egg Hunt @ Sunnyside Memorial Park from 11:00AM - Noon	MAY 29	Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Memorial Day Riverfront Opening Ceremony & Memorial Day Parade to JCC

To have an up-coming event posted here, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.