

## President's Letter

As I write this letter, I am overwhelmed with pride thinking about the generosity I witnessed and heard about in response to the recent flood. We truly are a community of







neighbors joining hands and coming together – a motto showcased during the 1991 annexation, but one that is certainly not foreign to the Johnsburg community. Recently I had the opportunity to listen to an interview between Mitch Brick, Manager of Cabana's on the Chain, and Steve Cochran of WGN radio during which Mitch spoke about the many volunteers that



came out to help protect his business from the fast approaching flood waters. During the interview, he thanked me for all of the help that the Village provided throughout the event. His thanks is much appreciated, but the thanks truly goes to the Village's A-team of employees, the student volunteers from the Johnsburg High School Athletic program and our very generous residents who proactively jumped in bagging sand and helping those in need throughout the community. If not for these selfless individuals, I would not be getting compliments like this. I am truly grateful for all of you that helped in one way or another. You are a fine example of why I am honored to serve as your Village President and proud to call Johnsburg "home".

As the water level started to decrease, relief did arrive here in Johnsburg. We proudly hosted a very special organization called Team Rubicon, which is a veteran-led disaster response organization. They were kind enough to come here and help conduct damage assessments and provide muck out operations and debris removal. Over the multiple days of rain and flooding, Rubicon's temporary home for their volunteers was Johnsburg Junior High School. I cannot thank them enough for their contribution to our community.

My thanks also goes to School Superintendent Dan Johnson, the Johnsburg School District 12 school board, and its staff for providing Team Rubicon a temporary home here in Johnsburg. We are truly grateful to you!



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 - 6:00 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.

**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

### **VILLAGE DIRECTORY**

rescheduled from time to time.

Village President Ed Hettermann

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In addition to all of the community members that helped combat the flood, I would like to thank the Johnsburg High School National Honor Society for their tremendous efforts in helping our public works department with Village beautification projects. As I wrote in my previous article in April, these talented and generous students painted picnic tables and installed flagpoles in our Village parks. Since that article additional teams of NHS students donated their time on another Saturday morning in May during which they helped dress up three of our entry signs with flowers and shrubs. They worked alongside employees of Landscape Construction Corporation who installed landscape block and brought in dirt to prep the area. Many thanks to those



students and to Landscape Construction for donating a good sum of the labor to help beautify our community. These volunteers are fine examples of how by working together we can make great things happen. If you would like to volunteer or know someone willing to lend a helping hand, please do not hesitate to call the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Volunteers are responsible for many of our community's beautification projects.

On the 26th of July, the Village of Johnsburg hosted the McHenry County Council of Governments dinner meeting at the Pistakee Yacht Club. The event was attended by many government leaders and business owners throughout McHenry County who get together each month to address matters affecting local governments. This year we were not able to include the boat cruise as the Chain and Fox River were closed, but the recent floods provided an excellent opportunity to remind everyone of the history and significance of these waterways to the region and the positive impact Johnsburg's wastewater treatment project has on cleaning up the waterways. Since the event, several communities have responded by signing resolutions in support of the Village's efforts to obtain funding assistance so that we can extend sewers to those properties adjacent to our waterways. I would like to extend a special thanks to Ringwood President Mr. Rick Mack, who also serves as President of the McHenry County Council of Governments. He has shown consistent support for our wastewater collection project and has urged all of the Council's members to support our efforts. In addition to sharing school district and library district boundaries with our neighbors in Ringwood, we frequently team up with President Mack, Township Highway Commissioner Jim Condon and Township Supervisor Craig Adams in an effort to save our residents tax dollars by working together through intergovernmental agreements, jointly bid projects, and sharing of services.

The Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club have once again been busy preparing for this year's Saufen und Spiel event. Starting Friday evening, September 8th thru Sunday, September 10th, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music, games and good old fashion fun! Tickets for the cow drop raffle can be purchased by contacting Brad Schwagerman at Brad.floyd64@ gmail.com. For more information on the parade and route, please visit www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com.

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the Village Board along with the Community Affairs Committee and many community volunteers will host the 11th annual Celebration in the Park event at Sunnyside Memorial Park. I understand that residents cannot make every event but this is one event you do not want to miss! Our many volunteers do such an awesome job organizing the event, but none of it would be possible without the generous donations from numerous businesses and service organizations. A big thank you goes out to all contributors - your donations are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you this September.

The Dancing under the Stars event held August 4th at the Community Club grounds provided a great opportunity for residents to socialize and have fun with friends and neighbors. I would like to again give a special thanks to the Community Affairs Committee and their many dedicated volunteers for their hard work and great planning skills, as they continue to give the community fun and memorable events to enjoy throughout the year.

In closing, I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and that you have an opportunity to come out with family and friends to enjoy some of our upcoming community events.

Once again, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Village President. If you have any Village or community concern, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-482-8605, ehettermann@johnsburg.org or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or villagehall@johnsburg.org.

### Respectfully,

Edwin P. Hettermann, Village President





The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event. If you are not familiar with this celebration it is one of Johnsburg's most popular events enjoyed by all ages! Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a fun filled evening with live music, delicious food and cold beverages. There will also be games, hayrides and **FIREWORKS!** This is truly a community celebration!

This year's **Celebration in the Park** event will take place on **Saturday, September 30th** at Sunnyside Memorial Park beginning at 5:00PM. We are very grateful to all of the generous contributors who make this event possible. **Donations, in any amount, from individuals, groups or businesses are still needed and would be greatly appreciated.** For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact the Village Hall at 815 385-6023.

We look forward to seeing our residents, families and friends Celebrate In The Park!

## 45th Annual Saufen und Spiel



The Johnsburg Community Club, Inc, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2017. Starting Friday evening, September 8th thru Sunday, September 10th, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music and games.

Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 8th with the John-

sburg Community Men's Clubs **10th Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament**. Registration is at 5:00PM and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable at registration. The tournament starts at 7:00PM with a double elimination format. Rules will be passed out at registration. For more information or to sponsor a board, please contact Brian at bubbarich63@yahoo.com. Your musical entertainment will be provided by Hans & the Hormones starting at 7PM.



The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday, Sept. 9th for the 11th Annual Banjo Beer



**Night**. The festivities will start at 5:00PM. Your toes will be tapping when Steve & Steve take the stage at 6:00PM followed by Friction at 8:30PM. Don't forget to bring your appetite as there will be plenty of burgers, brats and hot dogs roasting on the grill. The event includes a raffle and some frosty beverages to beat the heat.

On Sunday, Sept. 10th the **45th Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade** will start at 12:30PM at the Johnsburg Village Hall. Find yourself a good seat along the route and enjoy all the vari-

ous entries, then head 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. There will also be GAMES for kids of all ages and dancing to live music by Epic from 2:30PM to 6:30PM.

The ever popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities) kicks off at 4:00PM. Raffle tickets will be limited and are available by contacting Brad Schwagerman at Brad. floyd64@gmail.com. Get them early...they go fast. For more information on the parade route and Saufen und Spiel, visit www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com or call Brian Rich at 815-482-4594.

### Parade Route

All parade entrees will line up by Sunnyside Park and proceed as follows:

- West on Channel Beach Avenue
- South on Johnsburg Road
- Continue through round about
- North on Spring Grove Road
- East on Church Street
  - End at Johnsburg Community Club

## News from the Johnsburg Public Library



CHANGING LIVES: MCC AT 50 -A documentary film Monday, September 18, 7:00pm

Johnsburg's own Jim Stockwell, instructor of Film and Broadcast Journalism at McHenry County College and director of "Changing Lives: MCC at 50", hosts this special showing of the documentary that celebrates McHenry County College's Golden Anniversary (1967-2017).

The film looks back at how the college was formed, transformed, changed... and changed lives. With testimonials of former employees, faculty, students, and administration, along with archived footage and pictures, "Changing Lives" is an entertaining and informative look at the first halfcentury of McHenry County College.

Registration is not required.

### HAMILTON'S WOMEN: A LIVING HISTORY PORTRAYAL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7:00PM

Meet the sisters who captivated Alexander Hamilton. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., brings these smart, beautiful women to life in this entertaining presentation. You don't need to have seen the musical Hamilton to enjoy the program, but if you have, it will bring the history behind the show alive!

Advance registration is required and begins September 11. This program is not intended for children under age 12.

### THE A, B, C AND D OF MEDICARE: UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE CHOICES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:00PM OR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7:00PM

When the time comes to choose a Medicare plan or review your existing coverage the options can become overwhelming. To help you get started, we invite you to attend a free educational seminar. You'll learn all about your Medicare choices, with resources that make it easy to understand the basics of Medicare. This program will be presented by Jane Sanchez of Aegis Resources, Inc.

Advance registration is required and begins September 11. The same information will be presented at each session.

**Register for programs online at www.johnsburglibrary.org or by calling the library** A complete listing of events for children and adults can be found on the library's calendar of events page

## Johnsburg Public Library 3000 N Johnsburg Road

## 815-344-0077 JohnsburgLibrary.org



## Ordinance Changes Which May Affect You

**ELIMINATION OF TEMPORARY ACCESSORY STRUCTURES** - The Village Board recently approved amendments to Section 7.1-7 Accessory Building and Structures of the Johnsburg Zoning Ordinance which will prohibit the use of tem-

porary accessory structures effective May 1, 2018. These structures are often utilized by residents to seasonally house boats and other recreational vehicles. We frequently receive complaints regarding the condition of many of these structures and when following up on the complaints, we find that the structures are often in disrepair and are being utilized for storage of items other than recreational vehicles as was intended. To address this growing problem, <u>effective May 1, 2018, temporary accessory structures will no</u> <u>longer be allowed.</u> We are advising residents of this change in advance so that alternative storage arrangements can be made. Please note however



that any temporary accessory structure currently in disrepair or otherwise in violation of Village ordinances will be cited by our Code Enforcement Officer and subject to fines and removal immediately.

**PERMANENT ACCESSORY STRUCTURES CHANGES** - The Village Board also approved an *increase in the maximum allow-able size of a permanent accessory structure.* Previously, sheds could not be greater than 168 square feet in size. The amendment increases the maximum allowable size of a permanent accessory structure to 400 square feet provided that any structure greater than 168 square feet includes a concrete floor. The increase in size may provide residents an alternative to temporary accessory structures currently being utilized for storage of recreational vehicles.

If you have any questions or need more information regarding this matter, contact Timothy Haynes at the Village Hall (815-385-6023).

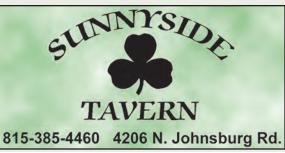
## Fall Brush Pickup



The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its fall brush pickup beginning **September 18th**, **2017.** All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00AM on Monday, the 18th of September. Crews will make one pass through each subdivision therefore any branches that are not placed by the road when they go by will not be picked up at a later time. **Branches should be a minimum of 4 feet in length and no greater than** 

6 inches in diameter to be safely placed in the chipper. They must be placed with their cut ends pointed

towards the road in a neat and orderly pile. Branches 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 provid***ed for larger branches generated from trimming or storm damage and is not intended for disposal of whole trees that have been removed.* 







At the beginning of this year, the new Leadership Team determined that JABA was at the crossroads of its future. It didn't take long for us to agree that it was about time for a long term plan to help the organization get to the next level, once we reviewed the past history and the awesome potential for JABA and our community. During this process we have learned so much about our people and our culture and our community which JABA stands by and supports. We have also learned to put everything on the table of reality and dream really big.... which was quite the challenge. So, *we are excited to introduce this fully comprehensive plan to our members at the October meeting.* 

In this plan, our hope is to provide a purpose, a direction, and a benchmark for our members and its future Leadership to use and to build upon going forward. We worked hard to prepare this plan with a sense of pride for the past and a commitment to the future while being sensitive to change that is sometimes difficult, yet exciting. The goal here is to begin immediate implementation of the plan with the help of our membership stepping up to participate. We realize that our success will ultimately depend on enthusiasm, commitment, having fun, and the persistence of our people.

JABA meets on the **1st Wednesday of the month at Stucky's Bar & Grille**. Networking starts at 6:00PM, and the meeting starts at 6:30PM and lasts for about 1 hour. All area businesses are welcome to attend.

More information can be found on our website **JohnsburgJABA.com**.



## Business News Around Town

Halftime Bar & Grill celebrated the grand opening of their newest addition the weekend of July 21st. The weekend long event featured food, beverage specials and bands to show appreciation to all of Halftime's customers old and new. Stop in and check out their expansion!

**Sew Convenient**, an alterations and clothing boutique, celebrated their grand opening in June at 2420 W. Johnsburg Road. Stop in and welcome Kelly to the community and get all of your sewing and alteration needs taken care of while doing a little boutique shopping.

**Paradise Financial Partners** celebrated the opening of their new location at 2400-A Johnsburg Road in mid-August. Paradise Financial Partners is a privately-owned financial services agency that helps individuals, businesses, self-employed individuals and independent contractors protect and pursue their highest and most important financial goals. Welcome to the neighborhood Paradise Financial Partners!

If you have a special event or announcement for your business and would like JABA to help spread the word, feel free to email us at info@johnsburgjaba.com.



# International in the Village of Johnsburg Participates in Walk to School USA "Walk to School Day"

Johnsburg Elementary, Johnsburg Junior High and St. John the Baptist will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 4, 2017. Students from these schools will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. The Walk to School Day event is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states.

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 the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.

## School is Back in Session

Both Johnsburg District 12 and St. John the Baptist Catholic School are back in session. Gone are the more leisurely days of summer and everyone's lives are once again filled with activities. While you are getting back into the school routine, we want to remind you of some back to school safe driving tips:



### SLOW DOWN

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present - especially before and after school. We receive frequent calls about people driving through neighborhoods at excessive speeds. Typically, the driver resides in the subdivision. Slow down and be a good neighbor!

### IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF

Make sure you know the schools drop-off procedures. Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles. Carpool whenever possible to reduce the number of vehicles at school.

### PEDESTRIANS

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic. Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing a crosswalk or intersection. Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds, parks and in all residential areas.

### SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area 10 feet around a



school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Remember children can be unpredictable and may not be aware of potential hazards.

## Halloween Safety

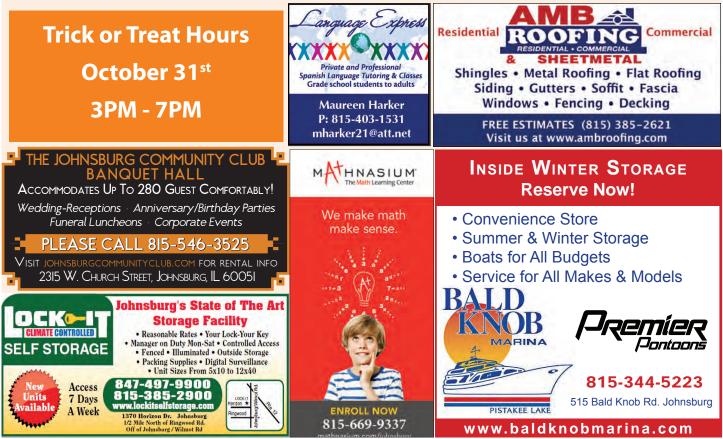
Halloween is not only a busy night for children but for adults as well. There are many precautions that can be taken to have a safe and fun night.

An easy way to deter potential problems is to make sure your house and property are well lit. Light is one of the biggest deterrents for burglaries. Offenders will most likely choose a dark residence over one that has clear visibility at night.

Extra caution needs to be taken while driving on Halloween not only during the night but during the day as well. Children tend to be pre-occupied with everything going on around them and not paying attention to crossing roads safely with parents or in a crosswalk. If you are the parent of a trick-or-treater, please remind them of road safety and to watch out for cars when crossing the road. Choose paths that are lighted and are familiar to you and your child.

Other things to consider are:

- If you set jack-o'-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that children's costumes will not accidentally be set on fire. Better yet, use battery-operated pumpkin lights.
- Carry your cell phone and a flashlight.
- Explain to your children that you need to check their candy before they eat any of it.
- Make sure their costume does not restrict their movement or vision.
- If your child will be carrying a prop such as a pitchfork or sword, make sure the tips are flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Never carry real weapons.
- Tell your children to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- Make sure you set a time for your children to be home and stress the importance for them to be home at that time.
- Control your pets: don't take a chance that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.



# New Residents

## Welcome to the Village of Johnsburg!



Just moving into the Village? If so, we know that there are many questions you may have regarding services and resources available to you. To address frequently asked questions and provide assistance, the Village has an informational brochure available at the Village Hall and on our website. The brochure covers information related to village services, utilities, garbage pickup, building permits and meeting schedules. Stop by the Village Hall or visit our website at www.johnsburg.org to get your informational brochure today. We also encourage you to sign up for our e-blast alerts to keep you informed of important news and events affecting our community.



## Emergency Preparedness

One of the most important preparedness steps in an emergency is to have the ability to receive important lifesaving alerts and other emergency information no matter where you are. Below is a list of some of the ways you can receive this information. Take a moment and sign up for services that fit your needs.

Service	What is it?	How do I get it?
Village of Johnsburg News Alerts & Emergency Notification	e-blast alerts advise residents of road closures, construction updates and public safety concerns. For your convenience these notices are sent straight to your email. Sign- up today!	Subscribe at http://www.johnsburg.org/newsletter/subscriptions
NOAA All- Hazard Radio (formerly known as Weather Radio)	A reliable source for comprehensive weather and other emergency information including natural, environmental, and public safety. An All-Hazard Radio receiver is very inexpensive and an item that every household should have.	Available at your local retail store (Walgreens, CVS, Wal-Mart etc)
Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)	Federally sponsored alerting service that sends a specially formatted message directly to your smartphone that is capable of receiving these alerts. Make sure your phone is WEA compatible!	More information: http://www.fema.gov/wireless-emergency-alerts
NIXLE	Free community alerting service via text and email. Many agencies in McHenry County use NIXLE to issue emergency alerts as well as important non-emergency messages. Sign up now!	http://www.nixle.com/
Text Alerts	National Weather Service maintains a list of providers that can send out severe weather and other emergency alerts via text. Most of the services listed are free.	http://www.weather.gov/subscribe
Mobile Apps	Apps from FEMA, Red Cross, WeatherBug, AccuWeather and many others can provide you with emergency information on your Android and iOS devices. While convenient, an APP SHOULD NOT BE YOUR SINGLE SOURCE for emergency information. Apps require a data network to operate and in times of emergency data networks can become congested or fail completely, causing delays in alert delivery at a time when every second counts.	Visit the app store on your mobile device

## Don't "Fall" for Fall Allergies

For some, brightly colored leaves are a signal that fall is here, but for those sensitive to allergens, there's a clearer



sign that autumn has arrived: allergy symptoms.

According to the National University of Health Sciences, ragweed is one of the top triggers of hay fever symptoms in the United States. It often gives millions of people runny noses and watery eyes. Additional allergens flourish in the fall from trees and grasses that pollinate in autumn, such as elms and mold growing in moist soil, vegetation, fallen leaves and gutters.

Here are some tips to help reduce fall allergens from getting out of hand:

- Change your air filter. Fall is when some homeowners turn their furnace on after months of it sitting idle. While it isn't in use, heating and cooling systems can accumulate dust and other particles. Before you turn on your HVAC system, install a new filter to keep that accumulated dust from kicking back into your air.
- After a day outdoors, hit the showers. Pollen can sometimes accumulate on your skin, hair and clothing. If you spend more than an hour or so outdoors, showering and changing clothes may help reduce allergens.
- Keep windows and doors closed. You may want to air out your house as the hot summer air cools. For many people with sensitivities to airborne particles, fall breezes may cause sneezes.

If all else fails, wait for the first frost. In areas with cooler climates, frost can freeze out one of fall's worst allergens-ragweed-for the season.

## New Street Signs

You may have noticed new street signs showing up around town. The new design was adopted by the Board last year. The blue and white signs include the Village's logo and are placed on decorative black powder coated posts. Stop signs will be placed on the same post in an effort to help eliminate sign pollution and reduce maintenance costs. We will continue to replace signs throughout the Village until all subdivisions are equipped with new more visible signs.









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## JOHNSBURG UP-COMING EVENTS

LION'S Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begin LION'S Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begin SEPT 7 OCT 5 at 7:30PM at 7:30PM Johnsburg Community Club's Black Light Bean Bag SEPT 8 OCT 13 & 14 LION'S Candy Day Fund Raiser Toss 5:00PM SEPT 9 LION'S Banjo Beer Event 5:00PM OCT 14 & 15 32<sup>nd</sup>Fall Diddley Boone County Fairgrounds Johnsburg Community Club Saufen Und Spiel SEPT 10 Parade 12:30PM, 18th Annual Cow Drop Raffle at OCT 18 - NOV 2 LION'S Wreath Pre-Sale fundraiser Order Period 4:00PM. Music by EPIC from 2:30PM - 6:30PM BEGINS Village of Johnsburg Brush Pick-up starts Monday OCT 20 St. John's Ladies Night Bunco in the Parish Hall SEPT 18 Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall LION'S Meat RaffleTicket Sales for First Raffle begin SEPT 22 NOV 2 Rummage Sale 9:00AM - 5:00PM at 7:30PM St. Johns Christmas Bazaar- Christmas crafters, bake Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall SEPT 23 NOV 10 - 12 Rummage Sale 9:00AM - 12:00PM sale in parish hall Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee SEPT 30 NOV 25 LION'S Wreath Pick-Up Celebration in Park Village of Johnsburg National Bike/Walk to School OCT 4 DEC 1 Holiday Magic - Johnsburg Community Club 5PM Day

> If you would like your non-profit organization's event listed here, please contact the Village of Johnsburg. Phone: **815-385-6023; email:** villagehall@johnsburg.org