

Voice of Johnsburg

A Hometown with Spirit



Winter 2017

A Big Thanks to our Hardworking Community Affairs Committee

We would like to thank the Community Affairs Committee and the many volunteers that have contributed their time and talents to bring the Village many memorable events this past year. The Easter Egg Hunt, Dancing Under the Stars, Celebration in the Park, Holiday Magic and Movies in the Park events were great successes thanks to their efforts.

In addition to coordinating and carrying out these events, the committee also planned for park improvements in Running Brook Farms Subdivision scheduled to be under construction this spring and worked closely with local sports organizations regarding maintenance and improvements to Village fields.

Mark your calendars for another year of fun festivities in 2018:

Family Skate Night – Saturday, January 20th
Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31st
Dancing Under the Stars – Friday, August 3rd
Celebration in the Park – Saturday, September 29th

Holiday Parade – Saturday, December 1st
Holiday Magic – Saturday, December 1st
Movies In The Park – dates to be determined

Sign up to receive event details and other important notices at johnsburg.org.
If you would like to volunteer your time or talents please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

Sledding Coming to Sunnyside Memorial Park in 2018-2019



You may have noticed a large mound of dirt in the rear of Sunnyside Memorial Park. The dirt came from Church Street road improvements and is being used to create a sledding hill that will open in late 2018. To prepare the hill for sledding the ground needs to be graded and have grass planted to keep the hill stable. Sledding will not be allowed this season. Watch for more information coming late 2018.



President's Letter



I am very proud and excited to announce that the Village has closed on the purchase of the Chapel Hill Golf Course. Over the years, our community has enjoyed many rounds of golf on this course while experiencing its beautiful landscape. To be able to announce that it is officially a part of our "Hometown with Spirit" brings me great joy as we see our community continue to grow in positive ways. I appreciate the outpouring of support from residents about this acquisition and I look forward to working on ways we can improve the course, while keeping it affordable. When acquiring the golf course, the Village also acquired the property on which the chapel is located. We want to preserve the chapel and will work in concert with the families that have been maintaining it over the years to ensure its care. The Village will work with a management company to operate the course and the revenues derived from the course's operations will be used to pay back the note secured to acquire the property. Our goal is to provide a golf course facility that is well maintained yet affordable for our residents while protecting an important recreational open space, which serves our community.

As I write this article, I cannot help but think about the wonderful fall season we experienced. Not only was the weather very pleasant, the events were amazing and extremely well attended. We closed out summer with the 46th Saufen und Spiel event. This event has grown so much over the years and continues to be an important annual tradition not only for the residents of our community but to those in surrounding communities as well. Thank you to the Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and Johnsburg Lions Club for all of their hard work in making it a success. Special thanks to Len Keil who also serves on our Development & Governmental Affairs Committee, for his coordination of the classic Thunderbirds that the Village officials have the honor of riding in during the parade. I truly appreciate the efforts of the Classic Thunderbird Club of Chicago and its members who we rode with this year including: Len Keil, Bill Axelsen, Art Hahl, Ed Levin, Dan Mrozek, Lloyd Schellin, Liz Werth, Jim Wilson, Dan Anderson, Lee Bakakos, and Bill Balogh. Additionally, I cannot say thank you enough for everyone's efforts in cleaning up after the parade. Your commitment to our community is among the many reasons we are proud to call Johnsburg "home".

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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 - 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 rescheduled from time to time.

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Ed Hettermann

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This fall the Community Affairs Committee hosted the Celebration in the Park event a few days earlier and it turned out to be an outstanding decision. The weather could not be any better and the community came out in full force to “celebrate in the park”. I would personally like to thank the Community Affairs Committee, Village staff and all of the generous volunteers and contributors who made this event possible. I would like to add a special thanks to a few businesses who graciously donated towards the event but were not included on the banners recognizing donations. Much thanks to the Johnsburg Community Club, Johnsburg Community Men’s Club and Oak Park Lounge for their contributions. Please see the article on page 7 for more information about the event and a full list of our generous contributors.

You probably noticed the increase in construction activity along Church Street as the contractors push to get the work done before winter. We are hopeful that by the time you receive this issue, the work will be complete. As I have previously reported, this is a project more than 20 years in the making and I am excited to see it become a reality. In addition to the Church Street project, the Sunnyside Beach sewer project is now complete and most of the residents have already connected. This project connects 33 more properties to the Village’s wastewater treatment system.



The Crew



Hiller Park



This year we were fortunate to have some additional hardworking groups of people who generously donated their time and talents to clean up and improve our community. In previous articles, I reported on how National Honor Society students from Johnsburg High School worked on beautification projects throughout the Village. More recently, a group of employees from Utilities, Inc. donated their time re-mulching trees at Hiller Park. The park looks remarkable thanks to their amazing efforts. I humbly say “Thank you” to those generous individuals and to Utilities, Inc. for coordinating this effort.

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 very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

Edwin Hettermann
Village President

Get Involved - Volunteer

The Village welcomes all 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 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 johnsburg.org or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.



Snow Season Reminders



Please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow or blow snow onto any public street. All shoveled, plowed, or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway.

Shovel snow to the right-hand side of the driveway, as viewed from the house, and clear a pocket of snow on the opposite side of your driveway. This simple procedure will help minimize the amount of residual snow being plowed from the street into your driveway.

Be sure not to shovel, plow or otherwise remove snow from sidewalks, parking lots, driveways or other private property in such a manner as to block or otherwise impede the access to public sidewalks adjacent to the property.

Every winter fire hydrants become buried by the snow. This creates a situation where it becomes difficult for the Fire Department to locate and use the hydrants. You can help by ensuring the hydrant near your home or business

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Wednesdays,
December 20 & January 24 7:00pm

Interested in photography? Welcome to the club! Whether you're an experienced photographer or just starting out, our goal is to motivate members to take more photos. Come share your work in a nurturing environment, learn new techniques, and broaden your photographic horizons. New members are encouraged to bring along hard copies or a flash drive of their favorite pics.

Registration is not required.

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Thursday of the month, 7:00pm

Help make the book club the best spot around for discovering and discussing great reads. Book selections are made based on suggestions and votes by club attendees. Copies are available for checkout at the front desk.

Registration is not required



HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOP: SPECIAL NEEDS

Wednesday, January 10, 7:00pm

Approximately 25% of homeschooling families have at least one student with special needs. These special needs can be physical, emotional, or educational. Dealing with these unique needs means creating a unique supportive learning environment.

Registration is not required. Children are welcome, but no child care is available. Please bring something to keep them occupied if appropriate.

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Shop with a Cop

The Johnsburg Police Department and the Johnsburg Lions Club created the "Shop with a Cop" program 20+ years ago. The program has built many positive relationships between police officers and the children of our community. Each child receives a fixed amount to spend on Christmas gifts at our local Walmart.



Children are recommended for participation in the program by police department members, school employees, social agencies and family shelters. Anyone can nominate a child who meets the criteria of being between the ages of five and fourteen and who has a social or economic need and has not participated in past years.

The "Shop with a Cop" program is fully funded by local donations. If anyone would like to donate to this wonderful program to help make a child's Christmas special, or would like to nominate a child, please contact Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815.385.6024.

2017 has been an extremely successful year for the Johnsborg Area Business Association under the leadership of it's Executive Team consisting of Lori Boyle – President (BWB Graphics), Len Thornburg – Vice-President (Edward Jones), John Huemann – Treasurer (Joseph H. Huemann & Sons Well Drilling), and Kim Giovanni – Secretary (Village of Johnsborg).

The Executive Team worked very hard to develop JABA's first Strategic Plan. This is a 3-5 year guide that was created to enhance the benefits of it's membership and reflects JABA's commitment to supporting business growth in our community. The plan includes our Vision and Mission statements along with specific long term measurable goals to be accomplished. The overall purpose is to continue to improve our community by providing a pathway for success that our membership will want to be involved and stay involved in. The top priority coming out of the Strategic Plan is to improve member marketing capabilities through JABA's website which is being redeveloped and expected to be fully functional in January.



Other highlights of 2017:

- The Business Expo annually held in March, is our major event of the year. The Expo allows participants an opportunity to meet face to face with current and potential customers. Membership provides a substantial discount to exhibit your products and services in a very personal manner.
- JABA sponsored another very valuable member networking event in June by hosting the annual "State of the Village" dinner and address. Opening remarks about JABA, the Strategic Plan and goals were presented by Len Thornburg and Village President Ed Hettermann spoke about Village accomplishments of the past year and plans for the future.
- The Roger Liston Scholarship Committee, headed by Dr. Rachel Northern (Northern Light Care) presented a \$500 scholarship to Johnsborg High School graduate Theresa Grimes who is attending Marquette University.
- JABA supports our local Johnsborg Shop with a Cop event with a \$500 donation each year to help children that are less fortunate to enjoy the giving spirit of Christmas. Johnsborg Police Officers assist these children with shopping for their families.
- JABA also provided a \$500 donation to the 2017 Celebration in the Park event and has over the years invested over \$4,000 towards new banners in the newly enhanced downtown area.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Stucky's Bar & Grille. Networking starts at 6:00 pm with complementary appetizers being served and the meeting begins at 6:30. Meetings allow members the opportunity to introduce themselves and their business along with sharing information about the products and services they provide. In addition, members have an opportunity to add much needed input about how JABA can better serve local area businesses and the community.

If you have a business, no matter what size, come to our meetings and get to know other business owners in and around Johnsborg.

For information about membership visit the JABA website at johnsburgjaba.com or call John Huemann at 815.482.8724.



CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, the Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee held the 11th Annual Celebration in the Park event. Friends and family came out to enjoy a fun filled evening of live music, food and beverages donated by Angelo's Fresh Market and Sunnyside Tavern, prepared and served by members of the Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks Football organization. An assortment of beverages were served by the Johnsburg Post Prom Committee and adult beverages were served by the Johnsburg Lions Club. Children enjoyed the moon jumps, face painting, games and everyone was wowed by the incredible fireworks display at the end of evening. We would like to thank the following generous contributors who made this event possible:

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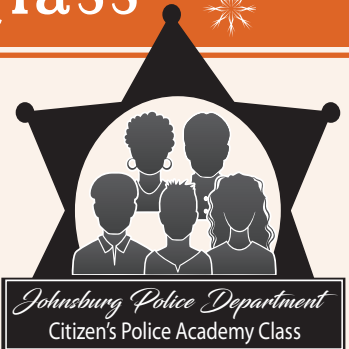
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Citizen's Police Academy Class



The Johnsburg Police Department has announced the 7th annual Citizen's Police Academy Class. A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate adult 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 or work within our village and have a desire to learn more about their police department. Enrolled citizens 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 Academy begins in February, 2018 and will meet once per week for a total of 9 two to 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 as well as business owners and employees. 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 outstanding warrants
- No prior felony conviction
- No pending criminal cases

Class size is limited to 8 participants, and the class will fill quickly, so please visit www.johnsburg.org for a printable pdf application. Any questions may be directed to Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815-385-6024 or by e-mail at police@johnsburg.org.



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Driving past the Police Department on Chapel Hill Road, residents will notice the lack of police squads parked at the facility. Previously we reported that our police department has long outgrown their current facility. Not only is the building bursting at the seams with activity, the parking lot is also not large enough to handle the traffic experienced on a daily basis, nor are there opportunities to expand it. To address this challenge, we

expanded and paved a portion of the parking lot at the public works facility to house squad cars and our police officer's personal vehicles when on duty. We recently completed improvements in that facility to add bath/locker rooms and a squad room that will serve as a location for the officers to check in each day.

With the improvements completed, our officers now begin and end their day at the Route 31 building therefore all police vehicles are housed at that facility when not in use. The facility is equipped with cameras and fencing which helps to insure the security of the police squads. **General police operations will continue to take place at the Police Department at 3611 N. Chapel Hill Road.** Residents needing to obtain a police report or talk with an officer can still do so by stopping by the Chapel Hill Road facility.

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Every year people choose a list of resolutions for the next year. Unfortunately, many of these resolutions are forgotten by March. A major reason for this is that it's deceptively difficult to develop or deny ingrained habits 'cold turkey'.



Here are some tips for success in setting goals:

- **KEEP YOUR FUTURE IN MIND:** Think of what you would have in your ideal life, and where you'd like to be in two, five, or even ten years, and see if your goals bring you closer to that picture. If so, they're good goals to stick with.
- **THINK IN TERMS OF BROAD CHANGES RATHER THAN SPECIFIC BEHAVIORS:** Resolving to develop a stress management practice gives more room for growth and change than "Do Yoga Every Morning". Deciding to develop a practice gives you room to experiment, and allows you to change course if you find that Yoga isn't working for you.
- **THINK IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR LIFE, RATHER THAN WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE AWAY:** Instead of making the goal to eat less unhealthy food, focus on trying to eat more healthy food. You may feel deprived if you think of taking something away rather than adding something good. Also, it's usually easier to add a behavior than to stop a behavior.
- **CREATE HABITS:** Once you have your goals set, keep them in the forefront of your mind. Keep them listed in your day-planner, have them as part of your screen saver, or put reminders in prominent places around your house.

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9 Tips To Stay Healthy This Winter

Viruses can thrive indoors; if your immune system isn't up to the task, you're likely to catch the latest bug. That's why it's essential to ward off the very real threat of colds, flu, and other scary winter germs.



1. Get a flu shot

An influenza vaccination can reduce the risk of flu illness by 50 to 60% in the general population and can decrease the severity and side effects if you get sick.

2. Stock up on pens

Cold and flu germs are easily passed through hand-to-hand contact so any way you can avoid touching public objects—such as the communal pen at the bank—will cut your risk. Having your own supply of dime-a-dozen plastic ballpoints might just keep you from picking up a virus.

3. Buy plenty of hand sanitizer

Researchers found that those who carried hand sanitizer with them had 59% fewer cases of stomach bugs. When used correctly—squirt out enough gel so your hands still feel damp after rubbing together for 10 to 15 seconds—these products nearly eliminate germs.

4. Join a club

Friendships counteract the harmful effects of stress hormones, but new research says the more friends you have, the healthier you'll be. Start a book club or cultivate group-friendly hobbies.

5. Set goals

When facing adversity, we become hyper alert and our bodies guard themselves against enemies—whether a predator or a virus. The best prescription is to set your sights on a reachable target. At the beginning of each week, give yourself at least one challenge that you aim to accomplish by Friday.

6. Take a daily multivitamin

Look for one with 100% of the recommended daily values of vitamins A, B6, B12, C, and D and the minerals chromium, copper, folic acid, selenium, calcium, and zinc. Take this during a meal that contains a bit of fat so you can absorb the nutrients better; a glass of water will help the pill dissolve.

7. Wash your hands—a lot

Experts agree that simple soap-and-water hand washing is an easy and effective way to stay healthy year-round.

8. Sleep

Getting enough sleep is the most important thing to do, because any other precautions you take against cold or flu—the right food, supplements, even vaccinations—won't offer the same protection if your body's too tired to use them properly.

9. Take zinc

At the first sign of symptoms, zinc may help prevent or lessen the duration of a cold; it also helps when used shortly after possible exposure to a virus (a plane trip or a visit to a sick friend).



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