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8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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
2nd Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance
3rd Thursday 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.

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Village President's Letter



What a great summer it's been! I have really enjoyed seeing everyone experiencing the warmer weather and enjoying time with neighbors and friends. One of the most talked about subjects this summer has been the temporary closing of the Chapel Hill Bridge. The project reminded us all how much our community relies on the bridge every day. Although the closure made it difficult to travel throughout our community and created challenges for our businesses, the repairs were necessary and we can feel confident knowing that the bridge remains safe for travel. I would like to give a special thanks to the **McHenry County Division of Transportation** for working cooperatively with the Village on this project and keeping it on schedule. I would also like to thank all of our residents and businesses owners for the patience and support they exhibited throughout the project.

With the bridge now open, you have probably noted that traffic movement at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Chapel Hill Road is restricted. Motorists can no longer make a left turn from Fairview onto Chapel Hill Road. The board established the regulation to address safety concerns and minimize the potential for accidents.

Memorial Day weekend in Johnsburg was extraordinarily special this year. In addition to the wonderful Memorial Day event hosted by the Johnsburg VFW Post #11496 each year, we also had the honor of hosting the Wall that Heals Vietnam War Memorial in our community thanks to the efforts of Township Supervisor Mr. Craig Adams and McHenry Township officials. Both events were well attended and provided an opportunity for our residents to pay tribute to those that have served and continue to serve our country. Many thanks to the Johnsburg VFW and to McHenry Township for their dedication to our service men and women. I would also like to thank the Arcari family for once again allowing the VFW to perform the wreath ceremony at the Waterfront Hotel and Marina. During the ceremony, a moment of silence was observed for Mario Arcari, who passed away shortly before Memorial Day. Mr. Arcari was owner of the Waterfront Hotel and Marina along with his wife Joan. They both have done much for our community and my sincere condolences go out to the family for their loss.

I would like to give a special thanks to Bill & Connie Schey of the Folds of Honor Organization, who, with the help of countless contractors, tradesmen & volunteers, are building a second home in Johnsburg. Once completed, the home will be sold and the entire sales price will be donated to provide scholarships for military families whose parent or spouse was killed or injured in the line of duty. I cannot express enough how proud and honored I am that this great organization decided to pursue this important project here in Johnsburg. On behalf of the President and Board of Trustees, thank you for making a difference in our community.

If you would like to make a donation supporting Families that have Sacrificed so much, or to learn more go to chicago.foldsofhonor.org click on the "Johnsburg House Project" or send a check made to Folds of Honor c/o Bill Schey 1435 S. Barrington Road, Barrington IL 60010. Folds is a 501(c)3 charity and an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you. There will be a realtors open house at 3518 Aubrey Dr. on August 26th from 1 - 4 PM.

On June 13th, the **Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA)** hosted the 8th annual **State of the Village** dinner at the Pistakee Yacht Club. Business owners from around the community once again attended for a presentation on this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. I would like to thank JABA President Mrs. Lori Boyle and the organizing committee consisting of Mr. Joshua Hagen, Mrs. Kim Giovanni and Mr. John Huemann for all of their hard work in coordinating the event. View the full presentation on the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org.

On July 7th, **Tom Fuchs**, owner of Oak Park Lounge and his dedicated group of volunteers, put on another incredible fireworks display in celebration of the Fourth of July. The event was well attended and all had a good time. I want to thank Tom as well as the many who donated to make this event a success, each and every year Oak Park puts together what I think are easily one of the best firework displays in the county! I am so proud that this great business and individuals that work/help with this event are a part of the Johnsburg community. Every time I think this event cannot possibly get better, they prove me wrong each time. Thanks again Tom Fuchs.

If you missed some or all of these events, no need to worry there will be much more to come this fall. Join your neighbors and friends for a weekend of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and the parade during Saufen und Spiel weekend September 7th through September 9th. Shortly thereafter, the Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee will host the annual Celebration in the Park event on September 29th. The Committee is busy working to secure donations from businesses and organizations to help fund the event. All contributions are greatly appreciated for without them we would be unable to host this community event. If you are interested in donating, contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Read the article on page 4 for more information regarding Celebration in the Park.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to be cautious when traveling through the community. During the summer, more people are moving about and soon our children will be heading back to school. Be mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, and people traveling by golf carts. Keeping our Village safe requires the efforts of the entire community but it starts with each person as an individual. Keep this quote in mind "Safety doesn't happen by accident." Make the effort and help Johnsburg remain the safe "Hometown with Spirit."

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Village President, if you have any questions about any Village concern, please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone at (815) 482-8605 or leave a message at the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

Respectfully,
Edwin Hettermann - Village President

Celebration in the Park

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 you are missing 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 29** at Sunnyside Memorial Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. 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 at Celebration In The Park!

Annual Fall Brush Pickup

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual fall brush pickup beginning **September 17th, 2018**. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, the 17th 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 to be safely placed in the chipper and no greater than 6 inches in diameter.** 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 provided for larger branches generated from trimming or storm damage and is not intended for disposal of whole trees that have been removed.***



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The 2018 Road Maintenance Program is underway. Public Work's employees have been working throughout the community trimming trees, sweeping streets, filling in shoulder gravel and performing small road patch repairs. The Village solicited bids for road resurfacing and larger patching projects, which will be underway shortly. Roads in Dutch Creek Woodlands, Country Oaks and Prairie Commerce Center are included in this year's resurfacing program. Road patching will also be done in Lake Dawnwood and along major arterials throughout the Village. Please proceed with extra caution when traveling through work areas.



Maintaining our roadways is a high priority. Each year, roads are inspected to determine their overall condition and then rated to establish a maintenance schedule. By monitoring our infrastructure and establishing timely maintenance plans, we can manage maintenance costs effectively. This past year, the Village implemented a new rating system called PASER, which stands for the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating. The PASER system utilizes industry acceptable criteria to provide for better management of our road infrastructure. It incorporates a formal structure to address roads with emphasis on safety, sustainability and ride-ability. The program serves as a great planning tool, which enables the Village to operate more efficiently and economically. Through the system we can track costs, maintain an accurate inventory and record historical data.

Village of Johnsburg Participates in "Walk to School Day"



Johnsburg Elementary, Johnsburg Junior High and St. John the Baptist schools will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate **International Walk to School Day on October 10, 2018**. 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, 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.



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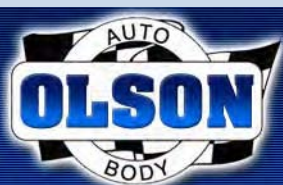


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Saufen und Spiel 2018



The Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2018. Starting Friday evening, September 7th thru Sunday, September 9th, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music, games and good old fashion fun!

Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 7th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Clubs **11th 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 **Old School** starting at 7PM.



The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday, September 8th for the **12th Annual Banjo Beer Night**. The festivities will start at 5:00PM. Your feet will be tapping when **Steve and Steve** take the stage at 6:00PM and **Friction** at 8:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your appetite as there will be plenty of burgers, brats and hot dogs and fresh sweet "corn on the cob" roasting on the grill. The event includes a raffle and some frosty beverages to beat the heat.

On Sunday, Sept. 9th the **46th Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade** will start at 12:00PM at the Johnsburg Village Hall. All parade entrees will line up in the parking lot at Sunnyside Park. Find yourself a good seat along the route (see route below) and enjoy all the various 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, dancing to live music by **Acousticholics** from 1:00PM – 2:00PM followed by **Epic** from 2:30PM to 6:30PM.

The finale of the day's festivities will be the always popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities). 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, go to www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com or call Brian Rich at 815-482-4594.



ALL PARADE ENTREES WILL LINE UP BY SUNNYSIDE PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Back to School



Johnsburg District 12 and St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Schools will soon be back in session. Before long, the more leisurely days of summer will give way to academic and fall sports 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. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. 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 at a red light 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 and 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.

CHILDREN OFTEN ARE UNPREDICTABLE, and they may not recognize potential hazards and take risks.

Johnsburg Public Library Events

Library programs are free of charge and require advance registration. Sign up online at johnsburglibrary.org or call the library at 815-344-0077. A complete listing of upcoming programs is available on the online Calendar of Events at johnsburglibrary.org.



The A, B, C & D of Medicare Monday, September 10, 7pm

When the time comes to choose a Medicare plan or review your existing coverage, the options can seem overwhelming. To help you get started, we invite you to attend this educational seminar. You'll learn all about your Medicare choices, with resources that make it easy to understand the basics of Medicare.

Registration begins August 20.

Medicare Supplemental & Gap Insurance Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 - 9pm

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) pays for many of your healthcare services and supplies, but it doesn't pay for everything. That's why you might want to consider getting a Medicare supplement plan, also called Medigap. Medicare supplement plans are offered through private insurance companies and help pay some of the hospital and medical costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover, such as copayments, coinsurance and yearly deductibles. Come learn about the various options available to you.

Registration begins September 1.

College: Getting There From Here Saturday, September 15, 1pm

Whether your children are learning to crawl or learning to drive, you can help make a college education a reality. We'll discuss questions to consider as you establish a college savings goal, strategies to help you reach your goal, and the features and benefits of 529 college savings plans.

Registration begins September 1.

Foundations of Investing Saturday, September 29, 1pm

Building your investor IQ starts with understanding the basics. Whether you are new to investing or need a refresher, this presentation will discuss the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals.

Registration begins September 10.

Fall Back: Home Preparedness Checklist for Time Change Sunday, November 4, 2018

Autumn is right around the corner and Time Change Sunday is on the way!

On the first Sunday in November, we come to the end of Daylight Saving Time. As you circle the house, resetting clocks, take time for this short safety checklist to make your home safer.

Change the clocks and the batteries. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives ... if they're powered on by a fresh battery. Safety experts recommend replacing smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries twice a year--so celebrate Time Change Sunday with fresh batteries all around. **Energy savings hint:** don't toss the replaced batteries just yet. While they're likely not fully charged, replaced batteries can still do duty in children's toys, media players or electronic devices. Squeeze the last drop of power out of them before you recycle!

Replace light bulbs. Long dark winter evenings call for a little illumination! Since you'll have stepladders out to reach smoke detectors and clocks, double up on safety (and energy savings) by checking for light bulbs and fixtures. Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent or LCD bulbs. The U.S. Environmental Protection estimates that replacing standard bulbs with energy-efficient ones saves over \$30 in electricity costs over their lifetime.

Prepare for cold and flu season. With the cooler weather comes colds and flu. Check your medicine cabinet and assess stocks of over-the-counter medications. Make sure you have sufficient non-aspirin fever reducers, cough syrup, and decongestants needed to fight colds or flu. In the pantry, a stockpile of canned soup and lemon-lime soda can ease cold symptoms and fight off dehydration--and don't forget to stock up on disposable tissues for all those coughs and sneezes!

Make or review your family emergency plan. If an emergency strikes, will your family know what to do? Review your family's emergency plan, or create one for the first time. Update phone numbers, addresses and contact information, and post an Emergency Information Page near the phone.



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Recycling News

Hundreds of tons of recycling material is collected every day in communities. Unfortunately, a higher percentage of non-recyclable materials are being found in the recycling. That often happens by mistake or due to lack of information. Current recycling markets require clean, quality materials with virtually no contamination. **Some of the most common contaminates that are found in the recycling stream include:**



- ♻️ Plastic bags, are NOT accepted in single stream recycling. Oftentimes retailers may accept them.
- ♻️ Pizza boxes, which contain residual grease, cheese or other toppings. Don't include food-soiled items and liquids – they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.
- ♻️ Bubble wrap and shrink wrap cause damage, down-time and costly repairs to recycling equipment.
- ♻️ Electrical cords, string/rope material, rubber and plastic hose, clothing. These items are called “tangles” and can shut down an entire recycling plant!
- ♻️ Propane tanks, batteries and electronic waste can start fires at the recycling plant.
- ♻️ Medical equipment and devices of any kind, such as needles, tubing and gloves. They can cause injury to workers.

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I can't believe that we are halfway through summer, fall is coming up quickly. This summer we had our **1st Annual Golf Outing** on July 12th. We were blessed with beautiful weather. A wonderful time was had by all, meeting new people, having fun and networking. A big thank you goes out to Tom Sellars with 247 Credit Funding, Tom chaired the golf committee, he did a great job! We had several generous hole sponsors to support this event. **Thank you to our hole sponsors:** Joseph H. Huemann & Sons Inc., Quality Tire Service, Johnsburg State Bank, Raymond's Bowl & Entertainment Center, Matt Perley with Edward Jones, RB Custom Designs Inc., and 247 Credit Funding.

The 3rd and 4th quarter of 2018 will be an exciting time for JABA as we have excellent speakers and events planned:

August Meeting - JABA member Dr. Laura King of Wellness, Health & Motivation, Inc. will teach us how to manage stress to live our best life.

September Meeting - JABA Member Stephanie Voss from Johnsburg School District will discuss collaboration opportunities between local businesses and high school students.

October Meeting - Peter Gault, an HR professional, will teach us how to hire and retain the right staff.

November Meeting - Carla Merlak & Patrick Noone, both tax professionals, will provide tips on closing out the year and preparing for the coming year.

December Meeting – Our December meeting is a chance to celebrate the season with fellow JABA members. Join us – it's a very fun event!

JABA meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, at Stucky's Bar & Grille. Our monthly meetings provide networking opportunities before and after our regular agenda items. Complementary light snacks are served.

Stay up to date on JABA events

- Facebook
www.facebook.com/JohnsburgJABA/
- Website
www.JohnsburgJABA.com

If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please email us at info@JohnsburgJABA.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Lori Boyle
JABA President

Trick-or-Treating 2018

New this year, trick or treating in the Village of Johnsburg will take place on

**Sunday, October 28th from
3pm to 7pm**

Halloween Safety - Trick or Treat

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 your property are well lit. Light is one of the biggest deterrents for burglaries. Suspects 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 safely crossing roads 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 the 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.



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Johnsburg Events 2018

- AUG 11**
5th Annual Jr. Skyhawk Steak Dinner and Raffle
- AUG 25**
JEPF 24th Annual Orange Ball Golf Outing
- SEPT 6**
LION'S - Meat Raffle - Raffle begins at 7:30PM
- SEPT 7**
Bean Bag Tournament 5:00PM
- SEPT 8**
LION'S Banjo Beer Night 5:00PM
- SEPT 9**
Saufen Und Spiel Parade 12:00PM
- SEPT 21**
Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale 9:00AM – 5:00PM
- SEPT 22**
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- SEPT 22**
1st Annual Burg-B-Que
- SEPT 29**
Celebration in the Park
- OCT 4**
LION'S - Meat Raffle - Raffle begins at 7:30PM
- OCT 10**
National Bike/Walk to School Day
- OCT 12 & 13**
LION'S Candy Day Fund Raiser
- OCT 17 – NOV 1**
LION'S Wreath Pre-Sale fundraiser Order Period
- OCT 19**
St. John's Ladies Night Bunco in the Parish Hall
- OCT 28**
Trick-or-Treating 3pm-7pm
- NOV 1**
LION'S - Meat Raffle - Raffle begins at 7:30PM
- NOV 9 - 10**
St. Johns Christmas Bazaar- Christmas crafters, bake sale in parish hall
- NOV 24**
LION'S Wreath Pick-Up
- DEC 1**
Holiday Magic & Parade

If you would like your non-profit organization's events listed here, please contact the Village of Johnsburg
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