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Summer 2018



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Utilities, Inc. Proposed Rate Increase Public Hearing



The Illinois Commerce Commission has scheduled a local public hearing on the Utilities, Inc. increase matter on **May 7th** at 7PM at Johnsburg High School, 2002 W. Ringwood Rd. If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter we encourage you to attend the hearing.

Bridge Rehabilitation

The McHenry County Division of Transportation has scheduled maintenance repairs on the Bay Road Bridge and Chapel Hill Road Bridge:



Bay Road Bridge

The existing structure will undergo a major rehabilitation consisting of removal and replacement of all deck beams and deck surface. Work also includes structural concrete repairs at the abutments, as well as new approach pavement and landscaping to restore work areas. Bay Road Bridge, located between Chapel Hill Road and Cuhlman Road has been reduced to one lane. Temporary traffic signals will be utilized to control traffic through the construction zone.



Chapel Hill Road Bridge

The McHenry County Department of Transportation has published updated information for the Chapel Hill Road Bridge Project. During a portion of the construction the

bridge will be fully closed. The full closure is expected to be June 4th through July 30th. Boat traffic will be allowed but a "no wake" zone will be imposed.

For updates on these projects go to Johnsburg.org. Questions regarding these projects can be directed to Helena Sullivan at the McHenry County Division of Transportation at HESullivan@MchenryCountyIL.gov or 815-482-4277.

Burning of Landscape Waste - McHenry County Public Health Ordinance



There is no burning on public or private roads, alleys, sidewalks or easements. For more information see "Open Burning" on the McHenry County Department of Health Website or call 815-334-4585.

PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:

Burning landscape waste within 100 feet of a habitable structure and within 50 feet of a non-habitable structure

RESTRICTIONS WHEN GREATER THAN 100 FEET OF A HABITABLE STRUCTURE:

- Only landscape waste and only on the property where the landscape waste was generated
- During the months of April, May, Oct and Nov on weekend days (Saturdays & Sundays)
- Between dawn and dusk when the winds are less than 10 mph
- Must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age
- A fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source must be available at the burning site

Boat Launch Stickers

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 sticker cost for Village residents is \$10 and non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$50.

Voluntary Vehicle Sticker Renewal

Although the Village no longer requires the use of vehicle stickers, we do have them available for residents who wish to display one. Stickers are now available and can be purchased at the Village Hall for a cost of \$10. Display of this sticker also enables Village residents to utilize the Riverview Drive Boat Launch.

Village President's Letter



Spring is finally upon us and we are all anxious to get outside to work in our yards and enjoy time with family and friends after hibernating through the long winter. Now that the weather is warming up I hope you will have a chance to enjoy the Chapel Hill Golf Course in its first official season as part of Johnsborg. There are many different tee times, open golf and leagues available. Please visit www.chapelhillgc.com or call 815-344-1894 to book a tee time or to learn about daily schedules for the summer. Also, as warmer weather arrives, I would like to remind residents that the Village does permit the use of golf carts and certain utility vehicles on village streets provided that they meet specific requirements. See page 6 for the requirements and ride safe this summer!

I'm sure that most of you have heard the buzz about the repair work that will close the Chapel Hill Road Bridge for a period of time this summer. In addition to this bridge closing, the Bay Road Bridge will also have some rehabilitation done but there will be one lane open at all times. Read more about these projects on page 3 and visit the Village website for project updates.

I speak often about the Community Affairs Committee and the great events they plan for the community. Recently, the Committee grew and split into two focus areas. One group will continue to plan community events and the other will focus on the Village's parks and facilities. Committee Chairman Tom Curry and I welcome new members Jessica Johnson, JoeDee Hettermann, Dawn Barrett, Scott Thornton, Laurie Peters and Scott Diedrich.

The Community Affairs Committee hosted the 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 31st. While the weather prevented the event from being held outside at Sunnyside Park as planned, the Community Affairs Committee hopped into action and used the Village Hall for the hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny. It is always such a great joy for me to see the families of the community come together for such a fun event. Great job Community Affairs Committee on planning such great events for our Community to enjoy.

For the second year in a row, the Village recently received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017. This is an amazing honor and the Village of Johnsborg along with myself cannot thank the individuals responsible for making it happen enough. I would like to thank Village Administrator Claudett Peters and Village Accountant Kim Giovanni for their efforts in making the award possible; in addition I want to thank Village Trustee and Finance Chairman Greg Klemstein and past Finance Chairman, Mary Lou Hutchinson, along with the Finance Committee for the work they have done over the past several years to help position the Village to pursue this recognition. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of

governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Village and its management. Great job everyone! Let us continue the hard work and make it three years in a row!

On St. Patrick's Day the Johnsborg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the Annual Business & Craft expo at Johnsborg High School. Every year this is one of my most memorable events, giving me a chance to see some of the great products and services offered in our area.

I would like to invite the entire community to a very special event. The 45th Annual Joe Frett Golf Outing, hosted by the Community Club, will be on June 15th with tee times as early as 6am. All proceeds from the outing will be used to provide a scholarship to a young man or woman graduating from Johnsborg High School. Please join the fun and make this Joe Frett Annual Golf Outing the best ever. There are many tee times available! For more information call or text Mike Clark at 815 790 9213.

I am pleased that the Oak Park Lounge, Tom, Don and Greg Fuchs and their team of hardworking volunteers are planning the annual fireworks display over Pistakee Bay again this year. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 7th at Oak Park Lounge. All donations are helpful and if you would like to donate to this event, please mail donations payable to Pistakee Bay Fireworks c/o Mr. Tom Fuchs, 801 W. Oak Grove Road, Johnsborg, Illinois 60051. Watch for more details at Johnsborg.org.

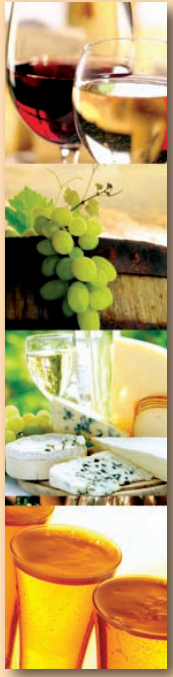
Throughout the summer there will be many events to attend in the community; some of the events are the VFW Memorial Day Parade and free community picnic, followed by a baseball game at Tiger Memorial Field on the Johnsborg Community Club grounds, Dancing Under the Stars, Movies in the Park, and the State of the Village Dinner and Address. For more information on these events as well as others please see the articles included in this newsletter, follow Village e-blasts and visit the Village website. I hope to see both new and familiar faces out in the community as the warmer weather arrives. Come out and join family and friends at some of these great events throughout the summer!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Village President, if you have any questions or any Village concerns, call me at (815) 482-8605.

Respectfully,
Edwin Hettermann - Village President

★ Save the Date ★
★ for the 4th Annual ★

★ “Dancing Under
★ the Stars” ★



The Village of Johnsburg in coordination with the Community Affairs Committee invites adults (21 years or over) to the 4th Annual Dancing Under the Stars event on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD** from 6PM to 10PM at Johnsburg Community Club.

The event features wine and craft brew tasting, music and dancing. Wine, beer and appetizers will be provided by International House of Wine & Cheese.

Tastings are not limited. Tickets are limited and are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the event. Community Affairs Committee Members, Trustees and the Village Hall will be selling tickets.



Picnics in the Park

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

Spring Brush Pickup



The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual spring brush pickup beginning Monday, **June 11, 2018**. This service is provided for larger branches generated from trimming or storm damage and is not intended for disposal of whole trees that have been removed. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7AM on June 11th. Crews will make one pass through each subdivision. Any branches placed by the road after they go by will **not** be picked up at a later time. **All branches must be a minimum of 4 feet in length 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.

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Financial Reporting Award



The Village of Johnsburg received notice that it has been awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** by the **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)** for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Village and its management. This is the second consecutive year the Village has earned the award.

Use of Golf Carts on Village Roads

Golf carts and other qualified non-highway vehicles may be driven on streets within the Village's corporate boundaries with the exception of Johnsburg Road, Ringwood Road and any county roads. Signs have been posted on streets where golf carts are allowed.



In order to drive these vehicles in the Village, you must be 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and complete the mandatory annual inspection of your vehicle. The initial cost to register your non-highway vehicle is \$50 and renewals are \$10. This fee includes the cost of a sticker which is required to be displayed. If you have a golf cart or other allowable utility vehicle, or are thinking of purchasing one, please review Chapter 15.15 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code regulating their use. This code can be viewed on the Village's website and at the Village Hall. You may print the non-highway vehicle application from the Village website. **Note that the use of four wheelers, motorbikes and other all-terrain vehicles with saddle seats are prohibited on Village streets.**

Memorial Day in Johnsburg



Memorial Day in Johnsburg is a patriotic event like no other. Gather your family and join fellow friends and neighbors to honor veterans, both past and present on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th. Attendees can park at the Johnsburg State Bank or the Community Club before the riverside ceremony. [A township bus will be available to transport people to the bridge](#) before 8:30AM and before 10:30AM for those unable to walk to the community club for the final ceremony starting about 10:30AM.

Plan to be on the bridge sidewalk by 8:30AM to observe and enjoy the patriotic performances of the Johnsburg High School band, choir and buglers. The Johnsburg VFW will conduct the opening ceremony at 9AM at the Waterfront Hotel & Marina riverfront patio by the Chapel Hill Bridge. A river wreath ceremony will follow to honor those

lost at sea during naval battles. Flying aircraft are again part of this year's ceremonies. After the events conclude at the Waterfront Hotel & Marina, a parade will proceed to the Johnsburg Community Club's Armed Forces Memorial for a concluding ceremony. The parade will travel along Chapel Hill Road through the roundabout to St. John's Avenue and end at Rescue Squad Memorial Park. A ceremony will then be held immediately following the parade at the Johnsburg Community Club Armed Forces Flag Memorial. A baseball game, sponsored by the Johnsburg Community Men's Club (JCMC), will follow. Antique and military vehicles will also be on display. Food and beverages will be served picnic-style by the Johnsburg Lions Club and JCMC members will tend the bar in the clubhouse.

For updated information and parade applications please email georgebraun@comcast.net directly. Food and donations are being provided by Johnsburg residents and business owners. Anyone wishing to donate to this patriotic event can do so by dropping a check off at the Village Hall made out to the Johnsburg VFW Post 11496.

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How important is it to have a building permit?

If work is done without required permits, you can face fines, the need to redo work and problems when selling. This isn't an area where you want to beg forgiveness rather than ask permission.

Permits can also be a form of consumer protection. A contractor who won't pull required permits might lack appropriate licensing. That's something you should know before a project starts. Permits require a code enforcement inspector to sign off on work at various stages, depending on the type of project. This provides assurance that framing, plumbing, electrical or other work meets code. Also, a lack of required permits may affect your home's insurance coverage.

Skipping remodeling permits may cost you. If local authorities discover work done without proper authorization, you may be fined. Also, you may end up paying twice for work because the code enforcement department may require you to remove drywall to inspect work. Other work you already paid for may also have to be redone.

Unauthorized work may also be discovered when future buyers hire an inspector, who may seek records related to improvements. The seller may end up paying fines and having problems selling the home.

But how do you know what projects require a permit? The easiest way is to contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 and ask. Generally speaking, any improvement that changes the home's electrical, plumbing or structural systems requires a permit. This means adding on to the home or moving walls inside the existing structure, especially if the walls are load bearing.

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION (including but not limited to):



- New Buildings
- Additions
- Alterations – structural, electrical, plumbing
- Decks & Patios
- Re-Siding and Re-Roofing
- Fireplaces
- Demolition
- Driveways and Culverts
- Fences
- Heating/Air Conditioning
- Piers & Seawalls
- Relocation of Structures
- Signs
- Site Development (any moving or adding dirt)
- All underground work
- Pools (above ground and in ground, hot tubs)

McHenry Township Electronic Waste & Brush Recycling Programs

The township has a convenient drop-off location to motivate residents to dispose of their used computers and electronics. Drop off is located at the Township Road District Recycling Center at the parking lot of 3703 N. Richmond Road. Drop off dates are April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, October 20 and November 17 from 8:00 am to Noon. **THERE WILL BE NO DROP OFF OF RECYCLING ITEMS DURING THE WEEK.**

Donations are suggested for:
Televisions & monitors - .50 per pound
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It's Time to Rethink Recycling

Ever wonder, "Why and how to recycle?" When you recycle properly you help materials get to their next best use, which in turn saves tons upon tons of raw materials, time, energy and expense.

Did you know 69% of plastic bottles don't get recycled and 45% of aluminum cans end up in the garbage. Liquids often spoil a whole load of otherwise recyclable paper. The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than other. Recycling rules will help you rethink recycling to make a sustainable impact.



RECYCLING RULES

- Recycle all bottles, cans and paper
- Keep items clean and dry
- No plastic bags

Certain offenders can slow down the recycling process or even ruin the load. Make the promise at RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

Celebration in the Park

Saturday, September 29, 2018

The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event. One of Johnsburg's most popular events enjoyed by all ages! Family, friends and neighbors come out to Sunnyside Memorial Park for a fun filled evening with live music, delicious food, cold beverages, games, hayrides and FIREWORKS! We are pleased to say the event is growing every year. This community celebration is made possible through the generous contributions from area businesses and residents. We are very grateful to our past contributors and hope you will consider contributing again so this event can continue. **Donations, in any amount, from individuals, groups or businesses are needed and would be greatly appreciated.** For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact Tim Haynes at (815) 385-6023.



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The Waterfront Hotel & Marina logo features a stylized 'W'. Below it are two photos: one of a woman relaxing in a bed and another of a boat on the water.

The Johnsburg Area Business Association is proud to sponsor the **8th Annual State of the Village** dinner. The featured speaker for the evening will be Village President, Ed Hettermann. The dinner is being held at the Pistakee Yacht Club on Wednesday, **June 13th, 2018**. Open bar will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by Maravela's of Fox Lake. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and \$340.00 for a table of 8. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this event please contact Joshua Hagen at (815) 385-2700 no later than June 1, 2018.

Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's 5th Annual Steak Fry



The Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's 5th Annual Steak Fry is August 11, 2018 at Johnsburg Community Club. Doors open at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$25 and include two (2) beer or wine tickets, steak, potato, salad, dinner roll and dessert. Silent & live auctions will be held. Tickets are available to purchase at www.jrskyhawks.org.

To be a sponsor or volunteer to help at this event please email Maria Groves at mgroves@johnsburgfootball.org. To donate to the auction please contact Craig Wallace at cwallace4000@att.net

- Sponsor levels:
- Blue \$100** – Company name listed on a banner at the event
 - Gold \$200** - Company name listed on a banner at the event and your logo (business card size) on Jr. Skyhawks web site for one year
 - Platinum \$300** – Your banner (up to 6' length) displayed at our event and your logo (business card size) on Jr. Skyhawks web site for one year.



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

Save the Dates

Saturday, June 23rd, Saturday, July 28th and Friday, August 17th
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Welcome to Spring! JABA had a very busy and successful winter implementing our 2018 goals and we're excited to continue that momentum. In the past 3 months, we have had engaging speakers including a social media guru, a certified business development coach, and a senior business advisor from the Illinois Small Business Development Center. All presenters have a wealth of information that is of importance to a beginning business as well as a seasoned business. If you haven't visited one of our monthly meetings, **PLEASE BE OUR GUEST! ALL ARE WELCOMED.** Our meetings include networking with other business owners focusing on business mentoring and sharing information on local opportunities that can help influence business growth and sustainability.

On March 17th, JABA hosted the Annual Business & Craft Expo. The Expo committee, headed by chairman Rick Bierman (R.B. Custom Designs Inc.), did an excellent job organizing this annual event. We estimated that 600 people attended. We held a 50/50 raffle that raised almost \$300 for the Roger Liston Memorial Scholarship Fund that awards a local high school senior a \$1,000 scholarship.

Through the summer we will be learning more about our members as several have volunteered to present at our monthly meetings in May and August. In June, we are planning a group networking event, as well as the annual State of the Village Dinner and Address and in July we are planning our 1st Annual Golf Outing to be held at the Chapel Hill Golf Course on Thursday, July 12th. Check out our Facebook page and our new and improved website www.JohnsburgJABA.com to stay up to date on these and other events. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please email us at info@JohnsburgJABA.com.

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

Our upcoming meetings are May 2nd & June 6th

For information about membership visit the JABA website at JohnsburgJABA.com or call JABA President, Lori Boyle at 815-814-4240.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 12 NEWS

Accelerated Reader Bricks Available to Families



The Accelerated Reader brick program was an incentive that was used to encourage students to read. Students who earned more than 200 points within a year or more than 400 points during their two years at James C. Bush Elementary School were rewarded by receiving a brick with their name engraved on it. Each fall a ceremony was held honoring the achievements of those students with the installation of new bricks in the pathway at the school. The Buildings and Grounds Department started removing the Accelerated Reader bricks from the pathway around the flagpole at James C. Bush Elementary School the week of April 16th and will be making them available to the families that earned them. The bricks will be available at the Johnsburg School District Office (2222 W. Church St.) for pick-up between 7AM and 3:30PM beginning May 1st. Please note that

this will not include the engraved bricks that were sold as a fundraiser to construct the James C. Bush Elementary School sign. Since the sign is not being removed or demolished at this time, those bricks will not be available. For inquiries, please contact Terry Burke at (815) 385-6916.

Johnsburg's Jewel: Chapel Hill Country Club

This golf season, enjoy Chapel Hill Country Club! Now owned by the Village of Johnsburg, Chapel Hill has long been a perennial favorite of both McHenry and Lake County golfers. This 18-hole championship course plays to 6,130 yards from the tips for a par of 70 and poses a friendly challenge to golfers of all levels and ages

Golfers, prepare for a journey through gently rolling hills, beautiful mature trees, and challenging target-type greens. GolfVisions continues its management of the course and its tradition of affordable fees, meticulous ground conditions, comfortable atmosphere and gracious hospitality. Visit ChapelHillGC.com for more information or to book a tee time or call 815-344-1894.



News from the Johnsburg Public Library

SUMMER 2018 PROGRAMS AT THE JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Summer Reading Program for all ages begins June 1. This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere"

ROYAL WEDDINGS: FROM QUEEN VICTORIA TO PRINCE HARRY

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.
Presenter Leslie Goddard explore the history of 10 regal marriages.

DONUTS WITH DAD

Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m.
A special Father's Day story time for dads with their kids ages 3-7.

A VISIT FROM RIVENDELL ALPACAS

Thursday, June 14, 2 p.m.
Learn about and meet alpacas at the library!

MAGIC QUACKS ME UP!

Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m.
Magic show featuring live animals, wacky props, music and audience participation.

JIM NESCI'S COLD BLOODED CREATURES

Wednesday, July 11, 4:30 p.m.
Animal program feature Bubba the alligator that follows commands!

COOKING SERIES WITH CHEF SUSAN MADDOX:

Monday, June 25th, 7 pm for: Central Farmlands Region
Chef Susan Maddox will explore the central farmlands states and discover how history and culture plays a huge role in creating the cuisine. Chef Susan will prepare three recipes unique to the region along with preparation organization and ease.

Monday, July 23rd, 7 pm for: American South Region
Chef Susan Maddox will examine the American South and how the culture has influenced the cuisine. Chef Susan will focus on the ingredients as well as methods and techniques utilized for preparing authentic dishes of the region.

Tuesday, August 14th, 7 pm for: Rocky Mountain Region
In this final region being explored, Chef Susan Maddox will provide flavors, tastes, and techniques utilized in preparing the cuisine of the Rocky Mountain region. Dishes will be created from ingredients grown and produced in this region.

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Johnsburg Events 2018

MAY 6

Boy Scout Troop 149 - French Toast Breakfast at Johnsburg Community Club 7AM – 1PM

MAY 18

Cop on Top – Dunkin Donuts 5AM to 2PM

MAY 19

JEPF Sprint to Summer 5K Race & Pet Parade 9AM – Hiller Park

MAY 20

50th Fair Diddley Woodstock Square 10:00AM – 4:00PM

MAY 28

Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Memorial Day Riverfront Opening Ceremony & Memorial Day Parade to JCC

JUNE 7

LIONS Meat Raffle Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM

JUNE 11

Brush Pick Up begins

JUNE 13

State of the Village Dinner hosted by JABA @ Pistakee Yacht Club 5:30PM

JUNE 15

45th Annual Joe Frett Memorial Golf Outing

JUNE 23

Movie In The Park hosted by the Village of Johnsburg & the Community Affairs Committee

JUNE 23

Pig Roast & Super Raffle Drawing – Pistakee Bay Fireworks Fund Raiser – Oak Park Lounge 4PM

JULY 7

Pistakee Bay Fireworks

JULY 12

JABA 1st Annual Golf Outing Chapel Hill Country Club

JULY 28

Movie In The Park hosted by the Village of Johnsburg & the Community Affairs Committee

AUG 2

LION'S Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM

AUG 3

Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee Dancing Under the Stars/Wine Tasting

AUG 11

Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's 3rd Annual Steak Fry Dinner @ JCC 5:00PM

AUG 12

St. Johns Parish Fest @ Johnsburg Community Club-entertainment, food, games

AUG 17

Movie In The Park hosted by the Village of Johnsburg & the Community Affairs Committee

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