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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole
As needed

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

The long Winter has finally passed, and hopefully the Spring rains will soon let up so we can get outside to work in our yards and enjoy time with family and friends. I am pleased to report that despite the challenging weather, great progress was made at the Chapel Hill Golf Course over the past few months. Utility relocations wrapped up and the controlled burn of the old Clubhouse is complete. Demolition crews just finished tearing down the old groundkeepers house that was in disrepair. Demolition debris has been removed from the site and the area has been prepped for seeding. Now that the weather is warming up, I hope you will have a chance to come out and see the improvements while enjoying a round of golf. Go to www.chapelhillgc.com or call 815-344-1894 to book a tee time or to learn about daily schedules for the summer.

Summer is also golf cart season in Johnsburg! As warmer weather arrives, make sure you register your golf cart for use on the designated streets throughout the Village. See page 8 for the requirements and ride safe this summer!

Spring started out on a high note for the Village. I am excited to report that Johnsburg has been awarded a **Safe Routes to School Grant** in the amount of \$195,768 to extend sidewalks along Chapel Hill Road to the bridge. The Illinois Department of Transportation received 168 applications and Johnsburg was one of 28 communities to receive funding for an infrastructure project. I would like to thank **Village Administrator Claudett Peters** for her efforts in securing the grant and **Village Engineer Tim Hartnett** for his work on the engineering and design. My sincere thanks also goes out to the **parents, teachers, and students** who supported our efforts by responding to the surveys and participating in the Walk and Bike to School events held each year in October. The Village of Johnsburg is committed to providing a safe and healthy walking/biking environment for the children in our community.

I am also pleased to report that for the third year in a row, the Village 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, 2018. This is an amazing honor and I would like to thank **Village Treasurer Kim Giovanni** for her hard work in making this award possible. Much thanks also goes to **Village**

Administrator Claudett Peters, Village Trustee and Finance Chairman Greg Klemstein and the **Finance Committee** for the work they have done over the past several years to help position the Village to pursue the recognition.



This Spring also marks the beginning of a new four year term on the Village Board for incumbent trustees Tom Curry and Kyle Frost as well as newcomer Beth Foreman. Ms. Foreman is a long time resident of Johnsburg who has been serving on the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. I look forward to having her on the Village Board as we make great things happen in Johnsburg! I would like to extend a special thanks to retiring Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson for her 12 years of dedicated service. During her tenure, Trustee Hutchinson served as the Chairman of the Community Affairs, Finance and Ordinance Committees. We truly appreciate her contributions to the Village and wish her well in her future endeavors.

With Summer fast approaching, I hope you will take some time out of your busy schedules to attend some of the fun events planned again this year. Pistakee Bay Fireworks and State of the Village Address and Dinner are two events you won't want to miss. 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.

While you're out and about be sure to stop by Grandma Pam's. Johnsburg's newest place for coffee and sandwiches is both delicious and convenient. Welcome to Johnsburg Grandma Pam's!"

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

Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President

Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation (JEPF)



The Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation (JEPF) recently donated \$24,000 to District 12 for the purchase of 120 Chromebooks. The Chromebooks have been distributed to all four district schools for student use throughout the school day. This donation is in support of the District's Chromebook initiative to provide all students with access to a Chromebook while at school.

Thank you to all who attended the Sprint to Summer 5K, Orange Ball Golf Outing and Winter Wine Tasting fundraisers and supported the JEPF and District 12. All funds raised from these events go directly to the students of District 12.

In addition to the Chromebook donation, recently the JEPF donated funds to purchase alternative seating in the 4th grade classrooms, purchased iPods with audiobook service for JES and JHS Learning Centers, sponsored an author for Ringwood's Family Reading Night, sponsored JHS students at the International Conference DECA Competition, and provided need-based scholarships for JHS students to take Advanced Placement (AP) exams for potential college credit.

Please take a moment to visit our website at www.JEPF.org and "Like" us on Facebook where you will find up to date information on events. If you are unable to attend an event but would like to donate, click on the "Donate" button on our website.

Mark your calendar for the 25th Annual Orange Ball Golf Outing on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Chapel Hill Golf Course.

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State of the Village

The Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) is proud to sponsor the 9th Annual State of the Village Address and Dinner. The featured speaker for the evening will be Village President, Ed Hettermann. The dinner is being held at the Pistakee Yacht Club, 3300 Rocky Beach Lane, on **Wednesday, June 12th, 2019**. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm. Cocktails begin at 6:30 pm followed by a brief presentation and dinner at 7:00 pm.. There will be a cash bar and catering for the event, each ticket includes dinner and one hour of open bar. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and \$340.00 for a table of eight (8). If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this event please contact Joshua Hagen at (815) 385-2700 no later than June 7th, please note only ninety (90) tickets will be sold.

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The board members of the **Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA)** would like to thank all the members, volunteers, donors and supporters that help make JABA a success.

We have listened to our members and initiated positive changes that have improved what JABA has been able to do for our members as well as the community. We are only getting started. This year we will be adding additional member benefits to help grow and foster your business.

Expo (Save the Date! 2020 Expo will be February 29, 2020) The Expo was a great success again this year. We are looking to grow the Expo and make it more valuable to the exhibitors and the attendees. We have discussed many great ideas and would love to hear your ideas. Email us at info@johnsburgjaba.com

2019 JABA Golf Outing Our golf outing was a new event last year and a great time was had by all. We are in the planning stages for this year's golf outing which will be held July 26th at Chapel Hill Golf Course. Mark your calendars! We are expanding the event as well as sponsorship opportunities. We are pleased and proud to announce that the proceeds for this year's golf outing will benefit the Johnsburg INCubatorEdu program. This is a high school program that teaches entrepreneurship.

Monthly Meetings "We have been working to make our monthly meetings more interesting and beneficial to our members. To that end, we are scheduling engaging speakers, fun networking events and special event meetings. Light appetizers and refreshments are served.

For more information: www.JohnsburgJABA.com or Follow Us On Facebook

JABA Monthly Meeting · 1st Wednesday of the Month · JABA Golf Outing coming July 26th



Johnsburg Jewel: Chapel Hill Golf Course



This golf season, enjoy Chapel Hill Golf Course! 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 management of the operation and its tradition of affordable fees, meticulous course conditions, comfortable atmosphere and gracious hospitality. Village of Johnsburg residents will receive \$5 off an 18 hole round, \$3 off a 9 hole round of golf and \$200 off base dues when proof of residency is presented.

Visit chapelhillgc.com for more information on monthly specials and memberships. Now able to book online or call (815) 344-1894 for tee times or interest in holding your own outing.



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Picnics in the Park - Available for Party Rental



With the hope of warmer weather around the corner and those graduation and summer parties, it won't be long before families will be coming out to enjoy our parks. The Village provides shelters at Sunnyside Memorial, Hiller and Rescue Squad Memorial Parks which may be rented for private functions for a small fee. Utilize our beautiful parks and secure your reservation before all the weekends are taken. Go to www.johnsburg.org, click on Our Community and then Parks and Recreation for the park application and fee information.



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How Important is it to have a Building Permit?

Permits are a form of consumer protection. A contractor who won't pull the required permits might lack appropriate licensing. That's something you should know before a project starts. Permits require an 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 will 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.

If work is performed without the required permit, you will face fines and still be required to complete the permit process at double the cost. Additionally, work done without a permit will create problems when selling property as proof of inspections is often required. This isn't an area where you want to beg forgiveness rather than ask permission.

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, mechanical and 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)



Park Vandalism

With the warm weather season upon us, and summer break about to begin, the number of vandalism incidents at Village parks is on the rise. Vandalism is hurtful and costly to a community. Services and improvements are impacted when resources need to be directed at cleaning up vandalism and fixing damaged property. Village parks are equipped with security cameras that monitor facilities 24 hours a day. Vandalism is a crime and the Village will fully prosecute offenders.

Help keep our parks clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. Say NO to vandalism!

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 \$20. *Display of this sticker also enables Village residents to utilize the Riverview Drive Boat Launch.*

Use of Non-Highway Vehicles/Golf Carts on Village Roads



Here are a few reminders regarding the use of non-highway vehicles. 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. Please take a couple minutes to verify you are in compliance, this is completed yearly with a December expiration date. 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 of Johnsburg's website. **Note that the use of four wheelers, motorbikes and other all-terrain vehicles with saddle seats are prohibited on Village streets.**



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.*

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 \$20 and non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$100.

Spring Brush Pickup

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual **spring brush pickup beginning June 3rd, 2019**. All brush must be **placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on June 3rd**. 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. **All branches must be a minimum of six (6) feet in length** (longer limbs travel more safely through 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. Please stack brush into multiple manageable piles; avoid making one large 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.

2019 Electronic Waste Recycling and Brush Drop Off

These programs will be available now through November on the following Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Must live within McHenry Township boundary

- Saturday, June 15th
- Saturday, July 20th
- Saturday, August 17
- Saturday, October 19
- Saturday, November 16

* There will be no recycling in September due to our Touch-A-Truck event *

There will be NO drop off of recycling items during the week. Drop off is located in the township employee parking lot at 3703 N. Richmond Road. Road District employees will be on hand to assist you on the above dates.



The Road District is again partnering with The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County for our recycling program.

Textiles

All textiles (clothes, blankets, towels, etc.) shoes accepted at no charge. Items can be worn out, holes in them, torn but they must be clean.

Lightbulbs

4-foot fluorescent bulbs accepted at a cost of \$.50 each.
8-foot fluorescent bulbs accepted at a cost of \$1.00 each.
Compact Fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) accepted at a cost of \$.50 each. All other styles of Fluorescent bulbs accepted at a cost of \$.50 each. Regular light bulbs can be disposed of in your curbside recycling or trash.

Styrofoam

All #6 Styrofoam accepted at no charge.
Commercial and food grade, including colored is all accepted.
Foam must be free of non-Styrofoam debris (tape, glue, etc.). Food stained items are accepted if clean. Wallboard insulation is NOT accepted due to the fireproof ingredients used in the manufacturing process. This item can be thrown away. Foam sheeting is currently NOT being accepted. Bubble wrap and bubble packs are NOT being accepted.

Packing Peanuts

Packing peanuts are accepted if they are in a clean dry box or bag. Packing peanuts are NOT recyclable but they are reusable.
They are collected and then reused.

Batteries

All types of batteries are accepted. Common household batteries, A, C, D, AA, AAA, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button and NI-MH are accepted at a cost of \$1.00 per pound. Lead batteries (car, motorcycle, sump pump, marine) are accepted for no charge.

Brush: Brush, branches and twigs must be no larger than 8 inches in diameter, and 10 feet maximum length. Grass clippings, leaves, rubbish, branches or logs containing dirt or debris will not be accepted. Road District personnel will chip all branches into usable mulch, which will be available to participants at no charge. Any excess mulch will be piled in the Senior/Youth Center parking lot and can be picked up any time the park gates are open.

For additional information call McHenry Township Road District at 815-385-3076

VHS Tapes, CD's, DVD's and cassette tapes

These items are all accepted at no charge.
The covers, plastic cases, packaging DO NOT have to be removed.

Election Signs and the Like

The signs and metal are accepted at no charge. Please clean them as best as one can.

Electronics

The following items are accepted at no charge:

Printers, scanners, fax machines, typewriters, stereos and speakers. Vacuum cleaners, floor scrubbers, and rug shampooers. Electric Power Tools, both industrial and hobby. Small countertop household appliances (toasters, blenders, coffee makers, etc.). Computers, servers, laptops and related accessories. Electronic games and keyboards. Microwaves, toaster and pizza type ovens. Humidifiers, de-humidifiers, air purifiers. Cell phones, tablets, I-Pods. Hair dryers, razors, electric toothbrushes, and water picks.

The following items are accepted for a fee:

Computer Monitors and Televisions are accepted for a cost of \$1.00 per pound with a cap of \$85 total per item. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted for payment. Small college dorm room refrigerators, and wine coolers are accepted for a fee of \$15.00 per unit.

Paint – latex or oil only (gallon size or smaller containers)

No large kitchen appliances or gasoline powered items accepted.

We will provide one semi-trailer every month. Once the trailer is full, the doors will be closed for that date and recycling will resume the next month.

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 programs is available on the online Calendar of Events at johnsburglibrary.org.

Hidden Harry Potter

Fri., June 7, 7pm

Ages 8+ and families

Learn the secrets behind all the thrilling Harry Potter movies. Prizes will be awarded to those wearing the best Potter-esque costumes.

Registration begins May 20.

Summer Plant Swap

Sat., June 8, 1pm to 4pm

In the library parking lot

Share your surplus garden greenery including perennials, extra seedlings, and even unwanted houseplants. You don't need to bring your own plants to participate.

Registration is not required.

Robin's Dog Stars

Tues., June 11, 1pm

All Ages + families

Dogs Cedar and Gracie will amaze you with more than 50 phenomenal tricks including acrobatics, magic, jokes, and more. Registration begins May 28.

Friends of the Johnsborg Library Used Book Sale

Fri. & Sat., June 28-29,

9am to 4:30pm

There's something for everyone — with prices ranging from 25¢ to \$2.00.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund library programs and equipment.

Ben's Bubble Show

Tues., July 23, 1:30pm

All Ages

Combining art, science and a touch of magic, Ben the Bubble Maker creates beautiful, humorous, and mind boggling bubble illusions, sculptures, and interactive fun. Registration begins July 1.



Annual Fireworks Display

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, is once again hosting this year's annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 6th at Oak Park Lounge. Be sure to check out the Pistakee Bay Fireworks Facebook page for fundraising events such as the Fireworks Golf Outing at Pistakee Country Club or Pig Roast featuring Bony Knees. If you would like to donate to this event, please mail donations to Mr. Tom Fuchs, 801 W. Oak Grove Road, Johnsborg, Illinois 60051. Watch for more details on our website and in upcoming e-Newsletters regarding this event.

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Fraud Prevention 101



If you believe you have become a victim of fraud, please contact the Johnsburg Police Department at 815.385.6024 (non-emergency) or 9-1-1 for immediate emergency assistance.

Spot imposters. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request — whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.

Do online searches. Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.

Don't pay upfront for a promise. Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear. Don't fall for it!

Talk to someone. Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Fraudsters want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search or consult with Johnsburg Police Department.

Celebration in the Park 2019

The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event held on Saturday, September 28th. 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 donations 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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Johnsburg Events 2019

- JUNE 3**
Brush Pick Up, at Roadway by 7:00a.m Monday morning.
Completed through the Week of June 3rd, P.W. completes one pass to each subdivision.
- JUNE 6**
LIONS Meat Raffle Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30p.m.
- JUNE 12**
State of the Village Dinner hosted by JABA @ Pistakee Yacht Club 5:30p.m.
- JUNE 21**
48th Annual Joe Frett Memorial Golf Outing
- JUNE 22**
Pig Roast & Super Raffle Drawing – Pistakee Bay Fireworks Fund Raiser – Oak Park Lounge 4:00p.m.
- JUNE 30**
Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk Cheerleaders (JJSC) Annual Luncheon Event @ Johnsburg Community Club 12:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
- JULY 6**
Pistakee Bay Fireworks @ Oak Park Lounge
- JULY 26**
JABA 2nd Annual Golf Outing Chapel Hill Golf Course
- AUG 1**
LION'S Meat Raffle Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30p.m.
- AUG 2**
Village of Johnsburg / Community Affairs Committee Save the Date for an Event w/ Music, Food, and Beverages. Watch e-Blast for further info.
- AUG 10**
Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's 6th Annual Steak Fry Dinner @ Johnsburg Community Club 5:00p.m.
- AUG 11**
St. Johns Parish Fest @ Johnsburg Community Club - Entertainment, Food and Games

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