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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

1st Tuesday of each month 5:00 p.m.
(Events) / (Parks) 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. **At this time, Committee meetings have been suspended due to COVID-19.**

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Village President's Letter



As I write this article for the summer edition of our newsletter, we await the reopening of Illinois following the COVID-19 pandemic. Never could I have imagined that an international pandemic would befall us that would so drastically change our lives. Even though the resulting economic and lifestyle impacts have been severe, our community has

risen to the challenge. The outpouring of good will from the citizens of Johnsburg overwhelms me, proving once again that by standing together and supporting each other, we can overcome anything.

My condolences to those who have lost a loved one to the virus and to those who have been afflicted or have a loved one afflicted. I wish you a full and speedy recovery. For those who have been fortunate to avoid infection by the virus, I realize these times are difficult but I believe we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As I write this article, Governor Pritzker just released his Restore Illinois report, which outlines a five-phase process to reopen Illinois. According to the report, we are currently in Phase II known as the "Flattening" phase and hope to move into Phase 3 "Recovery" in the near future.

Our business community has been especially hard-hit by the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. As we enter into Phases 3 and 4 of the Governor's Plan, more businesses will be able to re-open. We realize a return to normal activities may be slow. To help revitalize our economy, the Village has established a voucher program that will provide a \$20 voucher (Bucks) to every household in Johnsburg to be spent at participating Johnsburg businesses. The program is known as the "Johnsburg Bucks Program" and is slated to begin as we enter Phase 4 of the Governor's plan and businesses can reopen. To learn more about the Johnsburg Bucks Program read the article on Page 4. For more up to date information regarding COVID-19, go to the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report that for the fourth 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, 2019. This is an amazing honor and I would like to thank Village Accountant Beckey Kijak for her hard work in making this award possible. Much thanks also goes to Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis, Village Trustee and Finance Chairman Greg Klemstein and the Finance Committee for the work they have done to help position the Village to pursue the recognition.

I am also pleased to report that the Village will be receiving a total of \$3 Million in grant funds to resurface and improve Riverside Drive and Johnsburg Road. The Riverside Drive Road Improvement Project is expected to begin in 2022 and will include new sidewalks and a multi-use path to accommodate bicyclist and pedestrians. The Johnsburg Road Project will take place in 2024. I would like to thank Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis and Village Engineer Tim Hartnett for their efforts in securing the grants.

As we head into summer, the warmer weather gives us all something for which to look forward. It has been a real joy to see families spending time walking, biking and cruising the Village on golf carts. As the Stay at Home restrictions

begin to lift, I hope families will continue this practice. Although Village offices are not open to the public, staff is still available to conduct business electronically. Before heading out on your golf cart, make sure to register it with the Village at www.johnsburg.org or call 815-385-6023. Garbage and Landscape Waste stickers can also be purchased electronically. Please make sure to allow some additional turnaround time to receive your golf cart or garbage/landscape waste sticker(s).

The status of all annual community events is unknown at this time. Monitor the Village's website and sign up for email news alerts for status updates on events and activities taking place throughout the Village. 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.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President

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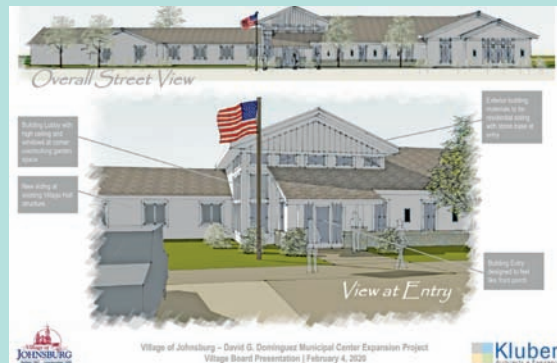
Johnsburg \$\$Bucks\$\$ Program

The COVID-19 Coronavirus has greatly affected all of our lives, and our business community has especially been hard-hit. There has been much talk lately about when we can expect the State of Illinois to “reopen” and looking ahead, we realize a return to normal activities may be slow. To help revitalize our economy, the Village has established a voucher program that will provide a \$20 voucher (Bucks) to every household in Johnsburg to be spent at participating Johnsburg businesses. The program is known as the “Johnsburg Bucks Program” and is expected to begin as businesses are allowed to reopen under the Governor’s five-phase plan. The program will operate as follows:

- **Residents must apply to receive their \$20 Buck** voucher. Applications are now available on the Village’s website at www.johnsburg.org. Completed application must be submitted in person at the Village Hall upon reopening at which time the Bucks will be issued.
- **Businesses that have notified the Village that they wish to participate** in the program and are agreeable to the terms will be listed on the Bucks so residents will know where they can be spent.
- The Bucks will include a signature line for the resident to sign as well as a signature line for the business to endorse when the Bucks are used.
- Participating businesses will accept the Bucks in lieu of cash and will turn them into the Village for reimbursement.
- The Bucks can only be used one time (no change or credit will be provided for purchases less than \$20)
- The Bucks will be good for a 90-day period from the start of the program, which will begin once all businesses are allowed to reopen.
- Only one \$20 Buck voucher will be issued per address. Applicants will be required to provide proof of residency at the address.

David G. Dominguez Municipal Center Project

Although the COVID 19 Pandemic has delayed the start of construction on the police department expansion at the Village Hall, some progress is still being made. The building design and bonding have been approved and site surveying and soil borings have been performed. The Village’s architects, Kluber Architects and Engineers, are working on the next phase of design development, which includes the preparation of construction and bidding documents. To view the building and site layout go to www.johnsburg.org



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The Board Members of the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) would like to take a moment to thank the community for your support of local businesses during this difficult time. Connections to each other and to those special places that have become an extension of “home” for each of us over the years are so important right now.

JABA has been very focused on getting timely and relevant information to our member businesses so that they are aware of programs and resources to help them through to the other side of these challenging times. We have moved to virtual monthly meetings so that we can continue networking and planning for our summer events hoping that they are able to go forward.

JABA 3rd Annual Golf Outing
Mark your calendars for Friday, July 24th at Chapel Hill Golf Course! We are pleased and proud to once again support the Johnsburg High School INCubator program with proceeds from this event.

State of the Village

The Annual State of the Village Dinner & Address sponsored by JABA featuring Village President Ed Hettermann had to be postponed this year due to the pandemic. The event is currently planned for Wednesday, August 12th at the Pistakee Yacht Club.

Visit JABA’s website (www.johnsburgjaba.com) and/or Facebook page for updates on these and other events. Wishing you health and happiness now and always!

Village of Johnsburg receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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, 2019. 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 fourth consecutive year the Village has earned the award.

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) - 2019 Now Available

The annual Consumer Confidence Report includes basic information on the source(s) of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during that calendar year, and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials.

The 2019 CCR is being published as of May 5, 2020 and available on the Village of Johnsburg website. Consumers were also notified of the CCR availability through their May utility bills.



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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)



Chapel Hill Golf Course NOW OPEN

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.

The Governor's Order related to the COVID-19 pandemic placed certain restriction on golf course operation. To learn more visit chapelhillgc.com

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Johnsburg Public Library- Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we are unfortunately anticipating not being able to offer any in-person programs at the library this summer. However, we do have many virtual programs planned for your enjoyment, **including an online option for Summer Reading**. For information on how to join these programs and more please follow us on Facebook, check our website's calendar of events at <https://www.johnsburglibrary.org/event>, or watch the Village's eBlasts



Kids:

**Saturday, June 13
at 11 am**

Snapology-Pokemon Battles

Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm

Shel Silverstein Songs & Poems
presented by Professor Mophead

**Fridays, June 26/July 24 &
August 28 at 4 p.m.**

Join us on the fourth Friday of every month to meet with princesses and superheroes for our **Virtual Live Storytime Series**. These interactive events are full of singing and engaging storytelling. PLUS, the characters will respond to your child's comments by name! All attending families are automatically entered to win a 10-minute Parties with Character Diamond Package video call with the storytime character right after the event.

Adults:

**Thursday, June
4th at 7 pm**

Bollywood Dancing

**Tuesday, June
16th at 7 pm**

Rustic Garden Pizza with
homemade pesto &
bruschetta with Susan
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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. Once again, for year the 2020 they are prorated to half the cost at \$10 and \$50 as they expire December 31, 2020.

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

With the warmer weather approaching 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, they all expire December of said registration year. 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.**

Boat Launch Stickers

Boat launch stickers are available through the Village website forms and application. 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; however, for year the 2020 they are prorated to half the cost at \$10 and \$50 as they expire December 31, 2020.



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