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Dear Johnsburg Residents and Business Owners,

Although we were spoiled with a mild winter this past year, it's always refreshing to welcome the longer days and warmer weather that comes with the spring season. It feels great to be out working in the yard and soon we will be enjoying baseball games and backyard barbecues with family and friends. With the end of the school year growing near, children are eager to get outside, ride their bikes and play in the parks. Please be mindful of this and slow down and travel cautiously.

I'm pleased to report that the Johnsburg Food Truck event has returned, beginning tonight! The event takes place every Wednesday night from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.at the Johnsburg Community Club/Rescue Squad Park grounds. Thank you to Dave and Linda Winiarski for again coordinating the event. Come out with your family and join friends and neighbors for some great food, entertainment and outdoor fun. Go to Johnsburg Food Trucks for more information.

I would like to provide an update regarding the ongoing litigation brought by the Pistakee Yacht Club against the Village. On March 28th, the Village held a meeting with representatives of the Yacht Club in an effort to reach an amicable resolution to the conflict that has been going on for more than a year. At the conclusion of the meeting, both parties agreed to key items that would be incorporated into an agreement. The agreement was provided by the Village to the Yacht Club shortly thereafter and we were advised that some minor revisions were being made and would be provided to the Village by last Friday, April 12, 2024. Disappointingly, no response has been received from the Yacht Club to date. We realize what both the Pistakee Yacht Club and Community Sailing School bring to our community and wish to preserve their heritage and future however we have a responsibility to enforce ordinances and protect all of our residents from being adversely impacted by the misuse of property. We have repeatedly expressed our willingness to work with the Yacht Club and hope that the matter can be resolved without the Village being drawn further into the litigation.

The warmer weather brings out non-highway vehicle enthusiasts. If you have not already done so, please make certain to <u>renew your non-highway vehicle license plates</u> to avoid costly fines. Also familiarize yourself with the Village's non-highway vehicle <u>regulations</u> and the roads and paths on which non-highway vehicles are permitted. Regulations will be strictly enforced and citations will be issued to violators.

The Markets of Remington Farm will also be hosting their monthly farmer's market for a second year on the first Saturday of each month beginning May 4th. The event takes place at the corner

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of Chapel Hill Road and Reed Avenue next to Prem Magnetics from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you Josh and Sarah Hagen for bringing us this event. Go to Remington Farm (remington-farm.com) for more information.

We are already experiencing an increase in <u>building permit activity</u>. If you are planning to pursue a project this year, make certain to check to see if a <u>building permit</u> is necessary. Also check with the building department before ordering materials. We often encounter residents that purchase fence panels and sheds that do not meet <u>Village ordinances</u>. Don't assume that your contractor knows the regulations, contact the Building Department at 815-385-6023 or at <u>building@johnsburg.org</u> before you commit.

With the increase in travel during the warmer weather months, I again remind you that vehicles are prohibited from turning left off of Fairview Avenue onto Chapel Hill Road. We continue to see travelers completely disregard the many signs instructing them not to turn left. The site distance at the intersection is limited and the restriction was put into place to avoid accidents. In the interest of public safety, our police department will be actively enforcing this regulation and citations will be issued so please adhere to the restriction.

Make sure to watch for <u>eBlasts</u> with <u>more information</u> regarding the annual <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Parade</u>, Party in the Burg and other fun-filled events planned for the summer. I look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Edwin P. Hettermann Village President