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Any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than thirty days out of the year requires a vehicle sticker. If you have not purchased your vehicle sticker, please come to the Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to purchase them. The Police Department has started issuing ordinance violation tickets to any vehicle not complying. **A violation ticket is now \$100.** Stickers for passenger cars, motorcycles and trucks under 4 tons gross weight purchased after July 31, 2012 are now \$40.00 and for trucks over 4 tons gross weight, the sticker cost is now \$100.00.

** Please Note – there is no senior or disability discount for stickers purchased late after the due date of July 31st.

Village Vehicle
Stickers were Due
July 31st!

Sewer Project Update

The Village recently awarded a contract to install gravity sewer along Fairview Avenue from Chapel Hill Road to Church Street. Construction is expected to begin in September and last through November. Fairview Avenue, between Chapel Hill Road and Johnsburg Road, will be closed to thru traffic during parts of the construction and surrounding streets such as Sunnyside Beach, Long, Middle and Stubby will be limited to local traffic only. Thru traffic will be directed to utilize Chapel Hill Road and Johnsburg Road in lieu of Fairview Avenue. Residents residing on Fairview Avenue will still be able to travel to and from their homes and will be notified of construction activities.

This project is possible because of Federal and State funding the Village has received to further our sewer collection system project. The Village would like to thank Senator Pamela Althoff for her efforts in securing the State funds that were just recently released. The Federal funds were secured through the efforts of former Congresswoman Melissa Bean to whom we are also grateful. By installing this infrastructure, we will be that much closer to bringing sewers to more than 400 residents in our community. The Village continues to work to find additional grant opportunities to help offset the cost to bring wastewater treatment to other neighborhoods throughout the Village.

If your neighborhood is interested in learning more about connecting to the Village's wastewater treatment system, please contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters at 815-385-6023 or cpeters@johnsburg.org



VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole
Last Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Community Affairs
2nd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Development & Government Affairs
4th Tuesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

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

Finance
4th Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

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

Plan 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 Thursday of each month - 7:30 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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Thank you to Johnsburg State Bank for their generous donation towards postage for the Voice of Johnsburg.

President's Letter



We are very pleased to once again be circulating the Voice of Johnsburg newsletter in print to every household and business in Johnsburg. This has been made possible through a partnership with DP Design, a local Johnsburg business who has marketed advertisements from local businesses and organizations to support the cost of publishing the newsletter. DP Design handles all of the publication details including advertisement sales and design, editorial consulting, complete design, layout and production. I want to thank the businesses and organizations that have chosen to make the most of their advertising dollars while assisting the Village by sponsoring our newsletter for the next year. Additionally, I would like to thank Johnsburg State Bank for their generous donation towards postage and DP Design for their hard work. We greatly appreciate everyone's support.

The Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lions Club have been busy preparing for the upcoming annual Saufen und Spiel activities which will be held September 7-9th. Read the article on page 4 for more information about this event. Also be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Celebration in the Park event being held on Saturday, October 6th at Sunnyside Park. The Village has been busy working to secure donations from businesses and organizations to fund this event. We greatly appreciate all the donations we receive, for without them we would be unable to host this event. I hope you will come out to enjoy time with friends and family at both of these events.

On June 1, the Johnsburg Police Department participated in "Cop on Top," a fundraising program to raise funds for Special Olympics. Johnsburg police officers donated their time for the cause. To date, more than \$5,000.00 has been raised for this important program. Read the article on page 10 about the upcoming Special Olympics Run/Walk event being sponsored by the Johnsburg Police Department.

On June 20th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 2nd annual State of the Village dinner at the Pistakee Yacht Club. Business owners from around the community attended for a presentation on this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. Go to the article on page 5 to read more. I would like to thank JABA President Bill Swenson and the organizing committee consisting of Joshua Hagen, Debbie Adams and John Huemann for all of their hard work in coordinating the event.

I would like to congratulate Epic Deli for being voted Best Deli in McHenry County by the Northwest Herald. They were also recently featured on WGN/CLTV's "Chicago's Best". I would also like to thank Trustee Janice Sisk and her husband Greg for their generous contribution towards volleyball nets at Sunnyside Memorial Park.

I hope you have an opportunity to come out with family and friends to enjoy some of our upcoming community events.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President

Village Happenings



We are very grateful for the generous donations made by sponsors and individuals 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 Marikay Gebis at 815-385-6023

The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee are busying 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 from Bony Knees, and enjoy some delicious food served by the Johnsburg Community Club and cold beverages by the Johnsburg Lions. 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 October 6th at Sunnyside Memorial Park. Despite economic challenges, we have been able to continue this event through the generosity of our community. Without the support of contributions, this celebration would not be possible. We are very grateful to our past contributors and hope you will consider contributing so this event can continue. 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 Marikay Gebis at 815-385-6023.

We look forward to seeing our residents, families and friends Celebrate In The Park!



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SAUFEN UND SPIEL 2012

The Johnsburg Community Club, Inc, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2012. Starting Friday evening, September 7th thru Sunday, September 9th, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music, games and good old fashion fun! This year's event promises to be as great as you have come to expect Saufen und Spiel weekends to be. With a little help from Mother Nature it should exceed last year's event with more bands, food, games and over 100 entrants in the parade on Sunday.

Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 7th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Club 7th Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable at registration. The tournament starts at 7:30 p.m. with a double elimination format. There will be a 24 and a 32 team tournament. Rules will be passed out at registration. If you would like to sponsor a board for \$50 or for more information, please contact Marty Palmer at 815-307-6427. Come on out and participate in a family favorite with a unique twist. Your musical entertainment will be provided by SPL (Sound Pleasure Level) starting at 7:30 p.m. Grab a beverage, some food and show off your skills with the bags.

The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday with the 16th Annual Banjo Beer Night. The festivities will start at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 8th. Your feet will be tapping to two bands this year. There will be plenty of Dixieland Jazz music by the Banjo Baron's at 5:00 p.m. Then they kick into high gear with Stateline County for the rest of the evening. Don't forget to bring your appetite; there will be plenty of burgers, brats, and hot dogs from Family Affair and fresh sweet "corn on the cob" roasting on the grill. There will be raffles and some frosty beverages to beat the heat. Come on over and treat yourself to a night out.

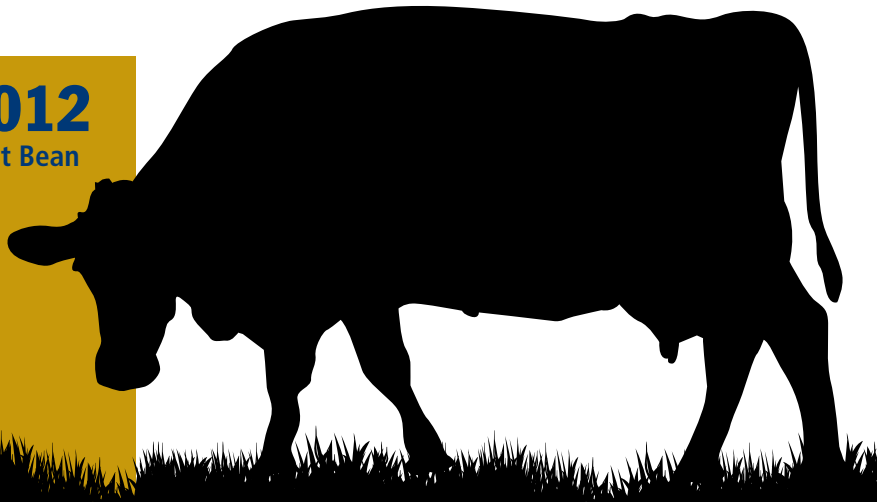
On Sunday, Sept. 9th the 41st Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade will start at 12:30 p.m. Lineup will be at the Johnsburg Junior High's west parking lot. The route will travel East along Church Street to Johnsburg Road (toward First Midwest Bank) then right onto Johnsburg Road. The judging of the floats will take place at the intersection of Johnsburg Road and Chapel Hill Road. The parade will then continue along Johnsburg Road to Spring Grove Road and then turn on to Church Street. It will proceed along Church Street and end at the Johnsburg Community Club Memorial Hall. Find yourself a good seat along the route 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 the live music of He Said She Said outside on the main stage, and the German Polka band Die Special Exports inside, providing a neighborhood atmosphere for socializing and having fun.

Join your neighbors and friends for a couple of fun filled days and nights of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and the parade.

The finale of the day's festivities will be the ever popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities). Raffle tickets will be limited and are available by contacting Brian Rich at 815-482-4594 or Mike Koeshall at 815-341-7627. 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.

SAUFEN UND SPIEL 2012

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- Saturday, September 8th: 16th Annual Banjo Beer Night
- Sunday, September 9th: 41st Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade; 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 9th: Cow Drop Raffle



JOHNSBURG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work continues in preparation for the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project. Utility relocations are underway and will continue over the next couple of months. Additionally, storm sewer installation will take place in the area of Spring Grove Road and Johnsburg Road. The McHenry County Division of Transportation has established a website for this project.

Go to www.johnsburgroad.com for updated information and to sign up for email alerts.



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JABA "STATE OF THE VILLAGE"

On Wednesday, June 20th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 2nd annual "State of the Village" dinner at the Pistakee Yacht Club. Area business owners gathered to hear President Edwin Hettermann address the audience with a presentation regarding this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. He recognized the hard work and efforts of committees, management and employees of the Village as well as business owners, community organizations, citizens and groups who have so generously contributed to our community. **To view the presentation or read the President's speech, go to the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org.** The event was very informative and provided a great opportunity to network with other businesses.

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JEPP Casino Night

Johnsborg Educational Partnership Foundation is holding its 5th Annual Casino Night on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the McHenry Moose Lodge, 3535 N. Richmond Rd. Admission is \$5.00 and you must be 21 years of age to participate. Gaming tables include Blackjack, Texas Hold'm Poker, Craps, Bang, Roulette, and more. All proceeds benefit Johnsborg School District #12. If you would like to volunteer your time as a Dealer (training provided) or sponsor a table for \$50.00, contact Carrie Cittadino at 815-385-6916.

Area Schools to Celebrate International Walk to School Day



James C. Bush
Elementary and
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will be joining schools

from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 3, 2012. Students from both schools will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. In the U.S. International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world.

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 Marikay Gebis at the Village Hall, 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.

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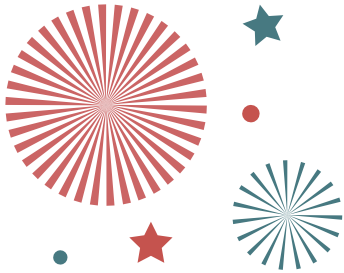
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Area News

Hometown with Spirit



On July 7th, Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, put on another incredible fireworks display in celebration of the Fourth of July. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. I want to thank Tom as well as the many who donated to make this event a success.

On July 28th Johnsburg resident Craig Wallace, and his team of volunteers held the 4th Annual Walla Pa Looza event. This has been a very successful annual event raising funds for the mutual benefit of the Sage Cancer Center, Pediatric Cancer Research, American Cancer Society, and McHenry County citizens battling cancer.

The hard work and generosity displayed by Tom and Craig and their team of volunteers are great examples of why Johnsburg truly is a "Hometown with Spirit".

FALL BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual fall brush pickup beginning **September 17, 2012. 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. 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.

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A Dangerous Immigrant – The Emerald Ash Borer

As U.S. trade with China expanded, the emerald ash borer hitched a ride across the Pacific in wooden packing crates to a new land with few natural predators — our land.



Since they were first detected a decade ago, these half-inch-long, metallic-green insects have been spreading a trail of destruction across

the Midwest. They prey on ash trees, and North America is an all-you-can-eat buffet: At least 7 billion ash trees grow from coast to coast, including millions at risk in populated areas.

The insect damage is difficult to detect in its early stages, but it typically kills within a few years of the initial attack.

Discovered in Kane County Illinois in 2006, the beetles' presence has since been found in Boone, Bureau, Champaign, Cook, DeKalb, DeWitt, DuPage, Effingham, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Marion, McHenry, McLean, Ogle, Stark, Will and Winnebago counties.

EAB's natural spread is moderate, but its artificial spread can be rapid by people unwittingly transporting this pest through infested firewood and landscape waste. Artificial movement of infested trees has exacerbated the EAB problem in Illinois and North America.

To protect our ash trees, it is our responsibility to minimize the spread of EAB by not transporting firewood outside of its local area. Fireplace owners should buy firewood from a known local source and burn all of it before May 1. Campers should buy firewood at your destination and be sure to burn all wood before leaving the campsite.

To learn more about how you can control the spread of the emerald ash borer, go to illinoiseab.com.

Area News



Recycling Used Oil

What is used oil? Used oil is any petroleum based or synthetic oil that has been contaminated with dirt, metals, water, or other chemicals such as solvents during use in a process. In addition, used oil must be recycled or burned for energy recovery. Used oils are commonly generated from activities conducted by home-owners (do-it-yourselfers), farmers, gas stations, oil/lubricating dealers, and various commercial facilities.

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Who can accept used oil? Locally, Quality Tire Service located at 2420 Hiller Ridge in Johnsburg is a green company through the EPA's multiple recycling programs. They are a drop off location for your used oil, oil filters, batteries, and tires.

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Johnsburg Police

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

As many of you know, October is breast cancer awareness month. This is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the benefits of early detection, to teach people the facts about breast cancer, and to show support for breast

cancer survivors. Women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer more than any other cancer, except skin cancer, and breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in leading cause of death. It is estimated that over 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone.

Remember that early detection is key to surviving breast cancer.

The Johnsburg Police Department recognizes how many people in the community have been affected by this devastating disease and are taking action in an effort to do their part in the continuing fight against breast cancer. Each year, in a show of support for survivors and in an attempt to increase awareness, Johnsburg Police Officers wear pink wristbands during the month of October. This wristband signifies each officer's personal commitment to working together to address the greater problems that are present in our community. The wristband also represents an awareness of the courage demonstrated by all those diagnosed with breast cancer. Lastly, the pink wristband is an expression of the police department's support in the ongoing mission to finding a cure for breast cancer.

Please keep your eyes open for our officers during the month of October to see our Police Department proudly wearing their pink wristbands. This is our department's way to show our support for this year's breast cancer awareness campaign.

Johnsburg PD Supports Special Olympics

On September 8th, 2012 the Johnsburg Police Department will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Hometown with Spirit (Chief's Challenge) 5k Fun Run/Walk" event. The Department invites you to show your support to the nearly 20,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois by participating in this event. All proceeds are delivered to Illinois Special Olympics. For more information on how to contribute or participate in this event please visit the police department's page at www.johnsburg.org.



Earlier this year Johnsburg Police Department members joined more than 300 departments in Illinois participating in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run". This is the single largest fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. It is an annual intrastate relay fundraiser conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement from local police officers to FBI agents. The Torch Run has two goals - to raise money year-round and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$22 million over the past 25 years. To date, the Johnsburg Police Department has raised more than \$8,000.00 for Illinois Special Olympics through fundraising events including the June "Cop on Top" event which was held at the Dunkin Donuts located at Rt.31 and Diamond Drive.

We appreciate all the support and contributions made to the Special Olympics by the Johnsburg Community. For more information find us on Facebook under Johnsburg Police. If you have any questions please contact Officer Kelly Schmitt at 815-385-6024, or kschmitt@johnsburg.org



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Johnsburg Police to begin Labor Day crackdown on drunk drivers and seat belt law violators

The Johnsburg Police will be increasing traffic enforcement around the Labor Day weekend, focusing on both drunk and unbuckled drivers. The intensified enforcement effort will focus on late-night hours as statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur late at night and involve a drunk driver and/or unbuckled motorist. The

crackdown is part of the nationwide, Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket effort.

Our police officers will join the Illinois State Police and over 200 local police and sheriff's departments in a statewide enforcement effort that begins August 17 and runs through September 3rd.

The police department recommends ways to avoid a potential crash or arrest involving drunk driving such as designating a sober driver and not letting friends or family members drive drunk. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
- If you are drunk, call a taxi or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911;
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is your best defense against a drunk driver.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety. The crackdown runs concurrent with a media campaign that reminds motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket."

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