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## Smoke Free Illinois Act Effective January 1st

At the end of July, the State passed the Smoke Free Illinois Act. This act states that on January 1, 2008, all indoor workplaces and public places in Illinois must be smoke-free. Any building with employees must be 100% smoke-free, regardless of ventilation systems or whether the space is open to the public.

This includes all workplaces: offices, warehouses, factories, transportation facilities/garages, as well as restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, and casinos. In addition, smoking is not allowed within 15 feet of entrances/exits, windows that open, or ventilation intakes. Furthermore, ashtrays must be removed from non-smoking areas and "No Smoking" signage must be posted in areas where smoking is not allowed.

As a result of this legislation, visitors to any of the Village facilities will not be permitted to smoke within 15 feet of all entrances, vents, or windows. Signage indicating such will be posted

at all Village facilities.

Fines for those found violating the Smoke Free Illinois Act range from \$100 to \$250 for individuals and \$250 to \$2,500 for business owners/operators. The regulations will be enforced by the Illinois Department of Public Health, local state-certified public health departments, and the Johnsburg Police Department. Any of these agencies may assess fines for smoking violations.

## Quit Smoking Resources

- Local cessation resources

McHenry County Department of Health - 1-815-334-4510 <http://www.mcdh.info>

Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center - 1-815-356-0555

Illinois Tobacco Quitline - 1-866-QUIT-YES

American Lung Association - [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

American Cancer Society - [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

American Heart Association - [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

### **Where can I get more information?**

Illinois Department of Public Health website, [www.smoke-free.illinois.gov](http://www.smoke-free.illinois.gov)

For implementation resources and more information on smoke-free laws, visit: Smoke-Free

Illinois, [www.smokefreeillinois.org](http://www.smokefreeillinois.org)

Americans for Nonsmokers Rights, [www.no-smoke.org](http://www.no-smoke.org)

Toolkit for Implementing Smoke-free Laws, [www.goingsmokefree.org](http://www.goingsmokefree.org)

McHenry County Department of Health, [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or call 815-334-4510.

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# OF INTEREST TO OUR RESIDENTS..

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING FOR THREE, FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS**

Johnsburg School District 12 will hold registration for all children who are three, four and five years of age, and who have not yet entered kindergarten. It will take place at Ringwood School Primary Center on Tuesday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 12th, according to the following schedule:

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

**1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

**9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

**1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

This registration applies to all preschool children ages three through five, **even if the child has registered and has been screened in previous years.** This process allows parents and staff to document each child's growth development.

School officials are hopeful that all parents and children who are three, four and five years of age will register during these days. Under this new format, parents will complete their children's development history and diagnostic screenings will be scheduled for all children. Also, an accurate registration is necessary to plan an educationally sound kindergarten.

Appointments for the diagnostic screening of speech and language skills, cognitive skills and motor skills, as well as, the hearing and vision screening (set for June 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be made at this time.

An official Birth Certificate from the county is necessary for the registration of a child entering kindergarten in the fall. Parents should bring the certificate to the registration.

Proof of residency also must be provided. Forms of proof include tax bills, utility bills or driver's license.

**WE ASK THAT CHILDREN NOT ATTEND.** Prospective kindergarteners must be five years of age by September 1 in order to begin school.

If you have any questions, please call Ringwood School Primary Center at 815-728-0459.

# JCAN

## **NEEDS YOU!**

Want sewers but think the costs are too high? See how you can help. Join us and make a difference in your community today. Our next meeting will be February 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Johnsburg Village Hall.

**For more information call the Village Hall 815-385-6023** or email us [johnsburg\\_can@yahoo.com](mailto:johnsburg_can@yahoo.com)

*Johnsburg Community Action Network  
Citizens and Village Working Together*

## *Open Burning of Landscape Waste*

The McHenry County Board recently approved a revised Ordinance regulating the Open Burning of Landscape Waste in McHenry County, which will become effective April 1, 2008. The Ordinance outlines the minimum standards for burning of onsite generated landscape waste in any area of the county. This Ordinance will apply to the Village of Johnsburg residents.

Copies of the County's Ordinance are available on the Health Department's webpage: [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info). To obtain a copy or if you have any questions contact the Health Department at 815-334-4585.

**Johnsburg High School will be hosting the girls basketball Regionals** on Monday, February 11, Wednesday, February 13, and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Friday game times are 7:30 pm, Wednesday game times are 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

Ryan Vendegna and Tyler Brady took 3rd and Justin Peete took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Fox Valley Conference Wrestling Tournament.

The Village of Johnsburg would like to congratulate all of the Johnsburg winter sports athletes for their dedication and hard work this season. **GO SKYHAWKS!!**



## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



The Community Affairs Committee was proud to present the Village's First Annual *Holiday Celebration* held on November 30, 2007 at Sunnyside Park. Children enjoyed crafts, hot chocolate, doughnuts, cookies and a good old fashioned Christmas in the park celebration. The bonfire was well received in addition to keeping everyone warm. All had a great time on the hayrides and the Johnsburg High School Madrigals entertained the crowd. There was a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus who arrived by fire truck, compliments of the McHenry Township Fire District. The children all enjoyed seeing Santa and telling them their wishes around the bonfire.

A very special word of thanks to the Community Affairs Committee, the Johnsburg Public Works Department, the Johnsburg High School Madrigals and the McHenry Township Fire District for all of their time, effort and hard work that made this holiday celebration a true success. We also wish to thank our many residents who attended this special event and brought hats, gloves and coats which were donated to McHenry County PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter).



**Building Permits**

Since Spring will be here before you know it, now is the time to start planning for that remodeling project, shed, deck or any other home improvements you may be considering. Since a Building Permit is required for home improvements, applying for the necessary permits early will help alleviate delays in getting your permit on time to start the project. Please be aware that during the spring and summer months, it may take as long as 30 working days to receive a permit, depending on the work being done. Building permits are issued in the order that they are applied for.

**Swimming Pools — When is a Barrier Required?**

There have been a lot of questions over the last couple years regarding swimming pool barriers. By definition, an outdoor swimming pool is any structure or device intended for swimming or recreational bathing, including permanent and temporary that has a sidewall of 24 inches or greater. This includes in-ground, above ground and on-ground pools, hot tubs and spas. Within the Village there are many inflatable pools that are taken down every year. Since temporary pools do not require a building permit to install, many believe that the barrier requirements do not apply. This is not the case. The Village Ordinance requires a 48 inch barrier around any swimming pool, whether it is permanent or a temporary, inflatable pool. If the pool walls are 48 inches above grade, they will act as their own barrier and no other barrier is required. The purpose behind the barrier regulation is to make sure a child does not have access to the pool. This is one of the hardest regulations the Village enforces, but most important to keep neighborhoods safe for our kids! Notices will be sent to those residents who are found to be in violation and a timeframe will be given to comply. If you have any questions regarding swimming pools, when barriers and permits are required, or any other building questions, please contact Jerry Adams or Jennifer McBride in the Building Department at (815) 385-6023.

In the next few weeks residents of the Village will begin to notice the start of some construction activities related to West Side Waste Water Collection Plan.

The first order of business will be that of the surveyors and engineers doing layout work and providing the construction crews with data for the jobs construction. You will next see the arrival of the men, material and machinery needed to complete the work within each neighborhood where this work is to take place. The Village has secured staging areas. These are locations where material and equipment will be stored after the day's construction activities have ceased. The reason for these sites is to cause as little disruption and noise pollution in each neighborhood as possible. We ask that you and your children stay away from these sites for your own safety.

**Our initial construction will take place in Niesens Subdivision. This area encompasses Sunnyside Beach Drive, Middle Avenue, Stubby Avenue and Long Avenue. You will receive more definitive information in the near future.**

We ask for your assistance and patience during this project and ask that you watch your mail, our local press and your front door for additional information as we move forward. Any questions you may have about this project should be directed to me at the Village Hall 815 385 6023. Please ask for Faith Brady and give her all of your contact information. You may also email Faith at [fbrady@johnsburg.org](mailto:fbrady@johnsburg.org). I will respond to all inquires within twenty- four hours.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Jerry Harker

Project Manager

***ADDITIONAL FUNDING SECURED***

We are proud to inform the residents of Johnsborg that Congresswoman Melissa Bean has successfully secured a \$492,200 grant for the construction of our Wastewater Treatment Collection System. This is the result of the ongoing collaboration between the Village and Congresswoman Bean who recognizes the environmental importance of this project and the need to help fund it. We wish to thank Congresswoman Bean for her ongoing support as we continue our efforts in Washington and Springfield to seek additional funding and insure the affordability of our project.

## MEET YOUR TRUSTEE SERIES....



### WILLIAM SANDELL, VILLAGE TRUSTEE

In order for residents to become better acquainted with their locally elected representatives, the Village has started the "Meet Your Trustee" series. Each quarter when we send out our Johnsburg Voice Newsletter, we will highlight a different member of the Johnsburg Village Board.

Bill Sandell has lived in Sunnyside/Johnsburg since 1968, upon returning from Vietnam where he proudly served in the US Army. He was appointed to the Village Board as a Trustee in 1972, and won his first election as Trustee in April 1973. Bill served as Finance Chairman from 1975 to 1995 and has served as the Ordinance Chairman since 1995. In addition to serving the Village of Johnsburg, Bill also serves on the Coroner's Jury. He has been a member of the Johnsburg VFW since 1969 and also the Johnsburg Community Club. Bill was also an Assistant Scout Master for the Boy Scouts.

Bill has been employed by Baldwin Filter Company of Kearney, NE for the last 20 years as a District Manager. He is responsible for promotions, services and sales of filter products for the automotive and heavy duty truck industry in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Bill has been married to his wife Linda for 38 years. Their daughter Jacqueline graduated from Johnsburg High School and Western Illinois University. She is now a Geologist living in San Diego, California. Their son William, also a graduate of Johnsburg High School, and the University of Illinois Urbana, is now attending post graduate school in Louisville Kentucky where he is studying to become a Chaplain in the US Army. He will be going to Afghanistan as an Infantry 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in July.

Bill notes "I am very proud of both my family and my service to the Johnsburg Community and I now look forward to retirement from Baldwin Filters at the end of this year. Thanks to everyone for their trust and belief in me for my years as a Village Trustee."

Residents interested in contacting Bill Sandell may do so by sending an email to [wmsandell@johnsburg.org](mailto:wmsandell@johnsburg.org).



### VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT MR. DAVE WILCOX, SUPERVISOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

How many years have you been employed with the Village? **11 years.**

How long have you lived in the area? **32 years.**

What is the best part of your job? **I do something different every day, every hour, it is never boring. I am very fortunate to work with a lot of very good people.**

What is the worst part of your job? **Repairing water main breaks in sub zero weather and cleaning the sewer plant when it is five degrees out!**

What is your typical work day? **Nothing typical, each day is different.**

Family life and hobbies? **I have been married to Jan for thirty five years. We have two daughters and two grandchildren. I have a few cows and I collect and restore antique tractors. I enjoying going to North Dakota to visit my parents and my seven brothers and sisters.**



## *SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL*

### *SRTS*

Claudett Peters, Director of Village Operations and Faith Brady, Deputy Clerk Village of Johnsburg, are currently researching the Safe Routes to School Program for the Village. Part of this research includes identifying people who want to make walking and bicycling to school safe and appealing for children. The desired outcome of the Safe Routes to School Program is to decrease traffic and pollution and increase the health of children and the community. The program promotes walking and biking to school through education and incentives that show how much fun it can be. The program also addresses the safety concerns of parents by encouraging greater enforcement of traffic laws, educating the public, and exploring ways to create safer streets.

On August 10, 2005, [SAFETEA-LU](#), the new federal transportation bill that provides \$286.5 billion in funding through September 2009, became law. It includes a \$612 million appropriation for a new national Safe Routes to School program that will provide benefits in all 50 states. Communities will use this funding to construct new bike lanes, pathways, and sidewalks, as well as to launch Safe Routes education and promotion campaigns in elementary and middle schools.

Over the next few months, you will receive information regarding this program, please make sure to fill out the surveys and return with your children to school or direct your completed surveys to the Village Hall. It is very important we receive the surveys back from as many residents as possible when we compile our report to submit to our state assigned Safe Routes to School Coordinator. The more input and answers to the surveys we receive, the better chance the Village has to obtain the various forms of funding set aside for this much needed program.

We are currently in process of setting up a Safe Routes to School Improvement Plan. This involves forming a Safe Routes to School Task Force which will require the assistance of parents, school administrators and teachers, neighbors, community organizations, city officials, staff members and students. If you have any questions or would like to be part of the Safe Routes to School Task Force, please contact Faith Brady at the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or [fbrady@johnsburg.org](mailto:fbrady@johnsburg.org).

## *Johnsburg Area Business Association*

### *2008 BUSINESS EXPO*

The Johnsburg Area Business Association Business Expo will be held at the Johnsburg High School on **Saturday, March 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** JABA had a fantastic turn out last year, and is looking forward to many more attendees and participants this year. **Admission is free.** Booths are still available with pricing for members of \$85.00 and non-members, \$110.00. Our Business Expo gives the residents a fun filled and interesting day of exploring the many businesses in the area in addition to giving the business owners the opportunity to not only showcase their products and services, but also the ability of personally meeting the many residents who make use of the services they offer. For more information, please contact Anne Liston at 815-385-2700.

New this year will be several free performances. At 11:30 in the auditorium the **McNulty Irish Dancers** will give a 30 minute show of jigs, reels and other Irish favorites. At 1:30 **Las Guitarras De Espana** will give a one hour performance of Spanish music and dances. Also on exhibit will be the **Human Race Machine**, an interactive technology exhibit. These special performances and the human race machine are provided by an Illinois State Library Grant awarded to the Johnsburg Public Library using federal LSTA funds.

Plan on enjoying the Expo and seeing these special performances.

## JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Phone: 815-344-0077

FAX: 815-344-3524

[www.johnsburglibrary.org](http://www.johnsburglibrary.org)

### NEW!

#### Sunday Afternoon Book Club

##### 2:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

If you love good books and good discussion, this new adult book club is for you. Hosted by new Library Assistant Elyssa Bedard, a University of Illinois English major, the club will feature a variety of literature. Registration is not required. Books for each month will be available for checkout at the library's front desk. Upcoming selections are:

February 10: *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby

March 9: *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

April 13: *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

#### MOVIE BREAK – Charlotte's Web

##### Fri., Feb. 15, 2:00 p.m.

School's out – take a break with us. Watch Charlotte's Web on our large screen, enjoy some treats, and get your own free copy of the book. Tickets are available at the front desk.

#### KNIT-WITS: A Drop-In Knitting Club for Teens & Tweens

##### Fridays, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Whether you're a beginner or an old pro, all knitters are welcome to come knit & share. (Don't forget your knitting supplies.) Winter Session meets on the following Fridays:

February 22, February 29, March 7, March 14 and March 21.

#### GRANTS AWARDED:

The library was recently awarded 3 grants from the Illinois State Library totaling \$21,963. The grant funds are provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The grants awarded are:

1.) "Me, Too" - \$4,248

This grant project will provide a welcoming and supportive environment for children ages 0-2 and their parents/caregivers. Bring baby and come meet, greet, and play in a friendly, unstructured environment in the library's meeting room on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. starting January 21. Grant funds will also be used to purchase educational toys specifically geared for 0-2s, as well as current children's books, music, and movies. This is a drop-in program; registration is not required.

2.) "Ride Safe: Bicycle Safety Awareness" - \$2,837

This grant project is designed to promote bicycle and helmet safety for youth served by the library district. A professional BMX bicycle stunt team will present a program covering safe hel-

met use, rules of the road, and the importance of correct bicycle size. Two performances by the Perfection on Wheels Bicycle Stunt Team have been scheduled for June 16.

3.) "Culture Connection: A Celebration of World Cultures" - \$14,878

This grant is a joint project between the Johnsburg Public Library and the Johnsburg High School International Club and Foreign Language Department. A series of programs and events celebrating world cultures will be held each month through June. Unless otherwise noted, events will take place in the library meeting room. Upcoming events are listed below:

#### A TASTE OF INDIA

##### An Afternoon of Traditional Indian Food and Dance Sat., Feb. 23, 1:00-4:00

Learn about the Indian kitchen, featuring the world's greatest spice cookery, with Chef Jonathan Bean. You'll get to sample a variety of Indian dishes. There will also be a presentation of classical East Indian dance called Bharatanatyam, performed by a dancer from the Kalapriya Dance Company and School in Chicago. This program is free, but advance registration is required and begins February 1.

#### IRISH COOKING DEMO & TASTING

##### Wed., March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Irish food is interesting and historic, but it's also delicious! Join Chef Jonathan Bean as you learn about some of the traditional dishes that the Irish ate through good times and bad. Learn about Irish music, literature, and history, too. You'll get to sample a variety of Irish dishes. This program is free, but advance registration is required and begins February 23.

#### THE MCNULTY IRISH DANCERS Sat., March 15, 11:30 a.m.

This free performance will take place in the Johnsburg High School Auditorium during the Johnsburg Business Expo. A troupe show (higher level dancers) from the McNulty School of Irish Dance will perform a 30-minute show of lively jigs, reels, and other Irish favorites. Tickets are not required.

#### LAS GUITARRAS DE ESPANA

**Sat., March 15, 1:30 p.m.** This free one-hour performance of Spanish music and dance will take place in the Johnsburg High School Auditorium during the Johnsburg Business Expo. Tickets are not required. The program features a lively mix of Spanish guitar music and dance. Las Guitarras de España have recently appeared at Navy Pier, Millennium Park, and at Lollapalooza in Grant Park.

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**Website:** www.johnsburg.org

**Police (Non Emergency):** 815-385-6024

**Police/Fire Emergency:** 911

**VILLAGE HALL HOURS**

Monday — Friday

8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (815) 385-6023

Fax: (815) 385-6054

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Committee of the Whole** - Last Thurs. - 7:00 pm

**Community Affairs** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. - 7:00 pm

**Development & Gov't Affairs** - 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. - 7:30 pm

**Economic Development** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.- 7:00 pm

**Finance** - 1<sup>st</sup> Weds. - 7:30 pm

**Ordinance** - 1<sup>st</sup> Weds. after the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Mtg. 7:00 pm

**Plan & Zoning Commission** - 2nd Tuesday—7:00 pm

**Police Commission** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.-7:30 pm

**Public Works** - 4<sup>th</sup> Weds. - 7:30 pm

**Village Board** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. - 7:00 pm

Please call the Village Hall to confirm a meeting date and time.  
Meetings are re-scheduled from time to time.

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