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July and August 2009 Newsletter

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Dear Neighbors and Fellow Residents of Johnsburg,

I am grateful for the opportunity to be writing this first letter to you as your Village President and I am very proud of this Village that we call home. Johnsburg has always been a place where neighbors help neighbors and its generosity is unmatched by any other community- truly "A Hometown with Spirit".

In this edition of our newsletter I'd like to recognize some recent examples of the neighborly generosity and personal commitment for the betterment of Johnsburg and its residents. It will include Robert Roe's mission to restore the area's wetlands, woodlands and prairie lands as well as Les Lunsmann's, owner of Sunnyside Tavern, fundraisers for Johnsburg Lions Club Police Charities and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund. Perhaps most notable, Gary and Cheryl Rabine's generous donation through their company Rabine Paving, to resurface Church Street in front of the Johnsburg Community Club and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School. Please join me in a special thanks to these fine residents who are helping make Johnsburg a great place to live and work. (For more on Neighbors Helping Neighbors see page 3.)

I would also like to thank the Johnsburg VFW Post #11496, the Johnsburg Community Club, Johnsburg Lions Club, Johnsburg business community, and the Village of Johnsburg for hosting and sponsoring another great Memorial Day Parade and festivities including the riverfront wreath ceremony. Thanks also to Chief Rydberg and our dedicated police department for providing traffic and pedestrian control, the Kim Family for the use of their riverfront property and Commander Dan Bitton and his aerial response team who flew the helicopter that assisted in the wreath dedication.

As your new Village President I am committed to learning more about how we, as a Village, can work together with our residents to address individual problems within specific neighborhoods. To this end, I will be asking our Village trustees to join me in walking through neighborhoods one weekend each month (weather permitting) to meet and talk to residents. I feel that the old saying "Seeing is believing" is true, therefore I want to see and experience first hand your concerns. We look forward to meeting you to hear your thoughts and ideas. Information regarding the date and neighborhood of each month's walk will be posted on our website at www.johnsburg.org. We will also post this

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole

Last Thursday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Community Affairs

2nd Wednesday 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

1st Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

JCAN

3rd Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance

1st Wednesday of each month (after the 1st Board Meeting)

Plan and Zoning Commission

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

Police Commission

3rd Thursday of each month - 7:30 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.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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Ed Hettermann

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Police/Fire Emergency : 911

information on the community sign located by the Johnsburg Library and future dates will be included in our Village newsletter. Be sure to make good use of our new and improved website, www.johnsburg.org, to learn about upcoming events; obtain general information; and contact me, one of your Village trustees, or a member of our staff with your thoughts and concerns.

Breaking News:

As we begin a new fiscal year, many exciting things are occurring. Your village officials have been working closely with Metra to secure passenger rail service to the village through the development of a new train station and rail yard. The proposed site is located on farmland, west of the railroad tracks, north of McCullom Lake Road. Although this improvement will not be constructed for some time, it will provide a much needed transportation alternative to our area and help improve traffic congestion both locally and regionally. We will continue to provide you more information as the project moves forward.

Walmart Super Center is coming to Johnsburg with construction planned to begin in the near future. The center will be located on the west side of Route 31, across from the J.C. Penney and The Shops at Fox River. We are excited about the shopping opportunities these quality developments have and will bring to our community.

Lastly, I would like to close by saying a few words about the Village Board's recent decision to appeal SSA #23. The board is concerned with the impact of the court's ruling on the future use of SSAs to guarantee funding for improvements to our community. We feel that clarification is needed regarding the court's ruling and therefore chose to appeal to the Appellate Court to review the matter. This decision in no way negates the board's commitment NOT to proceed with the sewer project as it was initially proposed "due to dramatic changes in the economy and concern for our resident's financial viability", as stated in the February 6th press release. **Our efforts are intently focused on finding alternative solutions to provide an affordable wastewater collection system to our residents in need.** Regardless of the Appellate Court's ruling, we will not proceed with the sewer project as financially designed until other sources of funding are obtained that make it affordable, as previously promised. In the months ahead I will keep you informed of the Village's progress.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our village and if you have any concerns that you feel we should address, please do not hesitate to email me at ehettermann@johnsburg.org or call one of our village staff members.

Respectfully,

Edwin P. Hettermann

Village President

ehettermann@johnsburg.org

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Village president, Ed Hetterman, thanks these generous residents of Johnsburg

Sunnyside Tavern

Les Lunsmann, owner of Sunnyside Tavern, recently held a fundraiser to help Marta Spring and Kathy Foote in their efforts to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. With the help of generous contributions of products and gift certificates provided by local businesses, nearly \$2,400 was raised for the cause on one Sunday afternoon. We graciously thank all who contributed. Mr. Lunsmann also initiated two fundraisers this past year that resulted in \$2,200 being collected for the Johnsburg Lions Club Police Charities (also known as the Johnsburg Shop with a Cop program). Through the efforts of the Johnsburg Lions Club, Walmart and Mr. Lunsmann, funds were raised for 17 less fortunate children to be able to shop with a Johnsburg police officer. The children were able to purchase items for themselves and gifts for their family members. They also received a coat, hat, gloves and boots for themselves.

Memorial Day Parade Contributors

Another great example of our community working together was reflected in the annual Johnsburg VFW Memorial Day Parade and related ceremonies. This event is sponsored by the **Johnsburg VFW Post #11496** and hosted with the help of the **Johnsburg Community Club, Johnsburg Lions Club, Johnsburg business community, and the Village of Johnsburg**. Let us not forget the generosity of the **Kim family** for the use of their property for the riverfront ceremony. Once again, thank you to all the organizations, individuals and businesses.

I would also like to thank **Chief Rydberg and our dedicated police department** for providing traffic and pedestrian control that helped make these activities safe and a reality. It truly is an honor to represent a "Red, White and Blue" community like ours.

Robert Roe

You may have read an article this past winter about another Johnsburg resident and a dedicated group of individuals who have been working to restore wetlands, woodlands, and prairie lands in the Dutch Creek and Pioneer Fen areas within the Village. **Robert Roe, along with approximately 35 neighbors and other volunteers** have been getting together monthly to cut out invasive plants and help restore the area to its native state. These dedicated individuals are another example of how neighbors working together can make a difference.

Church Street Improvement

For those of you who were daring enough to travel the infamous trek of Church Street in between the Johnsburg Community Club and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, you had the misfortune of experiencing what roads must have been like before asphalt and cement were used in road construction. Negotiating the "deep well" potholes was like driving across a mind field. All that fun came to an abrupt end when **Gary and Cheryl Rabine decided to donate the labor, material and expertise of their company, Rabine Paving, to resurface that dreaded portion of Church Street.**

Many of you know, this has been a serious concern of the Village for years, but one in which we were powerless to correct. Because this part of the road is actually private property, the Village is unable to make improvements using Village funds. However, I'm happy to report that Village representatives, along with representatives from the Johnsburg Community Club and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church are making progress on resolving this dilemma and plans are in the works to improve the roadway and parking. Part of this plan includes the possibility of the Village obtaining right of way so that we may improve and maintain this section of Church Street in the future.

For now, I'd like to extend a sincere thanks to Gary and Cheryl Rabine for their generous contribution to our community. They truly represent how neighbors are helping neighbors in Johnsburg.

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 July 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Johnsburg Village Hall. For more information call the Village Hall 815-385-6023 or email us at johnsburg_can@yahoo.com

Johnsburg Community Action Network
Citizens and Village Working Together

MEMORIAL DAY

This year's well-attended Memorial Day celebration was once again a testament to the patriotic core values of our residents and all those attending from the greater Johnsburg Area. The day began with opening remarks by Village President, Ed Hettermann, at the riverside ceremony thanking all who contributed to the day's events and welcoming Congresswoman Bean, a regular visitor since first being elected Representative to the 8th District of Illinois. Congresswoman Bean's address included accolades for the attending veterans as well as those who died in combat.

Johnsburg Area Memorial Day Celebration was once again a testament to our patriotic core values.

The Wreath ceremony, a highlight of the riverside festivities, was lead by Commander Dan Bitton, call-sign Air One, who provided the helicopter to assist in the dedication, and demonstrated the on-alert capability of his aerial response team. The crowd was then entertained by a fly over of vintage Stearman biplanes kicking off the spectacular parade that finished at the Johnsburg Community Club Flag Memorial, re-dedicated with the addition of engraved bricks honoring all who have served. VFW Post Commander, Dennis Hall conducted the concluding ceremonies with the Johnsburg High School choir and marching band contributing musical renditions of patriotic verse. The day ended with a complimentary picnic and baseball game at Tiger Field.



Commander Dan Bitton and his aerial response team drop a wreath during the riverside ceremony.



Congresswoman Melissa Bean and Village of Johnsburg President, Ed Hettermann attend the Memorial Day Celebrations.



Colonel George Braun USMCR, Retired and VFW Post Commander, Dennis Hall introduce the Johnsburg High School choir and marching band who contributed musical renditions of patriotic verse.



The spectacular Memorial Day parade finished at the Johnsburg Community Club Flag Memorial.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Baseball and soccer season are in full swing in Johnsburg. This year players and fans will enjoy the convenience of the newly opened concession stand at Hiller Field. Thanks to the efforts of Tammy Quinn and her volunteers, the stand will be open weeknights and weekends when games are being played.

For the second consecutive year, Johnsburg has been chosen by the Continental Amateur Baseball Association to host its 9, 11 and 15 year old CABA World Series events. The 2009 World Series tournament runs from July 24th through August 2nd. Games will take place at both the Bronco and Showcase fields at Hiller Park as well as Tiger Field behind the Johnsburg Community Club. Please come out to cheer our host teams and catch "The Greatest Show on Dirt". For more information go to www.cabaworldseries.net

The Village is planning two more improvement projects at Hiller Park. New storage dugouts will be constructed on the Bronco and Showcase baseball fields and a basketball court will be added near the playground area. Both project are scheduled for this fall. In addition, the committee is in the process of designing new, uniform park signage for each of our parks. Look for these new signs to be erected by next spring.

This will be my last update from Community Affairs as I have recently been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. Faced with a whole new set of challenges, one of the greatest will be my departure from this committee. I want to thank my committee members, Bill Swartzloff, the Village Board and staff, Smith Engineering and all those residents who have given input along the way, for identifying opportunities and assisting in improving and expanding our park facilities. A special thanks to Sioux Hasten and Wonderwave Internet whose generosity and professionalism turned the Village's vision for a new website into a reality.

My best wishes to the committee and new chairman Bill Sandell whose charge will be to continue to plan and implement recreational park programs and facilities to meet the needs of our community. Enhancing the Village's image and promoting community awareness through effective two-way communication between the Village, its residents, local community organizations and surrounding governmental entities is in capable hands. Please feel free to submit your ideas, input and comments to Trustee and Chairman Bill Sandell at wmsandell@johnsburg.org.

Mary Lou Hutchinson, Village Trustee

FROM CHIEF KEN RYDBERG: CHILD SAFETY SEAT NEWS

Vehicles manufactured today are safer than they have ever been. With advanced air bags and seat belts, people have a greater chance of surviving serious motor vehicle crashes, often with minimal injury. However, what is beneficial for adults to be safe in vehicles can often be harmful to children. It is imperative that children be properly restrained in vehicles in order to save their life in the event of a motor vehicle crash. According to Safe Kids USA, "Child safety seats reduce fatal injury in passenger cars by 71 percent for infants less than 1 year old and by 54 percent for toddlers 1 to 4 years of age. For children 4 to 7 years of age, booster seats have shown to reduce injury risk by 59 percent compared to safety belts alone."

The Johnsburg Police Department has a certified child safety seat technician available to ensure that child restraints are properly installed and utilized in your vehicle. This service is free of charge and available to any Johnsburg resident on an appointment basis. Please allow at least 72 hours notice for an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Officer Kelly Schmidt at 815-385-6024.

JOHNSBURG CAR & BIKE SHOW

Street Rods – Cruisers – Race Cars Muscle Cars and Motorcycles

The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Police Department presents the Johnsburg Car and Bike Show on **Sunday, August 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at McHenry Township Park, 3703 Richmond Road. All proceeds from this event will benefit the McHenry Area Youth Commission and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. There is no entry fee for the car and bike show and admission is free to the public. Music will be performed by 39 and Holding. Live entertainment by The G Men. Food vendors and a beer tent sponsored by the Johnsburg Lions Club will be available so bring the family for a fun day out. Contact the Johnsburg Police Department at 815-385-6024 with any questions you may have.

LIBRARY NEWS

Go to www.johnsburglibrary.com for more information

Let's Talk Genealogy

Bring your questions, success stories and problems to our informal get-togethers, led by a library staffer who is an experienced genealogist. Mark your calendars for the following **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** – **June 23rd, July 28th and August 25th.** This is a drop in program.

Knitting Nook: A Club for Adults and Teen

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate or expert knitter, you are welcome. Come share ideas with other knitters and craft in good company. **July 1st 7:00 p.m.** This is a drop in program and registration is not required.

Cure for the Math Curse: Algebra Camp

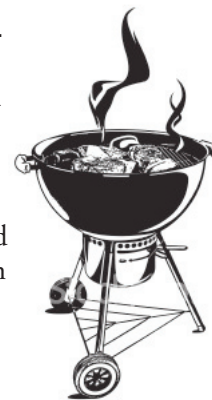
Monday, Aug. 15th through Friday, Aug. 19th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Grades 6 through 10. Did you get stuck in Algebra last term, or want to get a head start on next year? Algebra Camp is a terrific opportunity to figure it all out, quickly and easily. During this series of five 3-hour classes, instructor Kathy Wentz will use Lego blocks and dice to show you beginning algebraic concepts including distributive property, negative integers, negative variables, order of operations, multiple variables and more. The course costs \$45 and must be paid at the time of registration which begins July 13th. Please make checks payable to Kathy Wentz. Online registration is not available for this program.

Job Search and Workplace Skills Course Online

Take a break from pounding the pavement and log on to the Learning Express Career Starter, a free, online database available through the Johnsborg Public Library website. You'll be taken through every step of the career search process, from job assessment, to mastering the hiring process, to success on the job. Courses include: Creating Resumes and Cover Letters; Determining What You Want From Your Career, Job Search & Networking Skills; Interview Tips, and more. **Log on to www.johnsburglibrary.org; and click on the link for "Online Library".** You will need your library card number to access the site.

Dominate Your Grill

Chef Michael Niksic ignited the mesquite-grilled cooking wave that swept the Chicago area in the 1980's. Check out why as he shares his knowledge and how to apply it in your own backyard. This indoor program will cover grill preparation, building a fire, choosing good utensils, myth busting, cool recipes for seasoning blends, a tremendous marinade recipe and the making and tasting of a grilled mushroom and tomato soup. **Wednesday, July 8th 7:00 p.m.** Advanced registration is required and begins June 22nd.



JOHNSBURG HAPPENINGS

Visit www.johnsburg.org for more!

HILLER PARK CONCESSION STAND OPEN

The concession stand in Hiller Park is now open. It will be open during weeknights and weekends when there are games being played in the park. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Tammy Quinn at 815-345-7490 for more information.

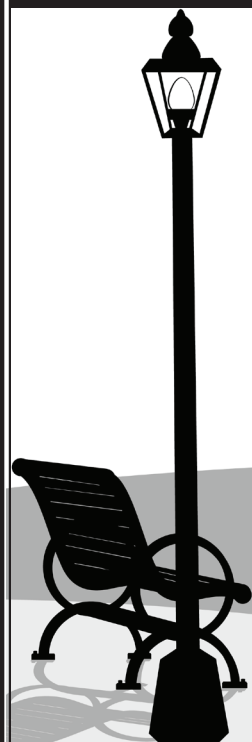
MAYC SUMMER PROGRAMS

The McHenry Area Youth Commission will be holding summer programs for all youths entering grades 1-9 in the 2009/2010 school year in School Districts 12, 15 or 156, or who live in McHenry Township, the City of McHenry or the Village of Johnsborg. This year they will also be accepting out of district children for an additional \$50 per child. For more information go to www.mayc.net



Decadent Ice Cream

Chef Mike shares his original, absolutely decadent ice creams and recipes. Learn some insider tips, ice cream do's and don'ts and fun facts about one of America's favorite desserts. Wear your eatin' pants because the calories will be off the charts! **Wednesday, July 22nd 7:00 p.m.** Advanced registration is required and begins July 1st.



MILITARY HONORS ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM

"DONATE & COMMEMORATE PRIDE IN MILITARY SERVICE" is the theme of the Greater Johnsburg Area Military Honors Engraved Brick Program and it is off to a great start. Future installations will take place before July 4th, Saufen und Spiel, September 13th and Veterans Day, November 11th this year. Bricks will be sold until the entire memorial enclosure is paved with engraved pavers. All are welcome to visit the Flag memorial at the Johnsburg Community Club and watch our progress. Reserve brick spaces for family members and friends, living or deceased, who served at any time in the armed forces by going to www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com to download forms and instructions. Chip in as a group and honor someone in the service. E-mail contact information to request help in deciding on text to info@JohnsburgVFW.org

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Village's Building Department has experienced numerous property maintenance complaints since the snow has melted and will be strictly enforcing the nuisance ordinances of the Village. Accumulation of junk and debris is the biggest complaint we receive at this time of the year, followed closely by inoperable vehicles being stored on residential properties. Accumulation of junk and debris can be anything from having appliances or furniture in the yard to accumulation of garbage, car parts, old sinks and toilets, etc on your property in the public's plain view.

We appreciate everyone's help in keeping Johnsburg the beautiful community it is today.

Village ordinance states that all inoperable vehicles must be stored out of public's plain view. Any vehicle being kept in a residential area must be road ready and have current state registration and village vehicle stickers. We also receive complaints regarding long grass and weeds, mostly on vacant lots but occasionally on residential yards. Any grass or weeds allowed to grow in excess of eight (8) inches is in violation of Village Ordinance. We will be canvassing neighborhoods throughout the Village and will be sending out notices to the property owners giving them a certain time frame to have the junk and debris cleaned up, the inoperable vehicle removed or the long grass and weeds cut down. Once the time period has expired, daily citations or notices to appear in court will be issued. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping Johnsburg the beautiful community it is today.

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DISTRICT 12 REGISTRATION

Johnsburg Schools continue to look at ways to reduce expenditures, more effectively utilize technology, and help the environment. As a result and for the convenience of our families, the Johnsburg School District's registration process for the 2009-10 School year will be done online. By using an online registration process, we will be able to significantly reduce paper usage, utilize our current technological resources and shrink our mailing costs, which can be up to \$3.00 per student.

The Johnsburg School District's registration process for the 2009-10 School year will be done online.

As most people know, registration is the process in which you indicate to us that your child will be enrolled in Johnsburg Schools for the upcoming school year. During the new online process, parents will be able to update any demographic changes, - address, phone, emergency contact info, health concerns, etc. As an added convenience, the new process will allow you to conveniently pay the registration fees online with a credit/debit card. If you choose, you will still have the option to pay your registration fees by check which can be mailed or dropped off to the Administration Office.

The registration process can be done from any home computer, work computer, library computer etc. All that is needed is a computer with an internet connection and Adobe Acrobat Reader. Once the registration process begins, parents simply need to visit the district website and follow the links. It is as easy as that. Step by step directions will be provided on the website to help parents navigate through the registration procedure. The online registration process will begin June 23rd and run until July 17th.

Please call the district office if you have any questions or issues regarding registration. In addition, parents may come into the Johnsburg Administration Office to use the school computers and have assistance in completing any information. We are confident that this will be a convenient and relatively simple process.

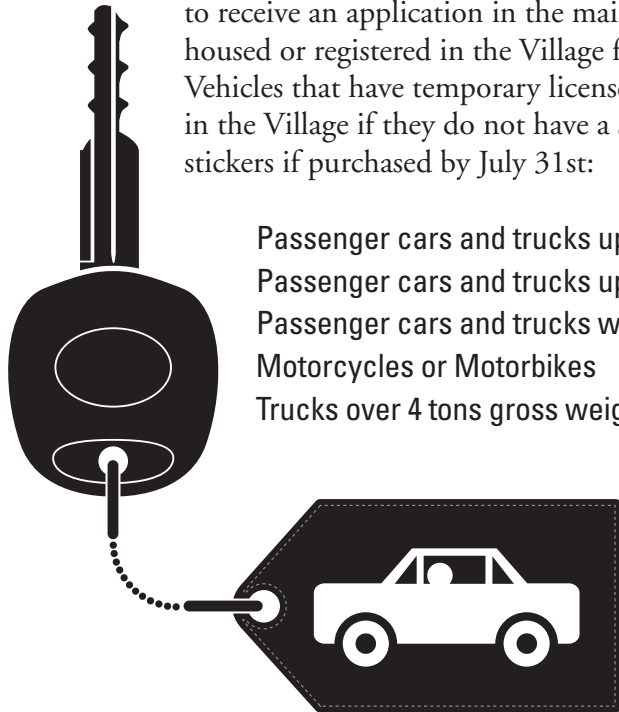
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The next edition of the Village newsletter, will be available in a PDF format. Simply go to www.johnsburg.org and register your email address.

2009-2010 VEHICLE STICKERS

Vehicle Stickers are now on sale at the Johnsburg Village Hall. Applications were mailed the first week of June and **stickers must be purchased no later than close of business on July 31st to avoid paying a penalty.** If the pre-printed information on the cards sent to you is incorrect, please correct the information and either bring the forms into the Village Hall or mail the entire postcard with a check made payable to the Village of Johnsburg. If you did not receive your applications or need additional ones, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Failure

to receive an application in the mail does not absolve you from having to purchase a sticker. Any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than 30 days out of the year must have a sticker displayed. Vehicles that have temporary license plates also must have a sticker as well as company vehicles being kept in the Village if they do not have a sticker from the town they are registered in. Below are the cost of stickers if purchased by July 31st:



Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight owned by person under 64	\$10.00
Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight owned by person 64 and over*	\$ 5.00
Passenger cars and trucks with permanent Disability license plates or placards*	\$ 5.00
Motorcycles or Motorbikes	\$ 5.00
Trucks over 4 tons gross weight	\$25.00

* Licenses purchased by persons aged 64 and over and licenses purchased for vehicles with permanent Disability license plates or placards shall be limited to two (2) reduced fee licenses per household.

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Registration will eliminate the mailing of hard copies and will provide a cost savings to the Village.