



FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



THE JOHNSBURG VOICE

A Hometown With Spirit

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In an effort to keep you informed of the Village's Wastewater Treatment Project, Village President David Dominguez and Director of Operations Claudett Peters have summarized a short history of the project.

This month marks one year from when the Village Board began holding informational meetings regarding the sewer collection system. While much has happened since that time, unfortunately we are not further along with construction of the system due to litigation regarding the SSA. Rather than rehashing some of the highly debated issues regarding this project, I wanted to take a moment to reflect back on the major accomplishments that have occurred to bring us to this point.

In 1991, the unincorporated area commonly known as Johnsborg annexed into the Village of Sunnyside and the name of our community changed from Sunnyside to Johnsborg. Shortly thereafter the Village Board, together with representation from the area recently annexed, held a strategic planning meeting. Participants in that meeting included not only the Village Board, but many representatives throughout the Village. During the planning session, the attendees agreed that waste water treatment would be needed for homes built on smaller lots or on sen-

sitive soils. With this direction, the Village board developed a plan to bring sewers to Johnsborg.

The Village would face many challenges in the pursuit of wastewater treatment. One of the first challenges that needed to be resolved was a change in the Village's Facilities Planning Area (FPA). This would provide the Village with the authority to manage wastewater treatment methods within a designated area. The existing FPA only included the Sunnyside area and unincorporated land east and north of the Village's boundary. It did not include any properties south and west of the original Sunnyside boundary. The Village spent the next few years securing its borders, defining its planning boundaries and conducting the necessary engineering to update its FPA. In 1995, the Board presented a Facilities Plan Amendment to be considered by the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission and Illinois EPA.

In conjunction with the Facilities Plan Amendment, the Village Board began reviewing costs and possible locations for a wastewater treatment plant. In 1997, the Village conducted public meetings to gain input from the community as to the location of the future plant. Plans were shown placing the treatment plant in a vacant area behind the Val's shopping center. The Village's rationale for the location was the site's close proximity to the Fox River which offered significant cost advantages compared with alternative locations. Cost estimates to provide sewer service for individual residences were estimated at \$800 to \$1000 per household and the Village committed to seek financial support from State and Federal sources to reduce this cost.

The residents, using "No Sewer Plant In the Heart of Johnsborg" as their rally cry, objected to the selected location despite its cost advantage and directed that the plant be placed away from residential areas. To meet that direction, the Village purchased property adjacent to Route 31 on which the wastewater treatment plant is now located

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From the Village President Cont:

wastewater treatment plant is now located.

With the plant location settled, border agreements with our municipal neighbors were successfully negotiated and their needed support for the FPA change was obtained. In 1999, the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission approved the Village's Facilities Plan amendment.

With that challenge met, the Village Board authorized the design and engineering of a wastewater treatment plan. In 2000, the design and initial engineering for the planned system were completed and submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency who approved the Village's wastewater treatment plant design in the same year. Public hearings were held to obtain public input for the discharge permit for the plant. The IEPA granted the permit in 2001.

With commitment to seek funding support and to keep costs affordable, and with the 1999 pronouncement that the Fox River was ranked #7 as the "Nation's Most Endangered Rivers", the Village Board acquired the services of a lobbyist to represent the Village in Washington on its pursuit of federal financial support. This was a significant achievement in that State and federal grants for municipal infrastructure were not readily available. With his counsel, the village began a very successful program educating our State and Federal legislators of Johnburg's need for financial assistance. In 2001, the Village was awarded its first Federal grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

During the period of 2002 to 2004, the Village received an additional \$1.3 million in Federal grants. In 2004, the Village Board was successful in obtaining half of a one million dollar State grant to support the construction of the central lift station and the force main necessary to move waste to the plant on Route 31. The second half of the grant was received in 2005. In total, \$3.3 million in grants was obtained. In 2003 using initial grant and a secured installment contract, the Village Board initiated the construction of the Rt. 31 waste water treatment plant. Plant construction began in October of 2003 and was completed by the summer of 2004. Construction on the lift station and force main began in 2005 and was completed in 2006.

During the next few years, the Village continued to aggressively pursue grants to support the roll-out of service lines to homes. The Village and its consultant had been working with the Illinois delegation to obtain a sizable grant to offset construction costs. Unfortunately, the Federal government, facing financial woes attributed to the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina, had few, if any, discretionary funds. Though actively pursued, 2005 efforts

did not produce any grant monies and the prospect of a large grant was very dim for the near future. The Village Board examined its options to provide wastewater treatment service to residential areas. It could wait for sizable grants but construction cost increases were outpacing the size of the grants it had previously received. The alternative was to move forward with the project and offset the residents' cost with future grants and cost savings. In June of 2006, the Village Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the sewer collection system. The remainder of 2006 and early 2007 was spent working out the final details of the project. In May of 2007, the Village Board began holding weekly informational meetings for the residents to provide them with details regarding the project, the funding vehicle (Special Service Area, SSA), and the timing. In late June, the Board authorized the establishment of the SSA and in October approved the SSA23.

The Village had solicited and received bids for the construction and work was to begin in late fall/early winter. Unfortunately, litigation has delayed the start of construction and has presented another challenge to the Village. Bids have a life of 60 days and would expire. The likelihood of receiving bids as favorable as the initial ones received was poor since the low bidder knew the difference between their bid and the next low bidder. With scheduled wage increases, and soaring oil costs, the prospect of additional delays raises expectations of higher bids.

Since the Village Board and many residents maintain the importance of this project, we are attempting to avoid cost additions for this project despite the delay. To date, the Village has been successful in extending favorable bids monthly, but our bidders show more reluctance to continue to hold their bids with each passing month. The Village pursued the construction of the low pressure portion of the system without the SSA to avoid losing the \$900,000 cost advantage that the initial bid provides. Other alternatives are being analyzed for consideration by the Board. We will continue to keep you informed of the Village's efforts in future editions of this newsletter

Vehicle Stickers on Sale June 1st Due By July 31st

The 2008/2009 Vehicle Stickers will be available at the Village Hall starting June 2nd. **Stickers must be purchased no later than close of business on July 31st to avoid paying a penalty.**

The Village will be sending out pre-printed forms with the information provided last year. *If the pre-printed information is incorrect or incomplete, please correct the information and send the entire application card, with the correct payment, to the Village Hall.*

As soon as the application card is received, it will be processed and the stickers, along with a receipt, will be mailed to you. If you do not receive an application in the mail or need additional applications, please contact the Village Hall, or stop in and pick them up. Failure to receive an application by mail does not absolve you from having to purchase a sticker. Please note, any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than 30 days out of the year must have a sticker. Vehicles that have temporary license plates must also have a sticker.

The following is the cost of the vehicle stickers, if purchased by July 31, 2008:

- ♦ Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight, owned by persons under the age of 64: **\$10.00;**
- ♦ Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight, owned by persons over the age of 64: * **\$5.00;**
- ♦ Passenger cars and trucks with permanent disability license plates or placards: * **\$5.00;**
- ♦ Motorcycles and Motorbikes: **\$5.00;**
- ♦ Trucks over 4 tons gross weight: **\$25.00.**
- *Licenses purchased by persons over the age of 64 and licenses purchased for vehicles with permanent disability license plates or placards shall be limited to two (2) reduced fee licenses per household.*

Should you have questions regarding vehicle stickers contact the Village Hall 815-385-6023.

Friends of the Park Tree Donation

The Community Affairs Committee would like to remind the residents of Johnsborg of our “Friends of the Park” tree donation program. The program’s main focus is providing Village residents the opportunity to donate trees that will be planted at Hiller Park, located behind Johnsborg High School. As a ***Friend of the Park***, you will have a choice of purchasing either a shade tree or evergreen to be planted during the spring or fall planting seasons. Your generous donation to the park may be designated in honor of a special person or occasion. ***Planting a tree may also be the perfect memorial for a loved one, coworker or friend.*** **The deadline for the upcoming fall planting is August 31.**

How to Donate: Download your submittal form from our website www.johnsborg.org or contact the Village Hall at 815.385.6023. We will email, fax or mail you the form to be completed and returned with your payment. Cash, check or money order payments made payable to the Village of Johnsborg are accepted. If you are paying in cash, please stop by Village Hall between 8:00a.m. and 4:30p.m. to submit your request. *(Do not send cash if you are mailing the form).* We are sorry but we do not accept credit card payments.

Selection and Cost: You may select from an offering of eight different trees (GREEN ASH, HONEY LOCUST, RED MAPLE, NORWAY MAPLE, AUSTRIAN PINE, NORWAY SPRUCE, COLORADO SPRUCE and SCOTCH PINE). Each tree will cost \$300.00, which includes installation and a one-year guarantee. Evergreens are six feet tall and shade trees are 2 ½ inches in diameter. Tree planting will be completed in phases based upon the landscape plan. A gift card commemorating your donation will be sent at your direction, and you will receive notice once your tree has been planted.

Memorial/Honorary Bricks: In addition to your choice of trees, we have two sizes of specially engraved bricks available for purchase to be installed at the base of your tree. For an additional cost of \$50.00 you may purchase a 4” x 8” brick that includes three lines of print (maximum of 14 characters/spaces per line). For \$150 you can choose the larger 8”x16” brick including six lines of print (maximum of 28 characters/spaces per line).

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Jennifer Pilman at the Village Hall 815.385.6023.

OF INTEREST TO OUR RESIDENTS

FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McBride at 815-385-6023

Johnsburg Area Business Association's Expo 2008

Johnsburg's annual Business Expo was held this spring at our high school and was once again a very successful community event.

Over 50 local businesses participated in this year's Expo sponsored by the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA). Each year for over ten years this event has given our local entrepreneurs the opportunity to interact with our residents and show the new and exciting products that they provide.

This year's event was a little slower than last year because of the slump in the economy but was still deemed very successful by JABA representatives. JABA uses revenues from this event to fully fund the purchase, installation and maintenance of the beautiful street banners that are on display throughout downtown Johnsburg. As you can see by viewing these high quality banners, JABA invested a great expense in them and we all need to thank JABA and our local business community for providing this service.

JABA welcomes all businesses to become a member and participate in the educational meetings held monthly at the Johnsburg Library. If you are a local business person and are interested in interacting with others please call Dr. Rachel Northern at 344-0113 or Ann Liston at 385-2700.

*****SPRING BRUSH PICK UP*****

The Public Works Department will be picking up brush the week of June 2nd. All branches must be at the road by Monday morning of that week. We will be going down each street only ONCE and will not return if you are late putting out your branches. Please make sure that the cut end of the branches are faced towards the pavement in neat piles.

**All branches must be a minimum length of
4 feet and not larger than 6 inches in
diameter.**

Anything that cannot be put through the chipper safely will not be taken. *This service is being provided for larger tree branches from trimming or storm damage and is not intended to dispose of whole trees that have been removed.*

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

The **Community Affairs Committee** has several new and exciting developments to share this spring. First, the parks subcommittee has been busy reviewing the status and inventorying the various park properties within the Village. The three focal parks for this year will be Hiller, Sunnyside, and the newest community park (the area just west of the community club) in the Jak-Anna subdivision. We are reviewing all the park master plans. With regard to the athletic fields, meetings have been scheduled with the various athletic groups to get their input on use and suggested improvements. We have also met with representatives from the Johnsborg Community Club and the neighborhood to get their input regarding the Jak-Ana area. A shelter paid for with state grant money is being planned for installation there later this year. We would like to acknowledge and thank State Representative Jack Franks for his efforts in helping our village secure this grant. Various improvements are also planned for Hiller and Sunnyside parks.

Later this spring, the social affairs subcommittee is planning to roll-out a brand new community calendar which will be posted on our Village website. The committee has contacted the schools, churches and local civic organizations to compile a list of public events. In doing so we will help promote both the Village's planned activities and those going on in our community, while providing a valuable planning tool for our residents. Check www.johnsborg.org for updates.

Finally, the communications subcommittee has been diligently working to improve communications with our residents. Several enhancements are planned for the Village website to make it more useful and user friendly. New mechanisms are in place to convey information regarding the work status of the sewer project. Look for our new Sewer Status logo on all related correspondence. Changes to the newsletter are being made which further improve how and what we communicate to our residents. As this is a continual process we welcome your comments and suggestions for how we can provide this service better. Please feel free to direct your emails to mlhutchinson@johnsborg.org.

Mary Lou Hutchinson, Chairman Community Affairs



The **JCAN Committee** has been hard at work! For those of you still wondering, JCAN stands for Johnsborg Community Action Network, "Citizens and Village working together". Want sewers but think the cost is too high? Come to a meeting and see what all of us working together can do. **We welcome all Johnsborg residents, regardless of your position, either for or against SSA23.**

Our Mission: Support and promote strategic initiatives that benefit the Village and its residents, by creating awareness and engaging citizens through a unified community advocacy group.

Our first initiative is to bring awareness to Johnsborg's Waster Water Conveyance and Treatment Works Project, solicit support and additional funding, and find ways to reduce the cost of the project thereby making it more affordable to our residents.

One of our current objectives is soliciting letters, or resolutions, supporting the environmental impact of our project on the clean up of the Fox River and connecting bodies of water. We have targeted over 130 communities, organizations and groups to enlist their support. The intent is to bring focus to the regional importance of sewerage all waterfront properties. We also hope to build alliances demonstrating the true scope of the project and its environmental impact, which reaches far beyond the borders of Johnsborg.

Last month we sent out requests with a position statement and a brief overview of Johnsborg's Waste Water Conveyance and Treatment Works Project and the Fox River watershed.

Did you know the Fox River:

Provides 8,000,000 people living within 100 miles with recreation Traverses 115 miles through Illinois, to the Illinois River. Is the primary drinking water source for 200,000 people. Supports 48 nature preserves and 118 natural areas. Is listed as "threatened" by the State and U.S.EPA under Sec. 303 of the CWA. Is the 7th highest endangered river on the American Rivers 1999 national list. Is one of the nation's most popular recreational waterways. Our Committee is in the process of diligently following up and calling all 130 targets. A number of signed letters of support have already been received. A short list of supporters include; Senator Richard Durbin, Senator William Peterson, the Fox Waterway Agency, and the cities of Aurora, Carpentersville, Island Lake, and Spring Grove.

JOHNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

JCAN cont:

Recently, two members from JCAN made a presentation to Spring Grove's Village Board explaining its mission and the reason for our request. After some discussion and assuring the board JCAN's activities are independent of the SSA debate, the Spring Grove Village Board unanimously passed the resolution.

Please check the Village's website and the Community Sign by the Johnsborg Public Library for upcoming meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled **Thursday May 22nd @ 7:30pm at the Village Hall**. Residents are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions for JCAN please send us an email at Johnsborgcan@yahoo.com or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. We look forward to having as many residents participate as possible.

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JOHNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

WRESTLING

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD – Ryan Vendegna

MOST IMPROVED AWARD – Justin Peete/Tyler Brady

HAWK AWARD – Ryan Vendegna & Justin Peete

MOST TAKEDOWN AWARD – Ryan Vendegna

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Dan Andersen, Kelly Connor, Scott Hendler, Terrance Maule, Joe Stelzer

CAPTAINS – Kelly Connor & Joe Stelzer

BOYS BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD – None awarded

COACH'S AWARD – John Dzierzbicki

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER AWARD – C. J. Fiedorowicz;

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD – Mike Dixon

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Cole Jensen

CAPTAINS – Mike Dixon, Ryan Weingart

ALL CONFERENCE – C. J. Fiedorowicz & Mike Dixon



GIRLS BASKETBALL:

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD – Michelle McDonald

SARAH KELLY MOST DEDICATED PLAYER AWARD – Megan Lopez

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD – Melissa Dixon ; MOST IMPROVED AWARD – Anne Hinley; SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Heather Zorn

CAPTAINS – Rebecca Staveteig, Michelle McDonald, Megan Lopez; ALL CONFERENCE – Michelle McDonald, Rebecca Staveteig, Megan Lopez, Heather Miller

POM PONS:

MOST VALUABLE AWARD FOOTBALL – Katey Wolf

MOST VALUABLE AWARD BASKETBALL – Courtney Brust ; HARDEST WORKER – Cherie-Lynn Dingman

MOST SPIRITED – Amy Wolf

MOST IMPROVED – Paige Pocklington

SPORTSMANSHIP – Meghan Wagner

CHEERLEADING:

MOST VALUABLE FOOTBALL AWARD – Dana Pries

MOST VALUABLE BASKETBALL AWARD – Kateri Marulewski

MOST IMPROVED AWARD – Courtney Behm

MOST SPIRITED AWARD – Courtney Thurman

MOST DEDICATED – Meghan Rickel

SPORTSMANSHIP – Jordan Hauck

CAPTAIN FOOTBALL – Dana Pries

CAPTAIN BASKETBALL – Kateri Marulewski

Check out the JHS website for JHS sports info . The website is: <http://www.jburgd12.k12.il.us/jhs/Athletics/athletics.htm>

On behalf of the Village of Johnsborg, we wish to congratulate all the winter sports athletes on their achievements this season.

JOHNSBURG ROAD PUBLIC MEETING

The McHenry County Department of Transportation has schedule a public meeting regarding the Johnsborg Road Project on May 22, 2008 from 4 p.m.—7 p.m. at the McHenry Township Building. The County will advertise the meeting in the Northwest Herald approximately 3 weeks before and formal letters will be sent out to everyone included on the address list informing them of the time and location of the meeting.

JOHNSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Would you like to clean out your medicine cabinet but don't know the best way?

I'm pleased to announce the police department has established an unused or expired medicine collection program for the Village. The purpose of this new program is to give residents an opportunity to insure unused and expired medicines are properly disposed of.

You can either place your pills and capsules in a resealable bag or leave them in the original containers. If you do bring prescription vials they will be destroyed too. If you are disposing of liquid medication, please leave the medication in the bottle and put the bottle inside a resealable bag to avoid leakage. We cannot accept sharps, needles, IV bags or thermometers. You won't have to complete any forms or sign any papers, so you can maintain complete privacy. After the drugs are collected they will be safely disposed of by a professional medical waste handling company. You may think this is an inconvenient way to get rid of unwanted drugs, but there are some very important reasons to dispose of old medicine safely and responsibly.

The Environment: Please don't flush! Recent research has uncovered some disturbing facts about pharmaceuticals in our environment. Flushed drugs are much more persistent than anyone ever realized.

The sewage treatment plants currently in use in this country are not designed to remove dissolved drugs from our wastewater. Antibiotics and other medications in a septic system can destroy beneficial bacteria necessary for the system to operate. Septic systems also allow leaching of the drugs into water resource systems.

That means that the pharmaceuticals we flush end up being released back out into lakes and streams.

Don't toss it out either! Throwing drugs in the trash is not a good disposal option either. Children or scavenging animals can find the medication and ingest it. Drugs can also endanger sanitation workers if not packaged correctly for disposal. Finally, drugs often dissolve in landfills over time and wind up leaching into groundwater anyway.

Abuse and accidental poisoning: The danger with throwing old medications in the trash (or just keeping them in the house forever) is that other people can find them and take them. Prescription medication abuse by teens and young adults is a growing problem in the United States.

There has been much media attention lately on the alarming phenomenon of "pharm parties", parties where teens take combinations of prescription drugs scavenged from their family medicine cabinets.

Protect our senior citizens: Kids and teens aren't the only population at risk. Senior citizens may also become confused about their medications. They might accidentally take expired medications or drugs that are no longer prescribed for them. For your family's sake, it is really worth this small effort to get rid of medication your family no longer needs, and to get rid of it safely.

Your privacy Finally, when you throw drug vials in a landfill, you expose yourself to the possibility that someone will get their hands on your personal information. Believe it or not, there are people who will go through trash looking for personal information to help them in identity theft schemes. Why put the information there in the first place?

For further information: If you have any questions about the program or need more information, please call the Sergeant Keith Von Allmen at (815) 385-6024.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Parents: You may have already received the SRTS survey from your child's school. It is very important these are returned with your child to school as soon as possible. The data we receive from the survey information you supply will support the grant application for the potential Safe Routes to School project. This project would enable walking paths and bike paths at no cost to our residents. It is a federally funded program which promotes walking and biking as a more appealing mode to transportation to and from school and encourages a healthy and active lifestyle. Based on the results of the survey, the Village of Johnsburg will consider applying for a grant from the Safe Routes to School Program. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Faith Brady, Deputy Clerk, at the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or by email at fbrady@johnsburg.org.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE MCHENRY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Health Department Recommends Testing of Flooded Wells, Provides Recovery Tips

If your private well casing has been submerged due to the recent heavy rains, McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) cautions residents that these private water wells could be contaminated. To reduce the risk of illness, water from these wells should not be consumed until tests confirm it is clear of coliform bacteria. Bottled water is recommended for drinking, preparing food or baby formula or brushing teeth. If coliform bacteria is present, the well will need to be disinfected. Instructions can be found on the Department's website (www.mcdh.info). Residents can also expect that their individual onsite wastewater treatment systems will not function properly when flooded. Septic systems should not be used until flood waters subside.

MCDH will perform testing at no charge for flooded private water wells after flood waters have receded. Sample bottles can be picked up at the Department's Woodstock office or at the following locations:

MCDH also cautions residents about the dangers of floodwater contaminated with bacteria, viruses and other organisms. Common waterborne illness symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Seek immediate medical attention if symptoms persist. Parents should also restrict children from swimming or playing in flood waters. To prevent the spread of disease, always wash your hands thoroughly with plenty of warm water and soap before handling, preparing or eating food.

Cleaning up after a flood can be overwhelming. Be sure to disinfect any food preparation surfaces that may have been contaminated by floodwater. Any food or beverage containers should also

be carefully examined. Flooded indoor areas (walls, floors, etc.) must be scrubbed with warm, soapy water. Wash all linens and clothing in hot water or dry clean. If there is sewage backup in the basement, it can be disposed of by pumping it into the toilet or floor drains if the drains are connected to the septic system. Do not pump sewage-contaminated water into the yard or into the street. For more information about floodwater clean-up and recovery, visit www.mcdh.info or call the Department's Environmental Health Division at 815-334-4585.

Summary of Open Burning of Landscape Waste Regulations McHenry County Public Health Ordinance Article III - Section 1.29 Effective April 1, 2008

PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:

- Burning of manure, garbage, litter, etc. on any property in McHenry County. Burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (i.e. residence, school, etc). Burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (i.e. detached garage, barn, etc).

Summary of Open Burning of Landscape Waste:

RESTRICTIONS WHEN GREATER THAN 100' FROM A HABITABLE STRUCTURE AND 50' FROM A NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURE

- Only landscape waste and only on the property where the landscape waste was generated. Only during the months of April, May, Oct. (weekends only) Only during the months of April, May, Oct. -weekends only. Only between dawn and dusk. Only when the winds are less than 10 mph. Must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age. A fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source must be available at the burning site

500' EXEMPTIONS

Burning of on-site generated landscape waste 500' or greater from a habitable structure is allowed:

During any month of the year, on any day of the week, at any time of the day

NOTE: All other prohibitions / restrictions apply.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS

- Recreational fires; not larger than 3'x3'x3', and excludes leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings, Ceremonial fires (bonfires) larger than 3'x3'x3', and excludes leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings, permit required from McHenry County Department of Health

****Any officer of the McHenry County Dept. of Health, law enforcement agency, fire department or fire protection district is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.**

If you have any questions regarding this County Ordinance, please feel free to contact the MCDH at 815-334-4585; 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098. www.mcdh.info



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY:

A Taste of Germany Cooking Demo & Tasting Wed., May 14, 7:00 p.m. Learn how to make some classic German dishes as Chef Michael Maddox demonstrates a few of his favorites. This program is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required. Registration for residents of the Johnsborg Public Library District begins on May 1.

An Afternoon of German Music Sun., May 18, 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy the sounds of Die Lustigen Musikanten (Merry Musicians in German), a traditional German band playing waltzes, polkas, marches, and a variety of German folk songs. Sample some traditional German refreshments, too. One lucky person in attendance will also receive a \$25 gift certificate to Koenemann's in Volo. This program is free, but advance registration is required and begins May 1. (If the weather is nice, bring your lawn chair for an outdoor concert!)

Chicago's Chinatown and Little Italy Bus Tour Saturday, June 21 \$21 Per Person; Travel to Chicago via motor coach with guide Al Walavich for a tour of these ethnic neighborhoods. There will also be visits to the Chinese-American Museum of Chicago and the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, with a stop for lunch in Chinatown at the Phoenix Restaurant. The bus will depart the library parking lot promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Your \$21 fee is all-inclusive and must be paid for at the time of registration. Advance registration is required and begins June 2. Refunds for cancellations cannot be issued after June 14.

"Perfection on Wheels" Bicycle Stunt Team Mon., June 16, 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Watch professional BMX stunt riders spin, flip, and do 360s in the library parking lot as they also help promote proper bicycle and helmet safety.

The above five programs are made possible through grants awarded by the Illinois State Library, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Other library programs:

Book Sale, June 5-7 The Friends of the Library sponsor the library's semi-annual book sales. The Friends Members Only Sale will be on Thurs., June 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. An annual membership to the Friends may be purchased at the door for \$5. Public sale hours are Fri., June 6 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sat., June 7 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A special \$2 per bag Blow Out Sale will be held on Saturday from 1:30-4:00 p.m.

"Reading Brings the World to You" 2008 Children's Individual Summer Reading Challenge: Starting June 9, pick up your passport to a world of reading, prizes and fun. **Summer is Fun! Story Hour**

Two sessions are available. You may sign up for one or both sessions.: Session 1 - June 16- July 3; Session 2 - August 4 - August 21
Registration begins June 9. Times offered are: Family story time for ages 2-6: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. For 3-5 year olds: Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with a caregiver: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate America! Patriotic Stamping Class Tuesday, June 24, 1:00 pm; For ages 6-12 years. Registration begins June 9.

Burpee Museum of Rockford presents "Animal Encounters" Tuesday, July 1, 1:00 p.m. A live animal presentation for ages 5 and up. Registration begins June 9.

Reptiles of Illinois Wed., July 30, 1:00 p.m. This program for ages 5 and up is presented by the McHenry Conservation Wildlife Resource Center. Registration begins June 9.

Book Club Adventures for ages 8-12 Read these fascinating stories by Chris Van Allsburg and then make some great crafts.

Jumanji – Fri., July 11, 1:00 p.m. Registration begins June 12. *Zathura* – Fri., Aug. 8, 1:00 p.m. Registration begins July 10.

Summer Movie Days: Movie treats provided. Register at the front desk one month prior to each movie.

Jumanji, Fri., July 18, 1:00 p.m. ; *Zathura*, Fri., Aug. 15, 1:00 p.m.

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MCHEHRY AREA YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE

SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dear Neighbors,

On March 6th, 2008, Megan Miller was appointed as McHenry Area Youth Commission's new Program Coordinator. Megan is a recent graduate of Western Illinois University and is a certified elementary teacher. Megan grew up in M.A.Y.C.'s programs and is excited to have the opportunity to organize the programs that impact so many of our area's youth. After nearly 20 years of serving our communities, **M.A.Y.C.'s** scope of prevention programming is still continuing to grow. Last year alone, over 450 area youth were served at seven of our alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention programs.

M.A.Y.C.'s programming enhances many of the concepts taught in our homes and schools. By examining these concepts in a social and recreational setting, our area's youth gains a stronger understanding of prevention concepts. Yet M.A.Y.C.'s programming goes further than prevention, it also incorporates building strong character, social skills, problem solving skills, and leadership skills while increasing self-confidence and self-esteem in participants. With today's youth becoming tomorrow's leaders, we, as a community, would only benefit through the continued support of the programs that so directly impact the decisions they will make in the future.

As a non-for-profit organization, local governments and school districts provide much of the funding for M.A.Y.C. However, "It takes a whole village to raise a child" and we are asking for financial support from the generous donors of the McHenry and Johnsburg area to help continue M.A.Y.C.'s role in our communities.

Donations can be mailed to 3703 N. Richmond Rd, Johnsburg, IL 60051. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Megan Miller at 815-344-0001.

What is happening this summer at M.A.Y.C.?

Can Do Committee – M.A.Y.C.'s Youth Advisory Committee is continuing to plan new ways to reach area youth, raise awareness, and help out in our communities.

PALS - Middle and early High School students are continuing to enjoy their free time with M.A.Y.C.'s once monthly outings and the Summer Program. This dynamic group promotes and encourages supportive, constructive friendships that focus on a drug-free lifestyle.

Soap Box Derby – Join us this year at the 6th Annual McHenry Kiwanis Soap Box Derby on June 14, 2008. The competition will be tough, so be sure to cheer on M.A.Y.C.!

Who is M.A.Y.C.?

The mission of the McHenry Area Youth Commission (M.A.Y.C.) is to "Keep Healthy Kids Healthy" by sponsoring prevention programs for youth that promote responsible choices about drugs, alcohol, violence, & gang involvement provided through a community-based linkage of educational, governmental, & human service agencies within the McHenry & Johnsburg area.

Who can participate?

Participants must be entering grades 1-9 in the 2008/2009 school year. The program is open to youth who are eligible to attend School Districts 12, 15, or 156, or who live in McHenry Township, the City of McHenry, or the Village of Johnsburg.

How much does the Summer '08 Program cost? The fee for each session is \$340.00. This fee reflects all scheduled program hours, field trip admissions and transportation, and one M.A.Y.C. Summer '08 Program T-shirt. Participants registering for both sessions will receive one T-shirt. Although the sessions are scheduled differently the pricing remains the same to reflect more expensive field trips in Session 1 and greater number of days in Session 2. A limited number of extra T-shirts will be available for purchase at \$10.00 each. If unable to make payment in full at time of registration, a nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 will be collected and used to hold participant's place. Deposit will be applied towards your child's programming fees. Partial scholarships may be available based on family income; please contact us prior to registration for information.

An early registration discount of \$15.00 per child will be given if payment in full is received by the following dates: Session 1 by May 8, 2008, Session 2 by May 22, 2008. Deposit will be applied towards your child's programming fees. Partial scholarships may be available based on family income; please contact us prior to registration for information. A multiple children discount of \$10.00 will be given to each participant from the same household if payment in full is received by the following dates: Session 1 by May 8, 2008, Session 2 by May 22, 2008

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

McHenry Area Youth Commission Summer Program cont: Once a participant is registered, cancellation with a refund will only be accepted until May 22, 2008. Refund will not include \$50.00 deposit. Any cancellation received after that date will not include a refund.

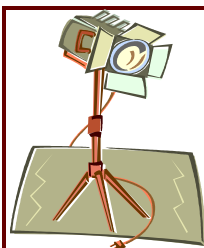
Registration Information

Registration will **begin on Friday April 4, 2008** and will **close on Thursday May 22, 2008**. Registration by the participant's legal guardian is required. Registration will be held at the McHenry Township Recreation Building (3519 N. Richmond Road) as follows: Friday April 4th 2:00pm – 7:00pm, and Saturday April 5th 10:00am – 3:00pm. If needed, individual registrations can be set up for other days and times, please contact Megan or Nancy to make these arrangements. Phone and mail registrations will not be accepted. Space is limited, so please register early. Once our maximum number of participants is reached, a waiting list will be compiled for possible openings.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact

Megan Miller or Nancy Jakubisin at 815-344-0001.
3703 N. Richmond Rd. - McHenry, IL - 60050

WEBSITE: www.mayc.net EMAIL: youth@mayc.net



VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Ms. Jennifer Pilman, Collec-
tor/Office Assistant**

**How many years have you been em-
ployed with the Village?** 10 months.

Do you live in Johnsburg, and if so, how long? 18 years

What is the best part of your job? Interacting with the residents of Johnsburg.

What is your typical work day? Everyday is different, but there is telephone work, computer input and daily public contact.

Family life and hobbies? I have a great family. My hobbies are singing, playing guitar and running. I will be participating in the Chicago Marathon in October. Please visit firstgiving.com/jenniferpilman for information on the fund raising portion of this marathon.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS OF ANY TEEN:

The U.S. Surgeon General reports that life expectancy has improved in the U.S. over the past 75 years for every age group except one. The death rate for 15- to 24-year-olds is higher today than it was 20 years ago. The leading cause of death is drunk and drugged driving. Of the 20 million junior and senior high school students in America, about half of them drink monthly. Whether it's New Year's Eve, graduation parties or just a normal weekend pizza party that your teen might attend, there is a good chance that there will be alcohol and or drugs. One of our main concerns needs to be whether or not they will then get behind the wheel of a car. If they have been using alcohol or drugs, or get into a car with a driver who has been, their chance for injury or death rises.

Another statistic put out by the U.S. Surgeon General is that 33% of the nearly 200,000 students surveyed, said that their parents often do not set clear rules. Unfortunately, half said that they are not even disciplined routinely when they break the rules. **Set the rules and limits and don't deviate in this matter.** Be a loving brick wall.

Here are a few tips:

Know where the party is and talk to the parents of the teenager who is hosting the party. If you're not comfortable with those parents, there are a few questions that you can ask them to really feel out the situation. Ask them straight out if there will be any drinking. Tell them you don't approve of underage drinking and that you would have to report it if there was. Ask them if they know what the fine and legal penalties are in your area for allowing underage drinking. Also, if your teenager is attending a party be sure there is adult supervision. If a party is being held, call the parents ahead of time making sure they know about the party. **TAKE THE TIME TO FIND OUT!**

Take the keys on New Year's Eve. This should be a given at any household on New Years Eve and graduation party nights. Many states don't allow young drivers to be driving after midnight. **IN ILLINOIS, DRIVERS LICENSES FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR OLDS ARE VOID AFTER CURFEW; 10:00 PM ON SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY NIGHTS AND 11:00 PM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS.** Curfews should be set long before your teenager leaves your home. Make them non-negotiable at that point.

Everyone should be able to have fun for graduation parties and summer events, but you need to do it safely and do it smart.

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Monday — Friday

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Community Affairs - 2nd Weds. - 7:00 pm

Development & Gov't Affairs - 4th Tues. - 7:30 pm

Economic Development - 2nd Mon.- 7:00 pm

Finance - 1st Weds. - 7:30 pm

Ordinance - 1st Weds. after the 1st Board Mtg. 7:00 pm

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

Police Commission - 3rd Thurs.-7:30 pm

Public Works - 4th Weds. - 7:30 pm

Village Board - 1st & 3rd Tues. - 7:00 pm

Meetings are rescheduled from time to time. Please check our website www.johnsburg.org or call the Village Hall to confirm meeting dates and times.

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