



THE JOHNSBURG VOICE
A HOMETOWN WITH SPIRIT
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2008 AND JANUARY 2009

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Holiday Celebration 2008

Mark your calendars for the **Village of Johnsborg's 2nd Annual Holiday Celebration**. This year's event will take place on **Friday, December 5th**, at **Sunnyside Memorial Park (next to the Village Hall) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The event will feature children's crafts, caroling, hayrides, and a cozy bonfire to keep the little ones warm. Hot chocolate, coffee, donuts, cookies, and popcorn will be provided. A special guest from the North Pole will join the festivities to visit with children who have been good throughout the year.

This event is sponsored by the Community Affairs Committee and is free for residents of the Village of Johnsborg. To deepen the spirit of giving, we ask that the children bring one unwrapped new toy for the **Toys for Tots** program. Toy bins will be provided by the Marine Corp.

We hope to see you at our **2nd Annual Holiday Celebration**. Another great way to be a part of Johnsborg, a *Hometown with Spirit*.

Happy Holidays



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The Village is pleased to welcome Chase Bank as the latest addition to our growing business community. Chase will be hosting a "soft opening" on November 26th to officially open the doors of its new Route 31 location. A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday December 13th from 9am -3pm. Santa Claus is an expected guest along with a balloon artist for entertainment. The Johnsborg Police Dept will be in attendance to assist with Child ID kits for those who are interested. Guests can putt for prizes, food and refreshments on the indoor putting green. Help celebrate Chase Bank's Grand Opening and stop by to tour its new Johnsborg location.

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

David G. Dominguez



Dear Neighbors,

This year is quickly drawing to a close. It seems like it was just yesterday when we were performing all of the year end functions that take place in the last quarter. Today we are preparing to complete 2008 year end functions. A year ago, the economy was still strong although there were signs of a downturn. We were seeing a reduction in building starts and gasoline prices started their ascent past \$4.00 per gallon, but I don't believe anyone expected to see the economy tumble as it did in the last quarter of this year. The Village, like most of our residents, has seen its revenues reduced and its expenses increased. As a result, we are closely managing our financial resources and are tightening our belts to get through this difficult financial period. An example of this is our strategy to manage the escalating costs of snow salt. We, along with other government bodies in Lake and McHenry Counties, were recently informed that the State was unable to acquire a favorable road salt contract for this coming snow season. Road salt will be available but at three times the cost of last year's salt. (Please read the article "Please Pass the Salt" in this issue.) Our Public Works Department will be using several techniques to reduce the amount of salt used during a snow storm.

On October 4th, the Village held its annual Celebration in the Park. Friends and neighbors gathered together to enjoy the evening's festivities and the wonderful fireworks display. I want to thank the Village's Community Affairs Committee and especially Jill McEvoy, Ellen Bathje, and Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson for organizing the fun-filled evening. Many thanks also go to Sal De Marco from Val's Foods for catering the event. During the event, we had the opportunity to recognize Roger and Anne Liston for all their contributions to our community over the last 20+ years. Johnsburg is most fortunate to have the Liston's as Village residents.

The annual fall brush pick-up was well received by a number of residents. The Public Works Department reported that they collected 20 truckloads of shredded material.

In the interest of keeping our residents informed with the current status of SSA #23, I would like to offer the following update:

The Village of Johnsburg with its attorneys went to trial on September 30, 2008 to defend itself in a lawsuit filed by a few residents representing a group of objectors seeking to overturn SSA #23. The court time for the next four days consisted primarily of testimony from witnesses called by the plaintiffs (objectors).

Those witnesses were cross-examined by the Village's attorneys. Since the Judge's allotted time for the trial expired before all testimony was concluded, the trial has been continued until December 1. At that time we hope that the Village's defense will be presented and the trial concluded.

As with most situations of a contentious nature, rumors and misinformation regarding the court proceedings have spread throughout the community. One such claim is that the Village's attorneys "bullied and intimidated" some of the elderly residents who testified on behalf of the plaintiffs at the trial. We feel it is necessary to refute this inaccurate characterization of the events. Testifying in a trial can be uncomfortable and stressful to anyone called as a witness; however, I want to assure you that our attorneys are acting professionally, responsibly and legally in their defense of the Village.

In spite of the Village's attempts to address false statements and innuendos in newsletters and special mailings, there continues to be a concerted effort by a few to mislead our residents and other governmental bodies regarding the sewer project and SSA#23. This effort has created a cloud of negativity over our community. I can understand and respect differences in opinion, but insinuations that the Village Board is insensitive, dishonest or corrupt is without merit. I believe that our record of accomplishments and improvements over the last 17 years speaks of a board with high integrity that acts in the best interest of its residents. We stand firmly behind the facts that we have provided and we ask that our residents review their information packets or call the Village Hall if they have questions.

Lastly, in April, 2005, I told the trustees that this would be my last term in office. While I truly enjoy representing and working for this community, I will not seek election in April 2009. The past 20 years of serving on the Board has been an experience as exhilarating as a roller coaster ride and is one that I will truly miss. As this is not my last newsletter, I won't say Goodbye yet. I'll save that for the next newsletter. For those that are interested in running for office, there are petition packets available at the Village Hall.

CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

Celebration in the Park 2008

Once again the Village of Johnsburg gathered together for its annual "Celebration in the Park" fall festival. The event, traditionally held the first Saturday of October, took place at Sunnyside Park behind the Village Hall. Although the weather was brisk, it did not hamper the festivities which began at 5:00 p.m. and included entertainment for all ages. Bouncers, a castle slide, and a walk-thru Nemo were set up for the small children. Celebration guests gathered in tents to catch up with friends and neighbors and enjoy food and drinks purchased from Val's Foods' concession. The beer garden, manned by volunteers from the Johnsburg Lion's Club, was a hit for the adults looking to quench their thirst while listening to the live band, Bull Frog. For the second year in a row, Bullfrog entertained the crowd with a variety of dance music. A family hayride was provided by Hiller Farm and our own Public Works Department. Free popcorn was served with the help of volunteers from First Midwest Bank. The real highlight of the evening was the amazing fireworks display performed at dusk by "The Mad Bomber".

A special thanks goes out to the Community Affairs Committee for sponsoring "Celebration in the Park" as well as the Lions Club, First Midwest Bank, our Village employees and everyone who generously donated their time and efforts to make it a huge success. We are pleased that this has become such a popular event for our residents and we thank all those who attended. See you next year!



THE LISTONS

Roger and Anne Liston, owners of Prem Magnetics, Inc., were recognized by President Dave Dominguez and Trustee John Huemann at the Celebration in the Park held on October 4, 2008, for their leadership in community service. The Liston's, who have lived in the Village for 27 years, have served as leaders, organizers, and supporters in many local organizations such as:

- Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation (J.E.P.F.)
- Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) - Founder
- Johnsburg Library
- Village of Johnsburg Economic Development Committee
- Johnsburg School District #12
- Johnsburg Business Expo
- Joyful Harvest Church



NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PLEASE PASS THE SALT

Last winter brought us especially cold temperatures and excessive snowfall which resulted in the utilization of approximately 30% more salt than what has been used in previous years. This excessive snow fall impacted regional salt supplies for the coming year. A road salt shortage was the topic of discussion at a recent McHenry County Council of Governments meeting. At that meeting, a panel discussion was lead by Senator Pam Althoff and local Public Work Directors in an effort to update and inform local elected officials about the shortage. Senator Althoff spoke about proposed Senate Bills 3062 and 2062 which could offer some relief to communities under an Emergency Salt Bill.

The Village of Johnsburg obtains its salt through a State contract managed by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS). CMS bids for salt and other supplies on behalf of municipalities and other government entities. The past year, depletion of salt reserves has had a negative impact on the supply and price of road salt. The increase in fuel prices and flooding along the Mississippi has affected the transportation and distribution of the supply. Cost for salt over the past several years has been approximately \$40 a ton. This season we expect to pay \$138 per ton for our salt supply. This large of an increase will have a significant impact on salt budgets throughout the county.

The Village of Johnsburg crews have always done an outstanding job of keeping our streets free of snow and ice. The increase in salt costs will leave us no alternative but to re-evaluate our salt application methods and frequency. We will need to be more conservative in our approach to keeping our roads safe. The panel discussion suggested two ideas for conserving salt supplies. One method is to refrain from spreading salt in late evening and early morning hours. Another suggestion is to apply less salt per mile. For example, the Illinois Department of Transportation usually spreads about 600 lbs of salt per mile but in 2008 that figure is expected to be reduced to 350 lbs per mile in order to conserve salt. Another topic discussed was implementing additional snow fencing in an effort to limit drifting in our rural areas.

State, township and other local area roads will probably not be as snow and ice free as in the past. Please use caution when driving this winter. Allow extra time for your travel and keep a safer distance from the car in front of you.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY 2008

Johnsburg School District 12 and The Village of Johnsburg participated in International Walk to School Day on October 8, 2008. Children, parents, and District 12, along with Village officials, spent the morning supporting this very worthwhile event. Village Trustees were at both Bush Elementary and the Junior High School to meet and greet walkers who, along with students from 40 other counties, showed their support for the importance of walking and biking to school. The event was a great success. Johnsburg Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson said, "We are 100 percent behind this effort. The Village has been working diligently to have safe and connecting walkways throughout the village so [kids] can ride their bikes and walk safely. This really ties in with our efforts." International Walk to School Day is part of the Safe Routes to School Program for the Village of Johnsburg. You may view the video including interviews with parents, students and staff on the Northwest Herald website at <http://www.nwherald.com/multimedia/videoplayer.php?id=20081008WalktoSchool>.

The Safe Routes to School Program will enable communities to create sidewalks, biking paths and walking paths through a federally funded application process. The Village of Johnsburg will be submitting its Safe Routes to School Application later this year. The School Travel Plan submitted by the Village of Johnsburg for District 12 was approved in Springfield this week. The program is 100% federally funded at no cost to the residents or the Village. If you have any questions, or would like to be on our mailing list for the Safe Routes to School Program, or International Walk to School Day 2009, please contact Faith Brady at the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or fbrady@johnsburg.org.



JOHNSBURG BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Village Trustee and Economic Development Chairman, John Huemann, interviews local business owners to enable our residents to get an in depth view of the businesses in our community. This week Mr. Huemann interviewed two new business owners: Ms. Tabitha Schulze, new owner of **Electric Beach**; and Mr. Carl Campise, new owner of **C's Pizzeria and Pub**.

ELECTRIC BEACH: Ms. Tabatha Schulze, a resident of Spring Grove, has recently taken over ownership and management of **Electric Beach Salon**. Her background includes working in salon management for five years in addition to cutting and styling hair for six years. She was interested in purchasing **Electric Beach Salon** as it would allow her to not only serve as a hair stylist and own her own business, but to also offer tanning and the other services to the residents of Johnsburg and the surrounding areas. She was drawn to this specific salon business because of the location, the nice area and her familiarity with Johnsburg. Services offered will include cutting and styling hair but also tanning, ear candling and massages. Ms. Schulze intends **Electric Beach Salon** to become a full service specialty day spa. She will be adding many specialized services and specials for her customers over the next few months. Services are focused towards customers of all ages, including women, men and children. At the present time **Electric Beach Salon** has a total of 4 hair stylists and one nail technician. Even under new ownership, the customer base is picking up and many of the stylists originally employed with **Electric Beach Salon** have come back to help Ms. Schulze develop this new day spa in the Johnsburg area. You may schedule an appointment or speak with Ms. Schulze, or one of her experienced stylists, about any of your styling and day spa needs by calling **815-344-5900**. **Electric Beach Salon is located at 2420 Johnsburg Road**. Their hours of operation are seven days a week Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome. Please stop in or call to welcome Ms. Schulze as a new business owner in Johnsburg.

C'S PIZZERIA AND PUB: As of October 1, Carl Campise is the new owner of what residents have known in Johnsburg as Tom's Café. The new name of the restaurant is **C's Pizzeria and Pub located at 4000 Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg**. Mr. Campise is a 9 year resident of Johnsburg. Carl and his wife spent many years on the Chain of Lakes on weekends and wanted to make the area

their home base and realized Johnsburg was the place where they wanted to settle. As an avid boater, Mr. Campise was interested in owning a restaurant in Johnsburg. He knows the business as he owned his own pizzeria in Chicago. Carl is looking to turn the restaurant into a family style restaurant and plans to change the menu over time. **C's** will offer daily specials so make sure to check what culinary creations they will be serving for the special of the day. The pizza and broasted chicken recipes will not be changed. **C's Pizzeria and Pub** will now offer homemade spaghetti sauce and authentic homemade Italian meatballs. All the Italian dishes are homemade and their famous ravioli will be added to the menu for the upcoming holiday season. Cooking supplies are ordered from an Italian supplier to ensure authentic ingredients for the homemade menu items. Improvements have been made to the restaurant to provide a more airy atmosphere. Mr. Campise is very excited about adding entertainment in the future on Fridays and Saturdays. He plans for Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra styles of music. There are no longer any video games at the restaurant as Carl would like to establish a more comfortable family style restaurant. A private room is available for parties which has already been reserved for a few upcoming parties. Dates are still available and Mr. Campise is happy to talk to you about reserving the private room for your party or upcoming holiday event. Mr. Campise will be meeting with the our local schools in the near future to discuss arranging family dinners after sporting events. Currently, the Lions Club of Johnsburg holds its regular meetings at **C's Pizzeria and Pub**. The Village really has a need for family style restaurants and that is exactly what **C's Pizzeria and Pub** will provide. **C's Pizzeria and Pub** is open at noon on Sundays for Chicago Bears games. The restaurant's regular hours are Sunday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. The bar is open later but closing is at Mr. Campise's discretion. **The telephone number is 815-385-2888**.

Please stop in and have dinner or call to welcome Carl Campise as a new business owner in Johnsburg.

PUBLIC WORKS, JEPF, DISTRICT 12 NEWS

RESPECT YOUR VILLAGE PARKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

During the last few months there has been a rash of vandalism throughout the Village. This vandalism occurred on both private and public properties. Dumpsters, Port-a-lets and fences were recently burned to the ground at Sunnyside Memorial Park and we have encountered graffiti on our park shelters and picnic tables. Many subdivisions have reported street signs which have been stolen or vandalized. A guardrail and posts were damaged at our boat launch when a vehicle ran into them. This past week additional damage was done to a slide at Hiller Park. As residents of this Village, let's all keep our eyes and ears open to vandalism. Please report any act of deliberate destruction to the police department immediately.

This is our *HOMETOWN*. Let's help keep it nice.

PUBLIC WORKS WINTER DRIVING UPDATE

As the winter months approach, most of our residents have been made aware of the road salt shortage expected for this winter's driving season. We ask that you please be patient and drive carefully. We also want to give advanced notice to all our residents, especially our young drivers, that road conditions will not be what they have been in the past. The Public Works department will do the best job they can this season with what resources we have.

Allow extra driving time and be very cautious of road conditions.

JEPF (Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation) hosted their 1st annual Casino Night on Saturday November 15 at the Johnsburg Community Club. All proceeds went directly to Johnsburg District 12 Schools. For information on JEPF and upcoming events, please contact Leslie Koscinski at



JOHNSBURG DISTRICT 12 NEWS



Congratulations to the Boys Golf team for taking 3rd in the Antioch Lakes Regional which earned them a spot in the IHSA Sectional Tournament. This is the first time that Johnsburg High School has ever advanced to sectionals as a team.

Margaret Fox, Girls Tennis team, finished 3rd at the Gurnee/Warren Sectional. This is the 3rd year she has qualified for State.

Congratulations to all of the fall sports participants for all of their hard work, dedication and a job well done this season!!

Johnsburg Junior High School was awarded a grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program. With the help of Monika Cannell, owner of the Sunnyside Little Store and Mobil station in Johnsburg, the school will get \$500 to use for student programming.

Please check the District 12 website at www.jburgd12.k12.il.us for news and all upcoming District 12 events!!!



JOHNSBURG LIBRARY



ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Amazing Dog Tricks Show - Tues., Nov. 25th, 1:00pm

A "No School" treat! Enjoy an amazing program of dog tricks as performed by Robin and her dog, Starlight.

Holiday Stamping Fun - Sat., Nov. 22, 1:00pm

Darla Wilson presents holiday card making and other fun projects using the stamping process. For ages 6-12 with adult.

Holiday Family Fun - Sat., Dec. 6, 1:30 pm.

Enjoy holiday music presented by the Johnsburg High School Madrigals, followed by holiday fun with crafts, books and songs to get you in the holiday spirit. Make this a family event.

Christmas Crafts - Wednesday, December 10, 4:00 pm & Wednesday, December 17, 4:00 pm

For ages 6 to 15. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a helper. Advance registration begins November 10.

Soap-Making - Saturday, Dec. 12, 2:00pm

For ages 7-12. Make decorative soaps to give as gifts during the holidays.

Christmas Story Hour - Mon., Dec. 15 at 7pm or Tues., Dec. 16 at 10am.

Holiday stories and crafts for 3-5 yr. olds.

MOVIE DAYS

Spend some of your holiday vacation with us -- free treats for all!

Horton Hears a Who: Monday, December 22, 1:00 pm

Chronicles of Narnia -- Prince Caspian: Monday, December 29, 1:00 pm

HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY, MR. LINCOLN!

Jan. 16, 23, 30, 3:45-4:45pm

The Winter Individual Reading Challenge celebrates Abe's birthday. Read for fun and prizes. Reading logs will be available beginning Dec. 12. Lincoln Craft Series: For ages 7-12. Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday by making different patriotic crafts to take home.

Winter Pre-school Story Hour - Registration begins Jan. 5th for 6 weeks of stories, songs and crafts.

Exercise Fun for Preschoolers

Tots and their caregivers are invited to join in on this fun time and stay fit for the long winter season. Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Registration begins Jan. 5th.

Pre-School Winter Activity Club

Sign up for special monthly programs for ages 2-6yr. olds and a caregiver.

Jan. 14 - 12:30 - ARCTIC ANIMALS with Brittany Christie of Hearts for the Arts.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday — Friday

8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (815) 385-6023

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Community Affairs - 2nd Weds. - 7:30 pm

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

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

Finance - 1st Weds. - 7:30 pm

JCAN - 3rd Weds 7:30

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

Plan and Zoning Commission - 2nd Tues.
- 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

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

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