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Winter 2010 Newsletter

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While writing this letter, I marvel at the wonderful Indian Summer we have been experiencing the past few weeks. The air is cool and crisp and the sun has been constantly shining - encouraging us to get out and enjoy the fall festivities that the area has to offer. In September we celebrated the 39th annual Saufen and Spiel event. Family, friends and neighbors came out to enjoy games, fellowship, good food, music and the annual parade. I would like to thank the Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club for all of their hard work to make this event a success.

On October 2nd, the Village sponsored the 4th annual Celebration in the Park. Although the weather was chilly, many residents came out to enjoy the event which included music, food, games for the kids, ending with a spectacular fireworks display. Due to budgetary cuts in the Village's budget, this event would not have been possible without the generous donations received from many businesses. I would personally like to thank the following businesses for the contributions: The State Bank Group; Rohm and Haas, SEC Group, an HR Green Company; Raymond's Bowl; Waste Management; Sunnyside Tavern; Ray Chevrolet; Johnsburg Area Business Association; Comcast; Nicor; Dental Center, P.C.; Oak Park Lounge; J & M Transmissions; First Midwest Bank; Zukowski Rogers Flood and McArdle; Johnsburg VFW Post 11496; Half Time Bar and Grill; Lawn

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Doctor; Victor Ford; Chapel Hill Bodyworks; McHenry Savings Bank; Rivera Licenses; Reserve One Homes; Keystone Mortgage; McHenry Specialties; Blue Star Machinery; Northern Light Care; P.F. Pettibone & Company Stade's Farm; Johnsburg Lions Club; and the Bauer Family. I would also like to thank Val's Foods for providing and serving food for the event along with the folks from Homestyle Catering who prepared and served delicious desserts. These generous businesses funded 100% of this event. The event would also not have been possible without the hard work of the Community Affairs Committee and Village staff who donated their time.

Earlier that same day, the Village formally dedicated the boat launch park located on Riverview Drive to Alfred J. May who donated the land for the park and developed much of the land around the Village Hall for homes in the 1940's. The dedication was attended by several of Mr. May's family members, residents from the community, along with Village Trustees and employees. Mrs. Rose Smith, daughter of Alfred J. May, spoke at the dedication sharing stories of her father and fondly remembering how the Village of Sunnyside originally was named. She spoke of how her father would always comment on how the area was on the "sunny side of the river". In 1956, the area officially was incorporated and the Village was named Sunnyside until 1991 when a large adjacent area was annexed by the Village of Sunnyside and the town was renamed "Johnsburg".

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VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

The Village of Johnsburg has T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hooded Sweatshirts available for sale. All shirts feature the Johnsburg Village logo.



T-Shirts \$10.00

T-Shirts are cream with a burgundy logo.
Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large.
All sizes of T-Shirts are in stock.



Sweatshirts \$20.00

Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large

Hoodies \$22.00

Sizes Medium and Large

Hoodies \$28.00

Sizes X-Large and XX-Large.

Sweatshirts and hoodies are burgundy with cream logo. Orders for sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are being taken. **Please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 to place an order.**



Village of JOHNSBURG

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

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

Development & Government Affairs

4th Tuesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Economic Development

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

Finance

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

JCAN

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

Ordinance

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

Plan and Zoning Commission

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

Public Works

4th Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Village Board

1st & 3rd 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

Village President

Ed Hettermann

Village Board of Trustees

Bruce Bennett	Harry May
John Huemann	Mary Lou Hutchinson
Karl Nitz	Ron Zanko

Village Hall: 815-385-6023

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Website: www.johnsburg.org

Public Works: 815-363-8667

Police (Non Emergency): 815-385-6024

Police/Fire Emergency : 911

In closing the dedication ceremony a new sign was unveiled officially designating it as the Alfred J. May Boat Launch and Park. We are very grateful to the many people who have made generous contributions to our community over the years that make it the wonderful place that we call home today.

On Tuesday, September 14, 2010 the community welcomed Sergeant Daniel Snow home from Iraq where he has been serving to protect our country. A welcome home event was sponsored by the Warriors Watch Riders who arranged for a group of friends and supporters to pick up Sergeant Snow at his home in Johnsburg, parade him through town to the Whispering Hills Community Center where more supporters awaited his arrival for a welcome home celebration. Sergeant Snow was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Village of Johnsburg for his service in Iraq on behalf of the enduring freedom of the United States of America, State of Illinois and the Village of Johnsburg. This event was organized by Don and Barb Klapperich, the Warriors Watch Riders along with Denny Hall – Commander of the Johnsburg VFW Post #11496. The Johnsburg VFW is also responsible for organizing the Military Honors Program and memorial located at the Johnsburg Community Club. For more information, contact Johnsburg VFW member Mr. George Braun at 815-344-8683.

On October 10th, Staff Sergeant Luke Lunsman was also welcomed home from Iraq. Luke is the son of Joan and Les Lunsman, owners of Sunnyside Tavern. Family and friends gathered at Sunnyside Tavern to celebrate his safe return. The Village presented Staff Sergeant Lunsman with a Certificate of Recognition for his service in Iraq on behalf of the enduring freedom of the United States of America, State of Illinois and the Village of Johnsburg. If you know of other area service men or women returning home from the war, contact Barb Klapperich or the Village Hall to arrange for a welcoming home celebration. We truly appreciate our service men and women's service to our country.

I am sad to report that we recently said goodbye to a long standing business in the community. After celebrating 18 years of business earlier this year, Val's Foods has closed its doors. I would like to take a moment to thank Salvatore and Josephine DeMarco, son Tino, daughter Maria, and son in law Mario, along with their courteous employees for their constant generosity in support of our community over the past 18 years while operating their family business- Val's Foods. We will greatly miss the Demarco family. Over the years, they have helped with food drives for FISH and the Knights of Columbus. They have also donated food for the Village's Celebration in the Park. Salvatore and Josephine Salvatore along with Val's Foods have been a major sponsor of the Johnsburg Lion's Club Banjo Beer Night and have contributed to many other community causes. Their generosity is immeasurable. On behalf of the residents, Village staff and the Village Board of Trustees, thank you for your ongoing support of our community and 18 great years. You will be greatly missed and we wish you and your family all the best.

As the holiday season approaches, there will be many area events and activities for you and your family to enjoy. Check the Village's website about holiday events taking place in the area. One of these events is the upcoming Jolly Pa Looza fundraiser which will be held at the Johnsburg Community Club on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Read the article on Page 7 of this newsletter for more information regarding this event. Johnsburg resident Craig Wallace and his hardworking volunteers first established the Walla Pa Looza and Jolly Pa Looza events in 2009 in an effort to raise funds for cancer patients and cancer research. Another event you should be sure not to miss is the Rockin Relay Fundraiser on November 6th at Half-time Pizza and Ribs. Fritz Larsen, the owner of Half-time Pizza and Ribs has been a long time supporter of many fund raising events in our community. Read the article on page 6 for more information. Proceeds from this event benefit the American Cancer Society.

You may have noticed the sandblasting and painting activities taking place on the Village's water tower at Route 31 and Johnsburg Road. When the tower was originally constructed and painted, the Village had contracted for a premium quality paint to insure long term durability and that it maintains its clean looking appearance. Unfortunately we experienced problems with the paint and therefore required that the tower get repainted under the manufacturer's warranty. Work began on this project in July and was expected to last approximately three weeks. The contractor experienced some complications that extended the project timeline, however we are happy to report that the work is now complete. During the sandblasting and painting activities some residents and businesses located in the area experienced some dust and paint impacts to their vehicles and the general contractor is addressing these matters. We apologize for any disruptions our residents and businesses experienced because of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

“If you have not received your information packet or need garbage/yard waste stickers, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or go to our website at www.johnsburg.org.”

During this activity, many residents have called asking when the Village will be cleaning or repainting the water tower located by the Johnsburg High School. This tower is not owned by the Village and is not part of the Village's water system. The tower is a part of a water system owned by Utilities, Inc. We have passed these concerns on to Utilities, Inc.

Work is progressing on the Fairview Avenue, Chapel Hill Road and Reed Avenue sewer project. This work is expected to be complete in the near future. We anticipate that residents along these streets will be able to abandon their septic systems and connect to the Village's wastewater treatment system before the holiday season. This project was pursued by these residents through a Special Service Area which enables them to pay for the project improvements through an assessment on their property tax bill over a period of time. Residents along Oakdale Avenue continue to work with the Village on options to move forward with a sewer project on their street. Residents along Sunnyside Beach Drive have also expressed an interest in pursuing sewers for their area. If you would like to learn more about how to bring the Village's sewer system to your subdivision, contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters at 815-385-6023.

The Village budgeted for the replacement of a police squad car this year to insure that our vehicle fleet does not become aged and unreliable. Acting Chief Keith Von Allmen has been analyzing options for this replacement vehicle and brought forward a proposal to the Village Board to pursue a new make and model vehicle this year. Ford, Chrysler and GM all manufacture specialized vehicles for police squads. While all of these vehicles are similarly equipped at basically the same price, the Dodge Charger provides more front cabin room to properly accommodate the computers and other equipment utilized for police operations. Upon reviewing the comparative information, the Village Board authorized the ordering of a 2011 Dodge Charger which is expected to be delivered in January 2011.

I would like to thank all of the residents who participated in the garbage and recycling survey. Your input was greatly appreciated. An information packet has been sent to all of the homes in the Village regarding the Village's new garbage and

recycling program that went into effect November 1, 2010. The stickers for extra garbage and yard waste are available at the Village Hall. We will be working with area businesses to arrange for their availability at other locations for your convenience. If you have not received your information packet or need garbage/yard waste stickers, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or go to our website at www.johnsburg.org. It is our goal through this new program to provide residents an option to continue to receive garbage pickup at no additional costs through increased recycling activities. In doing so, we hope to also improve our communities carbon footprint through this green initiative.

The Village welcomes all its residents to get involved in their local government. Volunteering for a village committee is the best place to begin serving your Village. Here, you will have the opportunity to participate in making decisions that will steer the course of the village as well as solve everyday problems. The valuable knowledge and experience gained serving on these committees provides an in-depth understanding of the Village issues and will help answer your questions regarding Village operations. If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to learn more about how local government works in Johnsburg, please visit our website www.johnsburg.org or contact Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

Weather permitting I will be walking the neighborhoods in the area originally known as the “Sunnyside” area of our community on upcoming Saturdays to visit with residents in an effort to address any Village concerns they may have. Please watch the Community Sign located by the Johnsburg Library or our website for details. If you do not reside in this area of our community and have a Village concern, please feel free to contact me through the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our residents and the business community for the opportunity to serve you this past year as your Village President. I hope I have addressed any concerns you have had and if not, please contact me. I, along with the Village Board and staff, wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President

McHenry Area Youth Commission

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 and gang involvement provided through community-based linkage of educational, governmental and human service agencies within the McHenry and Johnsburg area. MAYC is supported by McHenry and Nunda Townships, the City of McHenry, the Village of Johnsburg and School Districts 12, 15 and 156. To this end, M.A.Y.C. will be sponsoring the following programs during the winter season:

Participants Achieving Leadership Skills (PALS)

PALS - Middle school and early High School students are continuing to enjoy their free time with M.A.Y.C.'s once monthly outings and get togethers. This dynamic group promotes and encourages friendships that are supportive, constructive and focus on a drug-free lifestyle. Check us out at www.mayc.net for up to date information. **Here are some of our upcoming outings:**

Raymond's Bowl

Come join us for a wild time at Raymond's Bowl in Johnsburg. We will be having some fun on the wild side. Let's see who can get the most strikes! We will be meeting at the main entrance of Raymond's at 7pm. You may bring extra money for snacks and games! Must have a minimum of 15.

Date: November 19th, 2010 | **Time:** 7pm-9pm
Cost: \$15.00 **RSVP by November 12th, 2010**

Winter Hang Out

Let's enjoy this wintery weather and hang out at M.A.Y.C. We will be sledding, if weather permits, we will also have a bonfire with smores of course, and a grabbag. So bring your winter clothes and a gift under \$5 for a boy or a girl. Come on out and have some fun with your M.A.Y.C. PALS!!!

Date: December 17th, 2010 | **Time:** 5pm-9pm
Cost: Can donation for FISH of McHenry **RSVP by December 10th, 2010**

Skiing at Wilmont Mountain

Learn to ski and show-off your moves at our Wilmont Mountain Ski Trip!! The exhilaration of speeding down a hill and challenging yourself with something new is even more fun when hanging out with your PALS friends all day. Since many of us are not pro-skiers we will be starting the day with an optional group ski lesson and continuing into the afternoon on the slopes! This is a great outing to bring a new friend to!

Date: Saturday January 22nd, 2011 | **Time:** 10:00am-4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50 for lift ticket & ski rental; \$60 for lift ticket & snowboard rental; \$40 for lift ticket only. **RSVP by January 15, 2011**
We will be meeting at Wilmont Mountain @10 a.m. You may bring a sack lunch or purchase your lunch at the concessions. Please let me know if you wish to rent a helmet for an additional \$10 when you RSVP.

Rinkside Entertainment

Tis' the season to go Ice Skating! We are going to Rink Side in Gurnee. Trip includes 1 game of laser tag, ice skating, skate rental, pizza pop and \$5 in tokens. Must have a minimum of 15.

Date: Saturday February 19th, 2011 | **Time:** 2pm-6pm
Cost: \$20.00 **RSVP by February 11th, 2011**



2011 Entertainment Book Sale

With thousands of dollars in savings, 50% off discounts, & 2 for 1 offers, you can't go wrong on saving money when you use the 2010 Entertainment Book. The book includes savings on fine dining, casual & quick service restaurants, attractions such as movies, live shows, concerts, sporting events & family activities. Also included is a savings section on home, garden, auto, retail services, hotels, travel, cruises, car rentals & airfares. Entertainment Books are \$25.00 & available at M.A.Y.C. & The McHenry Township building. Help support prevention efforts for our area youth by purchasing your book. Books will be available NOW through early December. Get copy today by calling 815.344.0001.

No School, No Worries!!!

School may be closed, but M.A.Y.C. is open. Check out what M.A.Y.C. is doing when school is out. However, nothing ruins a good program more quickly than participants waiting until last minute to register. If we do not receive at least 15 registrations a week before the start of the program, we may have to cancel. So register early!!!!

Nov 24th, 2010	CoCo Keys Waterpark	8am-5pm	\$25	bring sack lunch & arcade \$
Dec 20th, 2010	Raymond's Bowl & pizza	8am-5pm	\$25	bring \$ for arcade
Dec 21st, 2010	Open hours	8am-5pm	\$20	bring a sack lunch
Dec 22nd, 2010	Extreme Wheels & Pizza	8am-5pm	\$25	bring \$ for arcade
Dec 27th, 2010	Fox Lake Movie Theater	8am-5pm	\$25	bring a sack lunch
Dec 28th, 2010	Open Hours	8am-5pm	\$20	bring a sack lunch
Dec 29th, 2010	Rinkside & pizza	8am-5pm	\$25	bring \$ for arcade
Jan 17th, 2011	Open Hours	8am-5pm	\$20	bring a sack lunch
Feb 21st, 2011	Open Hours	8am-5pm	\$20	bring a sack lunch

Check our website for up to date information. Field Trips subject to change without notice.



JOHNSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

State of the Curriculum

(9/3/2010)

“What kind of a school and district do we want?” That was the question posed to the Johnsburg High School Staff at their first Professional Learning Community late start day on Thursday, September 2nd, 2010.

“Focused on student learning” was the answer given. Creating a unified commitment to student learning is a great way to summarize the importance of our job here in District 12. All of our schools will have this same commitment to the education of our children.

Our focus right now with curriculum is looking at data to make informed decisions so we can deliver appropriate lessons to each child in all our schools. Examples of data being used are: AIMSWEB (K-8), state assessments (ISATS grades 3-8, EXPLORE 8TH grade, PLAN 9TH grade, Practice ACT 10TH grade and the PSAE 12th grade). With the data collected and deciphered, our teachers can make specific plans for the delivery of curriculum that directly impact our students.

What kind of decisions do we make regarding this data? An example of data collected from ISATS could be that a certain percentage of 3rd grade students did not meet the standard for Goal 1A in reading, resulting in a low score for those students. As teachers deliver their curriculum, they focus on that specific skill because the data showed a weakness in that area. This is where actionable data and informed decisions directly impact our curriculum and the improvement of student learning.

All grade level and content area staff will be writing SMART Goals in the coming weeks to address the actionable data. These goals will be a guiding light for student learning. This is a very important task that our staff takes seriously, which is one reason why Johnsburg School District 12 is such a strong school district.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL USED BOOK SALE:

Friends of the Library “Members Only”

Sale Night: Thurs., Nov. 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

An annual membership to the Friends may be purchased at the door for \$5.00

REGULAR BOOK SALE HOURS:

Fri., Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Prices range from 25¢ to \$2.00

Sale area will be closed on Saturday from 1:00-1:30 to set up for the \$2-A-Bag Blowout Sale, which will be held Sat, Nov. 13 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Donations in good condition can be dropped off at the library at any time.



HIDDEN HARRY POTTER

Monday, Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m.

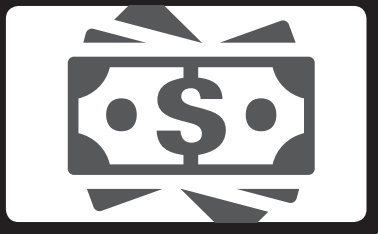
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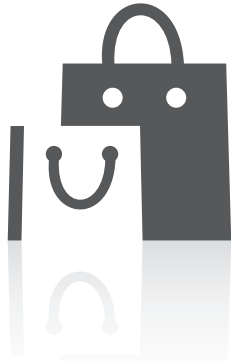
Enter the magical world of Harry Potter with an insider’s peek at this treasured film series. Steven Frenzel of Marquee Movie Presentations will uncover fascinating behind-the-scenes tidbits and inside jokes. Plus, we’ll watch a collection of the most exciting scenes from the first six Potter films on our large screen. Advance registration is required and begins November 1. Register online at www.johnsburglibrary.org, call the library at (815)-344-0077, or stop by at 3000 N. Johnsburg Rd.

Additional events at the library can be found on the Calendar of Events page at www.johnsburglibrary.org

JEPF Casino Night

Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation is holding its 3rd Annual Casino Night on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the McHenry Moose Lodge, 3535 N. Richmond Rd. This is a new location for the event. Gaming tables include Blackjack, Texas Hold Em Poker, Craps, Bang, Roulette, and more. If you would like to volunteer your time as a Dealer (training provided) or sponsor a table for \$50.00, contact Leslie Koscinski at cecilk9@hotmail.com.





Shop Local

The Johnsburg Economic Development Committee wishes to remind us of the importance of supporting our local business community especially in these tough times. Our local businesses are owned and operated by our neighbors here in Johnsburg and they work hard every day providing jobs and services to our residents. Our businesses also are a critical source of revenue to our schools and civic groups. Remember the dollars spent with our local businesses stays in the community where we all live. So please consider our local businesses the next time you are in need of their services.

SUNNYSIDE LITTLE STORE

The "Little Store" and Mobile gas station, located at 4304 N. Johnsburg Rd, is owned by Chuck & Monika Cannell. The station originally opened in the mid 1970's as a Marathon station with auto repair bays by Monika's parents, Vern and Inge Treptau. Chuck and Monika took over the business in June, 1991 and will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary next summer. The store sells liquor, beer, wine, groceries, paper products, pet snacks and postage stamps, Lottery (they sold a \$20,000 winning \$2 scratch off ticket earlier this year), Riverside Bakery Donuts and Half Time frozen pizzas. The store has a large food and candy selection and offer fresh lemons, limes and bananas. In the summer, you can get a soft serve ice cream cone or even a root beer float. They also have a small health and beauty section and car fluids such as oil, antifreeze and windshield wiper solution. If coffee is what you are looking for in the morning, Sunnyside Little Store has several flavors of coffee and cappuccino and a large selection of flavored creamers. Monika and Chuck have a son and daughter who have gone through the Johnsburg school system and have always been community oriented. Monika is one of the founders of the Village Gardeners gardening club and has supported the Village and school district on numerous occasions. Stop in for all of your convenience store needs. Store hours are Mon-Thurs 5:30 A.M.-9P.M., Friday 5:30 A.M.-10P.M., Saturday 6:30 A.M.-10 P.M., Sunday 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

PIZZA HOUSE

The Pizza House, located at 4216 N. Johnsburg Rd is owned by Nolan McBride. Nolan has been serving Pizzas in Sunnyside/Johnsburg for over 11 years providing our Village and surrounding area with some of the best tasting pizza in the area including BBQ Chicken, Hawaiian, BLT and Cheeseburger pizzas. He also offers, ribs, wings, pasta, calzones and sandwiches. You can follow the Pizza House on Facebook @facebook.com/pizzahouse1. The restaurant has a 50's and 60's kind of theme and does not serve alcohol so it's a great place to bring the kids to meet and socialize. Nolan has started Johnsburg's first Cruise Nights called "Thunder Road Cruise Night", every Wednesday 4pm-9pm during the months of April through October. Thunder Road Cruise Nights feature all types of rebuilt and refurbished vehicles from "hot rods" and classic cars to brand new cars and motorcycles. Pizza House Thunder Road Cruise Night started out with just a handful of cars and has grown to over 50 cars on any given week and is still expanding. Pizza House is a huge supporter of the Johnsburg Booster Club providing reasonably priced pizzas to sell at their events. Next time you have a craving for pizza especially unique pizza, give the Pizza House a call at 815-759-1682. Delivery service is available.

PIZZA HOUSE

Johnsburg, USA

**PIZZA - RIBS - CALZONES
PASTA - SANDWICHES**

WE DELIVER 815-759-1682

Rockin Relay Fundraiser

The North McHenry Relay for Life is having a fundraiser on November 6th, 2010 at Halftime Pizza and Ribs, 2405 W. Johnsburg Road in Johnsburg. The event, Rockin Relay, features live music by Kevin Purcell & the Nightburners and Whiskey Jet Pack from 7:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. It'll be a Fun Night of Music, Dancing, Raffles, Great food and More.

Halftime Pizza and Ribs is donating \$5.00 for EVERY 16" pizza sold that day, November 6th, 2010. Dine in, Carry out, or delivery.

Admission is \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Call 815-791-0838 or 815-405-3804 for advanced tickets. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Community Affairs Committee Update

Parks and Social Events

On October 2nd, Village President Ed Hettermann led a ceremony to formally dedicate and rename the boat launch park. Attendees included children and family of Alfred J. May and residents of Johnsburg. The park has been named Alfred J. May Boat Launch and Park, after the man who was influential in the development and growth of Sunnyside and originally set aside the park for the Village. The family was presented with a certificate commemorating the dedication of the Park, and the May family kindly provided the Village with a couple of historical pictures of the May family farm and residence. The pictures are to be displayed in the Village Hall for all residents to enjoy, along with the other historical photos and items already on display.

October 2nd was also the date of the Village's Celebration in the Park. The Fall festival, started in 2006 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village, took a year off in 2009 due to budget constraints. The event in 2010 was made possible by generous donations from area businesses and individuals. We would again like to thank our donors for this year's Celebration, including:

The State Bank Group	Johnsburg VFW	Lawn Doctor	Northern Light Care, Inc.
SEC Group Inc. HR Green Co.	½ X's Pizza	Victor Ford	P.F. Pettibone & Co.
Rohm and Haas	Nicor	Chapel Hill Bodyworks	Stade's Farm
Raymond's Bowl	Dental Center, P.C.	McHenry Savings Bank	Val's Foods
Waste Management	Oak Park Lounge	Rivera Licenses	Johnsburg Lions Club
Comcast	J&M Transmissions, Inc.	Keystone Mortgage	The Bauer Family
Sunnyside Tavern	First Midwest Bank	Reserve One Homes	Homestyle Catering
Ray Chevrolet	Zurkowski, Rogers, Flood, &	McHenry Specialties	
Johnsburg Area Business Assoc	McArdle Law Offices	Blue Star Machinery	

With music by local band The Boney Knees, food, drink, a hayride, and games, the event was a wonderful evening of family fun, capped off with a spectacular fireworks show – complete with new fireworks styles many hadn't experienced before!

Finally, work has begun on the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Memorial Park, next to the Johnsburg Community Club Hall and Tigers Field. The Johnsburg Rescue Squad (retired) has provided a generous donation of \$150,000 of work and material towards improving this park. This Fall, work began on clearing the land of non-decorative trees and the grading of a water detention (temporary run-off) area. The work will continue as long as weather permits, and then continue in the Spring. The design for this park will include a parking area and small gazebo or pavilion towards the Johnsburg Rd. end of the Park, and continue with a walking path around the Park.



What: Jolly-Pa-Looza!
When: Saturday, December 4th
Where: Johnsburg Community Center
Time: Doors open at 7 p.m.

From the folks that brought you Walla-pa-looza now comes ... JOLLY-PA-LOOZA! This is our winter fundraising event focusing on making a difference in the lives of those in need. The money raised by Walla-pa-looza is given to organizations like the American Cancer Society, The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry. There are also many other donations made in the Johnsburg and McHenry area to local families in need dealing with issues related to cancer and other illnesses.

The event will feature 2 live bands, playing at the following times:

Rhythm Bones	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Cover Blondes	9:30 – 11:00 p.m.

The evening will also include meat raffles, 50/50 raffles and other fundraising efforts. A \$5 donation to this 21 and over event gets you in the door, and food and drinks available for purchase as well. Come join us for a night of great music, food and beverage and most of all be JOLLY and bring your wallet to help those less fortunate!

Visit www.walla-pa-looza.org/ for more information

SOMETHING FROM THE ARCHIVES

By: Johnsburg Historian Mike Clark

Dear Mike:

What can you tell us about the “Johnsburg Airport” that used to be where Dutch Creek Woodlands is at now?

**Thanks
Joe Huemann**

Well, the only info I have heard about this airport or airstrip is that a business man who lived in the area used this as a commuter airport as he would fly his plane to his business in Elgin, IL. Route 31 obviously hasn't gotten any better over the years as far as travel times are concerned.

In the early 1960s the subdivision that called itself VENICE ON THE FOX was developed with homes ranging in price from \$20,000 to \$150,000 so the Johnsburg Airport became a thing of the past and Dutch Creek Woodlands grew out of the rich farmland. There are still remnants of another airstrip off of McCollum Lake road between Ringwood Rd; and Wonder Lake. This was part of the Northern Pump Farms.

Hello Mr. Clark,

Many people in town know my home as “One-Arm-Joe’s” old house. Who was One-Arm Joe? Any background information on him or his family would be great too.

**Thank you,
Wendy Karamagianis**

The Man who was known as One Armed Joe refers to Joe Schmitt. Joe was a brother to Father Nic Schmitt and a Nephew to the Right Reverend John Schmitt. His Parents Jacob and Mary Schmitt were born in Johnsburg and moved to a farm in Nebraska from 1884 to 1894. Records show Joseph N. Schmitt was born in 1889. He was born in Nebraska and returned to Johnsburg with the family as a young boy. According to the records I have seen, Joe served in the Army during WW I. After returning from the war, while working on the farm, he lost his arm in a corn husker

Joe was McHenry Township Assessor for many years and his brother Math was the Township Supervisor. Math was also the First President of the Johnsburg Community Club founded in 1922. In all Joe had 9 brothers and sisters. Joe passed away in 1972 and is buried in St Johns Cemetery next to his parents.



**Hi Mike:
Is there any historical information on Johnsburg’s oldest building(s)?**

**Bruce Harmel
Johnsburg**

There is Bruce. The library has a few copies of a book titled *Historically Yours* which was written and published as a history lesson for the students in the Middle School. The info was collected from several residents who were asked to give their memories of certain buildings in town. These were then compiled and put in book form. Several businesses in town paid to have these printed and were then passed out to the students who participated in a history walk thru town led by Mrs. Sharon Pump. The remaining books were passed out at different events including Saufen und Spiel.

Learn more about the roots of the Village of Johnsburg.

Email your history questions to Official Historian, Mike Clark, at mclark@johnsburg.org

For more tidbits of Johnsburg History visit www.johnsburg.org.



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Eldest Frett Shares 80 Years of Johnsbury Memories

As he sits on the front porch of his beautifully, landscaped, riverfront vacation home, William Frett recalls a very different view of the Fox River 80 years ago. Frett, 85, is the oldest living member of one of the founding families of Johnsbury and St. John's Catholic Church.

The retired dentist affectionately known as "Doc", and his wife of 61 years, Gloria, built their two-story Cape Cod in 1986 with all the amenities that make for a comfortable retirement. That doesn't mean granite countertops and stainless appliances. It means running water and indoor bathrooms! The couple remembers all too well pumping water in the kitchen and trekking out to the infamous outhouse in the backyard. However, they're quick to assure the squeamish that few amenities made the vacation spot no less memorable.

Frett's family roots in Johnsbury run as deep as the oak tree that stands in his River Terrace Drive backyard, a proud reminder of days gone by. If that old tree could talk, it would tell the tale...Frett's German immigrant great-grandparents purchased the property in 1896 for \$200.00. The lot was peppered with majestic trees and the Fox River was narrower than it is now. At the passing of his great grandfather, the property was left to Frett's father, uncle and aunt.

"Dad and Uncle Artie would board a train on the south side of Chicago and take it to Fox Lake. A man named Scotty had a launch that would take them through Fox Lake, down the river, and drop them off on the shoreline of their property," Doc explains. There they would open an underground footlocker that stored a tent and utensils, setup "camp," and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the sandy shore and quiet woods. Eventually, by pooling meager funds, a one-room frame cabin was built. As the wives began to join their husbands "up north," a makeshift curtain was hung in the middle of the cabin to afford privacy for the women.

"When I was a kid, we made our own fun," recalls Doc. "There was no television or radio. We played with grass snakes,

frogs, toads, and crabs. We found worms and went fishing. We'd swim out to a raft in the middle of the river and play out there all day. Only one or two motor boats would pass by. At night, we'd take a bath in the river. Ivory soap floats!"

Since River Terrace Drive was then a single lane mud road with no lights, mail was delivered by boat to the humble pier. Letters were addressed to "Bertha Frett's Cottage (named after Frett's grandmother), Schaefer's Grove", and delivered with a smile by Bill the Mailman. There was even an ice cream boy who came down the river! (Today he owns a pontoon boat and motor shop on Crystal Lake Road!) The Frett's neighbors just a few lots down on River Terrace Drive were the Indian Lodge and the Bohemian Club.

In the 1930's, a trip into Johnsbury meant crossing the one lane bridge. A car dealership at the corner of Johnsbury Road and Chapel Hill Road proudly displayed one Chevy in the window. At the corner of Johnsbury Road and Route 31, Ma Schimmel served up delicious homemade chicken dinner while Pa Schimmel played music on bottles to entertain the guests. Art Smith drove around town selling canned goods from his "store on wheels" until he later opened a store in McHenry.

The 1940's brought the big band sound to Johnsbury. Frett danced the Saturday nights away at Nell's Ballroom. Hettermann's Restaurant at the corner of Johnsbury Road and Chapel Hill Road offered the best fried chicken, and always had a piano and microphone just waiting for someone to get the party started. The nearest grocery store was Benny Schaefer's. In the 50's, Al's Whitehouse at Chapel Hill Road and Route 120 offered good tavern-style food.

The small rural town of Johnsbury

offered recreation and relaxation, and when Sunday came, the Fretts went to worship at the church founded by their ancestors in 1843. St. John's Catholic Church stands "down the road, over the bridge, and up the hill" from the Frett Property. Intricately carved altarpieces and statuary were shipped over from Germany. Homilies and announcements were read in both English and German. Today, the steeple on the hilltop still welcomes visitors to Johnsbury, and the beautiful stained glass windows bearing the Frett name mean so much to a man of great devotion who has carried on his family's faith tradition.

Over the years, as more Frett relatives made the journey from the city to the "country," rooms were added to the cottage until there was a kitchen, living area, two small bedrooms and an attic, that at any given week of the summer, slept up to 12 people! A screened back porch with a long table with benches was perfect for family mealtime and card playing. On a balmy summer night, the front screened porch was the best place to rock or swing while enjoying the sunset view of the Fox River. The 4th of July was especially memorable, though the stars in the sky were more spectacular than the fireworks. "There's so much more that comes to mind as I continue to reminisce, but I can't begin to tell it all," Doc admits with a smile.

Doc and Gloria's four children had the privilege of spending summers in the "old cottage" just as their father did – until the passing of their grandparents, William and Gabrielle. Now, in the Frett tradition, Doc welcomes their entire family- children, grandchildren, and great –grandchildren numbering 28 in all – to enjoy the comfort of the "new cottage", and the river and the town that are so much a part of his family history. Though the experience may be much different, it warms Doc's heart to know that good times continue to be shared and memories continue to be cherished by all.

This article was written with love and pride by Julie Frett Serrecchia, youngest daughter of Doc and Gloria Frett.



Citizen Police Academy

The Johnsburg Police Department is proud to announce it's first ever Citizen's Police Academy Class.

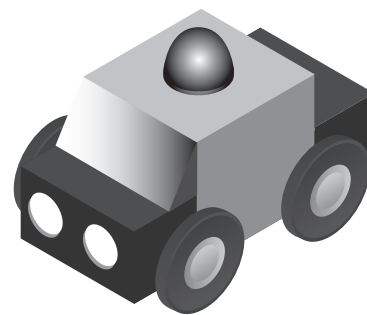
A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate citizens about police work and is designed to give the public a working knowledge of our department's organization, personnel, policies and procedures. The Citizen Police Academy is not designed as a preparatory class for individuals who desire to become a law enforcement officer. Rather, it is intended as an educational and informative offering for adults who both reside in our village and have a desire to learn more about their police department. Enrolled students will be encouraged to build a lasting partnership with the Department, with the ultimate goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

The Citizen Police Academy topics will include the history and evolution of law enforcement, firearms familiarization, patrol tactics, gangs, drug enforcement, special response team operations, canine patrol, criminal law, crime prevention, media relations, crime scene processing, investigations, and others.

The first Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to start in January of 2011. The Academy will meet once per week for a total of 9 three hour sessions. A variety of instructors from the Johnsburg Police Department, and guests, will be presenting an assortment of topics in order to provide the public with a comprehensive view of police work and the criminal justice system.

The Academy is offered free of charge to Johnsburg Citizens and business owners. Anyone interested in applying for the Academy must complete an application which involves a criminal background check and must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 21 years old or older
- No prior felony conviction
- No outstanding warrants
- No pending criminal cases



Class size is limited to 8 participants, and the class will fill quickly, so contact the police department as soon as possible if you would like to apply. Any questions may be directed to Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815-385-6024 or by e-mail at police@johnsburg.org.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS SNOWPLOWING

It's that time of year again to remind everyone about snowplowing. We ask that if you have any hazards at the roadside, such as boulders or driveway markers that may interfere with the plows to please remove them before the first snowfall. In bigger storms it is really difficult for our drivers to see where the edge of the road is. Major roads and bus routes are plowed first, followed by secondary subdivision streets and finally cul de sacs and private roads. Please adhere to the "No Parking" rule on days when a 2 inch snowfall has occurred or is being forecasted. Also, check your mailbox post to make sure it is sturdy enough to withstand snow being rolled off from the plow. We will repair mailboxes only if they come in direct contact with the snowplow and will not repair them if the force of the snow knocks them down. Please make sure the area around your mailbox is shoveled so mail can be delivered and around any fire hydrant that may be on your property. Also, please increase the following distance when behind a snowplow. It is very difficult for the drivers to see most cars behind them and this will only increase awareness for our drivers. With your help and patience, this year's snow removal should run smoothly.



The Johnsburg Lion's would once again like to thank the community for their continued support of the Lion's Candy Day Sales in October. Your generous support helps the club continue to offer hearing and eye screening van programs annually. Thanks for helping us to help those in need within the community.

Fondly,
The Johnsburg Lion's

**PRESENTING THE
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**20TH ANNUAL WREATH (PRE)SALE
2010 ORDER FORM**



PICK UP NOVEMBER 27TH

WHERE:

**Val's Foods Parking Lot
4000 N. Johnsburg Road**



Note: Our traditional Wreath Sales event has been suspended for 2010.
We are only accepting pre-sale orders this year.

Order deadline: Sunday, November 7, 2010

WREATHES

Size	Quantity
24" @ \$10 each	—
36" @ \$20 each	—
48" @ \$30 each	—
60" @ \$40 each	—

SPECIALTIES

Size	Quantity
25ft Rope @ \$25 each	—
Candy Cane @ \$15 each	—
X-Mas Tree Wreath @ \$20 each	—
Swags @ \$7 each	—
Crosses @ \$15 each	—



Please include: Name, address, phone # and email address when placing order to:

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Ddddoyle@aol.com

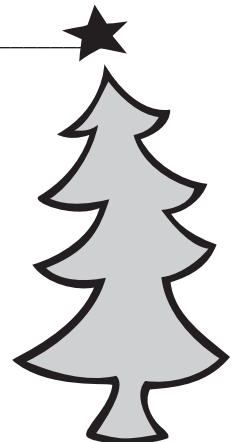
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Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, November 27, 2010 @ Val's Foods Parking Lot.
From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please contact us if you need additional assistance.



All proceeds raised go to aide those in our COMMUNITY
"HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED"

THANK YOU!!!



REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICE

An information packet was sent to all of the homes in the Village regarding the Village's new garbage and recycling program that went into effect **November 1, 2010**. The stickers for extra garbage and yard waste are available at the Village Hall. We will be working with area businesses to arrange for their availability at other locations for your convenience. If you have not received your information packet or need garbage/yard waste stickers, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or go to our website at www.johnsburg.org. It is our goal through this new program to provide residents an option to continue to receive garbage pickup at no additional costs through increased recycling activities. In doing so, we hope to also improve our communities carbon footprint through this green initiative.



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Get Involved

The Village welcomes all its residents to get involved in their local government. Volunteering for a village committee is the best place to begin serving your Village. Here, you will have the opportunity to participate in making decisions that will steer the course of the village as well as solve everyday problems. The valuable knowledge and experience gained serving on these committees provides an in-depth understanding of the Village issues and will help answer your questions regarding Village operations. If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to learn more about how local government works in Johnsburg, please visit our website www.johnsburg.org or contact Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

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