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A Hometown with Spirit

May, June, July 2010 Newsletter

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DEAR NEIGHBORS

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since I took my oath of office as your Village President. Much has happened this past year - both exciting and challenging. We've said goodbye to old friends and welcomed new faces to the Village Board. Many of our residents have been faced with some difficult financial challenges and we have also seen people come together and help those struggling during these tough economic times. I am very proud of the Village that we call home. Johnsburg remains a place where neighbors help neighbors - truly a "Hometown with Spirit".

In March we said goodbye to two individuals who spent many years serving the Village. Bill and Linda Sandell recently moved to Arizona to enjoy their retirement. Bill was a Village Trustee for 38 years and Linda served as the Village's Treasurer and Accountant for 23 years. They will be truly missed and we wish them all the best. In their place the Village welcomes Karl Nitz as a new trustee and Laurie Cwerenz as the Village's new accountant. Karl has been very active in the Village serving on the Village's Ordinance Committee, Johnsburg Community Action Network, and is an active member of the Johnsburg Community Club. Laurie has been a member of the Village's Finance Committee for many years and as a Certified Public Accountant, she brings a great deal of knowledge to the Village which will be helpful during these tough economic times.

We will also be saying goodbye to a longstanding employee and friend this summer. Police Chief Kenneth Rydberg will be retiring in July, having served twenty years with the Village of Johnsburg. He has served our community well and is responsible for developing our police department and establishing many programs. Chief Rydberg began his service to the Village in July of 1990. He became the Village's first full-time police officer and full-time Chief of Police. Since that time he has seen many changes including the merger of Sunnyside and Johnsburg. He developed the department into a full-time department in 1993 and managed the police department's involvement in both the D.A.R.E. and Shop with a Cop programs. He also organized an annual car show to raise funds for the McHenry Area Youth Commission and other programs in need. Chief Rydberg served on the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) and was one of the original founding members of Major Investigations Assistance Team (MIAT). He was a member of both the McHenry County Chief's Association and Illinois Chief's Association. Chief Rydberg will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

I would like to welcome two new businesses to our community. Recently Northern McHenry Chiropractic opened their offices in the former Palmer's Gift Shop on the corner of Spring Grove Road and Johnsburg Road. Cathie's Place opened in the former C's Pizzeria at Val's Shopping Center on Friday, April 30th. See the articles on page 4 for more information regarding these new businesses.

The Wal-mart Super Center recently became one step closer to reality. On March 30th, the Village Board approved the proposed development which is expected to be completed late summer of 2011. For more information on the Wal-mart development see page 3.

Plans for the new Metra station and rail yard continue to move forward. Village representatives have been working closely with Metra as they proceed through federal

2010-2011 VEHICLE STICKERS

Vehicle Stickers will be going on sale at the Johnsburg Village Hall starting June 1st. **Applications will mailed by the first week of June and stickers must be purchased no later than close of business on July 30th to avoid paying a penalty.** The Village Hall is not open on Saturdays, therefore, vehicle stickers are due by July 30th. If the pre-printed information on the cards sent to you is incorrect, please correct the information and either bring the forms into the Village Hall or mail the entire postcard with a check made payable to the Village of Johnsburg. If you did not receive your applications or need additional ones, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Failure to receive an application in the mail does not absolve you from having to purchase a sticker. Any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than 30 days of the year must have a sticker displayed. Vehicles that have temporary license plates also must have a sticker as well as company vehicles being kept in the Village if they do not have a sticker from the town they are registered in. **Below is the cost of stickers if purchased by July 30th:**

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

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

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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

2nd Thursday 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

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Police/Fire Emergency : 911

regulatory requirements. We are very excited about this much needed regional transportation improvement coming to our community and will keep you posted on its progress.

While spring time welcomes us with warmer days and new blooms, it also marks a very busy time at the Village. The Finance Committee and Village staff have been working diligently to overcome budgetary challenges being caused by ongoing decreases in revenues. Not only have our employees continued to take on wage freezes, furlough days and other benefit cuts, they have worked very hard to take on the tasks from eliminated positions. Despite these cuts, they remain dedicated to the Village, helping in any way they can. A true example of this is reflected in the efforts of two of our officers, Mike Vollmer and Kelly Schmitt who donated many hours and dollars towards our Explorer's Post. Please read the article on page 5 regarding their generous efforts.

The Village Board has held several meetings to discuss these challenges and propose resolutions to insure that a balanced budget can be reached with as minimal of an impact to services as possible. Much of the revenue shortfalls are happening as a result of the State's challenges in balancing their budget. Please read the article on page 4 and contact your local state representative and senator to urge them to vote against any decrease in the local share of State Income Tax. Let them know that the State cannot expect local communities to solve their budgetary crisis. The Village is represented by Senators Pamela Althoff and Dan Duffy along with State Representative Jack Franks and Mark Beaubien. Their contact information is available on our website at www.johnsburg.org along with a sample letter which has been drafted for your convenience.

As you are aware, several residents and business owners residing on Fairview Avenue (West of Chapel Hill Road), Reed Avenue and Chapel Hill Road have approached the Village requesting that an SSA be established to help finance the cost of sewer extensions into their subdivision. The required public hearing was held in February after a petition was received by the Village representing 80% of the property owners who want to move forward with the sewer project. On May 4, 2010, the Village Board approved the final ordinance which ratifies the SSA. The project is expected to go out to bid shortly; financing will be finalized; and construction will start this summer. It is very exciting to see this very important project moving forward.



I would like to recognize and commend the ongoing efforts of Robert Roe and his Dutch Creek Volunteers who have been aggressively continuing their clean up of the Dutch Creek Conservation area. Driving along Johnsburg Road you can see the amount of invasive trees and other species that were cut down to make room for native plantings. On April 30th volunteers from the Johnsburg Junior High School plan to plant native oaks, helping to restore the area to its natural habitat. The efforts of the many volunteers who have donated their time to this effort should be applauded. During one of the work parties, an antique hay rake was unearthed. Volunteers plan to have the rake restored and used as a monument to mark the heritage of our community. Shortly after it was unearthed, the wheels were sawed off and stolen. I was happy to hear that the culprit remorsefully returned the wheels and the parts have been moved for safe keeping until the rake can be welded and hopefully restored to its original condition. Thanks again to the many dedicated volunteers.

As always, I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve our village and if you have any concerns that you feel we should address, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate member of our village staff or me.

Respectfully,

Edwin P. Hettermann, Village President

WAL-MART DEVELOPMENT APPROVED, MARCH 30TH

It has been nearly a year since Wal-Mart came before the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission to propose the development of property on Route 31 for a Wal-Mart Supercenter. The Village board granted the requested zoning and approved the site plan along with the tentative and final plats of subdivision on March 30th. The 181,000 square foot retail facility will face north on the site and be accessed off of an extension of Running Brook Farms Blvd. The road extension will be one of several regional improvements constructed as a part of the development. The development also includes three outlots which can accommodate additional businesses such as restaurants or other retailers. The new store will include food and other grocery products and create an additional 180 jobs.

Wal-Mart representatives continue to work with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to obtain the final permits and approvals needed to begin construction. IDOT must approve intersection and road expansion improvements that are being proposed for Route 31. The improvements are extensive and include widening Route 31 to five lanes, extending Running

Brook Farms Blvd across Rt. 31, installing signalization at the intersection, and widening the bridge over Dutch Creek. Wal-Mart's infrastructure improvements are a major advancement toward our overall traffic plan and an important benefit to both our community and the entire region. Therefore the Village Board has agreed to a Sales Tax Incentive Agreement to pay back a portion of the costs of these improvements. The agreement caps the amount that can be recouped by Wal-mart at \$4,000,000 and will expire no later than December 31, 2024. In addition to all of these infrastructure improvements, Wal-mart is responsible to pay for their sewer and water connection fees along with other project related fees and improvements necessary for their development.

Much of the development will remain open space and will include many wetland enhancements. With annual sales tax receipts down due to decreased spending in the economy, the addition of the Wal-mart Supercenter will provide a great economic boost to the Village. The regional infrastructure improvements, new jobs and alternative shopping opportunities will also greatly enhance our community.

President, Ed Hettermann invites you kick off the summer with the following Johnsburg Happenings!

Visit www.johnsburg.org for more!

The Johnsburg VFW Post's annual Memorial Day event is around the corner. Nowhere else will you see a more patriotic Memorial Day event held in honor of those that have served our country. Many thanks to the Johnsburg VFW post for their continued dedication. Make sure to see the article on page 6 for more information about the event.

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge is graciously organizing and hosting an annual event, Johnsburg Fireworks over Pistakee Bay on Saturday, July 3rd in honor of the Fourth of July. Fireworks will begin around 9:00 p.m. so hop in your boat or stop by the Oak Park Lounge and enjoy a nice summer evening with family and friends on the water. If you would like to donate to this event, please mail donations to Mr. Tom Fuchs, 801 W. Oak Grove Road, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051. Hope to see you on the bay.

The Pistakee Yacht Club's Sailing School will once again soon be underway. The Yacht Club provides sailing classes for children and adults. More information regarding these classes can be obtained by contacting Catherine Boettcher at 847-587-4445. Many thanks to the Pistakee Yacht Club for providing these valuable and enjoyable experiences for both the young and old of our community.

Hope to see you this summer!
Ed Hettermann

Voice of Johnsburg Newsletter to Go Electronic

With the impending postal rate increase and in an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, the Voice of Johnsburg newsletter will be delivered electronically instead of through standard mailing options. The Village will send out paper copies of the newsletter only to those residents who are unable to receive it electronically by either email or downloading it from the Village's website. Please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 to get your name and address registered on the mailing list only if you are unable to receive it in electronic format. If you would like to register your email address with the Village, please go to www.johnsburg.org and bring down the drop box on the Village of Johnsburg tab at the top and then click on Newsletters. There is a sign up box on the right hand side of that webpage. This is also where you will find pdf files of all newsletters for easy downloading. You may also email the Village at villagehall@johnsburg.org to register your email address. Please include your name and address along with your email address to register. If you have already been receiving the newsletter via email, you do not have to register again. The Voice of Johnsburg newsletter is sent out quarterly. There will also be a limited number of paper copies available at different locations throughout town and at the Village Hall and Police Department.

Fiscal Responsibility and the Annual Budget Review

The Finance Committee and the Village Board have just concluded its annual review of the FY2011 budget. For the third year in a row, the Village is being challenged to make difficult decisions in the management of its operations. Coping with the worst economic downturn in 50 years, the Village, like other cities and municipalities around the country, are facing sizable budget shortfalls that are expected to grow even greater in 2011. According to a study conducted by the Regional Bond Dealers Association in collaboration with Moody's Ecomony.com, there will be no big turnaround for state and local government revenue in the near future. Even as the economy recovers local government revenues are likely to continue their lag. Further influencing the Village's financial woes, is the State's distribution of our local share of the State Income Tax. Currently lagging four months behind on its payments, the State intends to further reduce the Village's share of the State Income Tax, causing revenues to freefall even farther next year.

As part of its regular Annual Budget Review, the Finance Committee and Village staff conducted an in depth analysis of its operational revenues and expenditures for FY 2011. In an attempt to balance the budget and reduce spending, \$960,000 of reductions and cost avoidances was proposed. Still faced with a remaining \$343,000 deficit the Board helped identify an additional \$26,000 in cuts. Despite the proposed cuts this year and the more than \$1.2 million dollars in spending reductions and cost avoidances last year, the Village was unable to make up the revenue shortfall without further adjustments to the budget.

To look for solutions the Finance Committee began constructing a Comprehensive Financial Plan to reflect the Village's long-term goals. Budget projections were made based on Village operations, services, capital investments, and restoring and maintaining

required fund balances. While the Village has been able to meet its short-term budgetary obligations in recent years without sacrificing service levels, major reductions were made through staffing, hiring and wage freezes, furlough days and employee benefits. Capital improvements and equipment purchases have been postponed and fund balances nearly depleted. Looking toward the future, the committee put forth several ideas for the Board to consider.

The approved budget must be a part of an overall financial plan that moves the Village toward the achievement of its long-term goals and sustainability. As the board continues to update the Village's Strategic Plan specific policies, plans, programs and management strategies must reflect how our long-term goals will be achieved. Developing a long-range financial plan will ensure the affordability of these goals and give light to the financial implications of our current budgetary decisions.

Shore up and maintain the long-term financial stability of the Village. Long-range revenue projections reveal long-term budgetary shortfalls. Short-term adjustments allow for a temporary balancing of the budget, but do not support the fiscal framework necessary to attain the Village's strategic priorities. For that we must factor in the broader view and economic realities that are shaping our future. Although we cannot expect an overnight fix, our financial plan should be able to demonstrate progress is being made to achieve our long-term goals and sustainability.

Find equitable solutions that offer the least disruption and promote shared responsibility across all stakeholders. While tough times call for tough decisions, any solution the Village considers should be carefully analyzed for its impact to all concerned parties: Employees, residents, business community, vendors and the Village itself. There are no simple, singular answers to navi-

Johnsburg Business Spotlight

Welcome Johnsburg's newest business, Northern McHenry Chiropractic ("NMC"). The practice is led by Dr. Bob Gerken, who has been a chiropractor for 10 years. Born and raised on a farm in Iowa, Dr. Bob first practiced in Louisiana for 2 years. In 2002, he and his wife, Kate, decided to return to their Midwest roots. NMC was located in McHenry across from Target on Route 31 for 7-1/2 years, before relocating in March to the former Palmer's Hallmark building here in Johnsburg, on the corner of Spring Grove Road and Johnsburg Road.

NMC offers a full slate of chiropractic services including adjustments done manually and with an activator, ultrasound, muscle stim, decompression and cold laser therapy.

In addition, NMC offers therapeutic massage therapy. There are six licensed massage therapists on staff, offering Swedish, Deep Tissue, Sports, Craniosacral, Lymphatic Drainage and Pregnancy massage. All of the therapists are graduates of the Chicago School of Massage Therapy, now known as Cortiva.

NMC accepts insurance payments as well as cash. Office manager Julie Calhoun is always happy to assist patients in verifying benefits, submitting claims and scheduling appointments. Julie can help you determine if your insurance plan covers chiropractic and/or massage treatments.

Stop by or call 815.578.1771 to schedule an appointment or a consultation. You can also visit their web site: www.northernmhenrychiropractic.com. If you have never visited a chiropractor or massage therapist, you may find welcome relief from chronic or acute pain.



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting brush pickup in 2010. All brush must be placed at the road edge. If your branches are not at the road when they are cut, their cut ends closest to the road in a neat area. Anything that exceeds 6 inches in diameter. Anything that cannot be kept separate from other tree branches and bush branches generated from trimmings must have been removed.

gating the current economic conditions. Rather the best approach is a compilation of equitable solutions share by multiple parties with a vested interest in our community.

The Village can no longer afford to provide direct services without established revenue streams to cover their costs. One such example is residential garbage collection. The Village currently collects approximately \$210,000 through real estate taxes to pay for this service. At one time the tax revenue collected nearly covered the cost of the service. Today the contracted cost has grown to more than \$355,000 annually, causing the Village to utilize general fund dollars to make up the difference, a practice that has cost our Village over \$730,000 in the past eleven years. Although far less than the garbage rate for individuals, the Village can no longer afford to subsidize this expense for its residents. Part of the proposed savings this year includes a possible reduction in garbage service. Limiting pickup to one can per household could potentially cut the budget by approximately \$30,000. Residents would then have the option to increase service at their own expense. To help make up the projected refuse shortfall, the Village voted to pass a 5% utility tax. Tax on both gas and electric service is estimated to raise revenues by \$325,000 annually. While some of the revenues will be used to make up for the cost of garbage collection, the remainder will help restore fund balances to ensure the Village's financial stability, fund core operations, resurface roadways, maintain facilities and replace aged vehicles and equipment.

Both the Finance Committee and Village Board have struggled with the idea of instituting a new tax during these financially challenging times and we are sensitive to the impact this tax will have on our residents and businesses. Unfortunately, we have come to a point where we cannot solely rely on spending cuts to balance the budget and effectively manage the Village. Johnsborg is not alone in this predicament.

Communities all around the state are slashing expenses and searching for ways to replace lost revenues. An analysis of Village fees and taxes shows that we have one of the lowest real estate tax rates in McHenry County and only one new tax (telecommunications) has been implemented in our Village in more than twenty years.

Finally, the Annual Budget Review is part of a continual, dynamic budget process that monitors, evaluates and makes adjustments to the budget, policies, plans, programs and management strategies of the Village to ensure progress is being made and goals remain relevant. As the Village continues to find ways to cut costs and improve efficiencies in its operations, current economic conditions have forced leadership to include solutions that aim toward replacing lost revenue. Optimal solutions engage participation of all stakeholders, are the least disruptive and are viewed as the most equitable for all vested parties. As time and conditions change, so too may the solutions, but our fiscal responsibility must remain steadfast.

For more information or answers to your questions please contact Village Hall or go to our website www.johnsburg.org. A copy of the Annual Budget Review is on our site.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Hutchinson, Finance Committee Chairman

Note: The State of Illinois is a major contributor to our revenue shortfall. As such, it is imperative that our residents reach out to our Senators and State Representatives to oppose the proposed decrease in our local share of State Income Tax. Visit our website www.johnsburg.org for contact information and a link for your convenience. If you do not have access to our website, contact the Village Hall for assistance. We appreciate your support. By working together we can insure that our Village remains a community we are proud to call home.



OFFICERS DONATE TO EXPLORER POST

In March of 2010, Officers Mike Vollmer and Kelly Schmitt were awarded plaques for their time and donations to The Johnsborg Police Explorers Post. They both donated their entire pay from their training time with these young men and women back to the post. The Explorers meet on Sunday evenings at the police station. Anyone interested in joining, should contact Officer Mike Vollmer or Officer Kelly Schmitt (pictured to the left) at 815-385-6024.

CKUP

be conducting a Spring brush pickup throughout the Village starting June 7, by 7:00 a.m. on June 7th. Crews will only be going through subdivisions once they go by they will not be picked up at a later time. All branches must have and orderly pile. All branches must be a minimum length of 4 feet and cannot :annot be put through the chipper safely will not be taken. Evergreen cuttings piles and will be picked up separately. This service is being provided for larger ming or storm damage and is not intended to dispose of whole trees that

CENSUS 2010 UPDATE

The Village would like to thank all of you who filled out and returned your 2010 Census Questionnaire. We really appreciate the few minutes of your time it took to fill out and return it. For those of you who may have overlooked it or simply did not return it, the Census Bureau has started their follow up enumeration. They will seek to conduct the interviews at the door and will not enter homes. They will have a census badge without a photo, and a black census bag with a white census logo. Contrary to some reports, they will NOT have hand-held computers. The enumerators will be making several attempts to reach a resident and may ask neighbors when the resident is usually home or the best time to reach them. 2010 Census enumerators will not ask for bank account numbers, income or social security numbers. **We encourage all residents who did not return a Census Questionnaire to please speak with the enumerators so we can ensure you get counted.**

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Memorial Day Celebration!

A small group of combat veterans comprising the Johnsborg VFW Post 11496, lead by Post Commander Dennis Hall, will again organize the events commemorating Memorial Day, this year observed on Monday, May 31st. The impressive River-Wreath Ceremony will commence at 0900 hosted by the Kim Family 7-Days Market. Ceremonies can be viewed and heard from the bridge. We will again feature a helicopter and other aircraft. The parade will follow along Fairview Avenue crossing Johnsborg Road to Church Street and end at the Community Club with many entrants putting their vehicles on display afterward. Hot dogs and baseball follow after the short Memorial ceremony at the Community Club.

Among the participants honoring veterans and being introduced by Village President Ed Hettermann will be Congresswoman Melissa Bean, State Senator Pamela Althoff, County Board Member John Hammerand, Township Supervisor Donna Schaefer and the Village Trustees.



Sponsor A Brick

Recently appreciative patriotic neighbors in the area have offered to buy bricks for active duty members of the armed forces and remain anonymous on their behalf. The intent was to help those who are financially strapped but have family in the Armed Forces but would normally buy the brick themselves. Anyone who knows of someone in this situation should please call George Braun @ 861-3438 ASAP with contact information, or email info@johnsborgVFW.org. Others who would like to anonymously sponsor a brick can go to www.Johnsborgcommunityclub.com and download the forms and send in the contribution leaving the Honoree line blank (indicate donated). We will acknowledge receipt. What a great community we live in.

All are welcome, bring the kids, invite the relatives and out of town guests for some Johnsborg style heritage.

The first donation this year has come from Joe Huemann, (Huemann Water Conditioning) who has contributed \$500.00 each year for many years, along with other contributions from among others like Pitzen's Automotive, Val's Foods, Dockers Restaurant, Old Mill, Huemann Well Drilling, JCMC, The Foresters, Sunnyside Tap and Mary Ann Adams (Adams Enterprises). One can send in a small donation made out to "Johnsborg VFW Post 11496" to P.O. Box 222, Ringwood, IL 60072 to help pay for new flags, parade expenses and memorial upkeep. Thank you, in advance.

All labor and music is provided by Johnsborg VFW members, the Johnsborg VFW Volunteers, Scouts, Johnsborg Lions and JHS music groups. Police Chief Ken Rydberg and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Majercik always provide coordinated advice and participation. The Woodstock Infantry Club adds important manpower to our event.

The Johnsborg Community Club Military Honors Brick Program will be installing commemorative engraved bricks to be in place for viewing by Memorial Day. Please go to www.johnsborgcommunityclub.com to download the application and instructions. Deadline this year will be May 15th to honor any who have served at any time. Corporate and organizational size pavers acknowledging all who have served are encouraged and will be placed along the approach to the memorial.

Each year community service organizations, businesses and individuals generously donate money, food, convertibles, aircraft and services to provide a notable day of recollection, focusing on the serious critical times in our country's history, when a military response with expected combat casualties was expected.

LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

Illinois Law now allows for Low-Speed vehicles to be used on Illinois roadways so long as they meet certain requirements and restrictions. Low-speed vehicles include golf carts that can travel at a speed of at least 20 miles per hour, but no more than 25 miles per hour. **Driver must follow all traffic laws from the State of Illinois and the Village of Johnsborg. Low Speed Vehicles are not allowed on any park paths and ATV's are not allowed on any roadways in the Village.**

The State is considering amendments to this new bill which, if passed, may require local units of government to pass an ordinance allowing the usage of these vehicles on certain roadways. Please continue to monitor the Village's website at www.johnsborg.org, or call the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 for updated information regarding this bill. If the Village will be required to approve a local ordinance in the future, the Village board will consider the appropriate language to add to our codes. Whether regulated solely by the State or through a local ordinance, violators will be cited for any violations listed to the right.

Each low-speed vehicle must be equipped with the following per Illinois and Federal regulations:

- Four wheels.
- Two headlamps visible more than 500 feet away.
- Front and rear turn signal lamps.
- Two Tail Lamps.
- Two Stop Lamps.
- Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear.
- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror.
- A parking brake.
- A windshield that conforms to the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205).
- A Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that conforms to the Federal Motor Vehicle Code.
- Seatbelts for all passengers that comply with the Federal Motor Vehicle Code.

Johnsburg White Lightning Soccer Club

Have you driven by Sunnyside Memorial Park and noticed a special glow at night? These are the permanent lights that were installed by Johnsburg White Lightning Soccer Club and the many wonderful volunteers from the community. The club would publicly like to thank the Village of Johnsburg, the volunteers from the community who donated their time, machinery, talents and funds. We also would like to recognize the excitement from our club, players and trainers that carried this installation to completion. The lights provide additional time to the youth of our community to improve their soccer skill sets. This is a very unique opportunity for children in a small town like Johnsburg.



Johnsburg White Lightning Soccer Club has been in existence for over 25 years. The club offers opportunities for players from the ages of 5-19. It has provided a place for our children to continually improve soccer skills, develop leadership, teamwork qualities and maintain physical fitness.

Check out our website for registration times in May, camp dates and news www.jwlsoccer.org.

- Powered by battery.
- Have valid Certificate of Title.
- Distinctive registration plates displayed properly.
- Operation of vehicle is restricted to streets where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less,
- Low-Speed vehicles may cross streets at an intersection where the street being crossed has a posted speed limit of not more than 45 miles per hour. Low-Speed vehicles are not allowed to cross a street with a speed limit in excess of 45 miles per hour.
- Headlamps and tail lamps must be lighted when a low-speed vehicle is driven on the roadway.
- Signs or decals stating "This Vehicle May Not Be Operated on Streets With Speed Limits in Excess of 30 m.p.h." The lettering or decal must be at least 2" in height and mounted on the rear of the vehicle and not less than 1/2" lettering mounted to the dash, visible to the driver.
- Driver must possess a valid driver's license.
- Vehicle must be insured and driver must possess a valid proof of insurance card with the VIN number listed.

Congratulations Derek Straight

Elementary School Principal of the Year

Horace Mann and the Illinois Principals Association are pleased to announce that Derek Straight, Principal of James C. Bush Elementary School, has been named as the 2010-2011 Elementary School Principal of the Year. The award recognizes elementary school principals who have demonstrated a positive impact on their students and learning community.

Criteria for the award include:

- Demonstrates positive impact on education and advocacy for children
- Ensures the school climate is positive and reflects high staff and student morale
- Demonstrates creativity and imagination in bringing about positive change
- Willing to take risks to improve student learning
- Moves actively to implement the goals and objectives of the school
- Works collaboratively with teachers and other staff to improve the educational program and student achievement
- Anticipates emerging problems and acts effectively to resolve them
- Involves the community in the life of the school and uses community resources for students

Derek Straight has a strong history of community involvement and leadership, as well as a strong presence in the IPA. His school was ranked 5th in the area by the Chicago Magazine in the fall of 2006. Based on Mr. Straight's willingness to work with liaisons, his school was the winner of the Home Depot Grant and the Payless Shoes Grant. This achieved a personal goal of his – to improve an aspect of the school building for the benefit of the children.

"Elementary school principals serve students at a critical juncture of their learning and development. Mr. Straight is to be commended for his leadership and efforts to do what is best for his students," Jason Leahy, IPA Executive Director.

The Elementary School Principal of the Year winner was selected from a pool of region nominees provided by the 21 Regions of the Illinois Principals Association. Mr. Straight will be recognized at the IPA's annual fall conference in October, 2010 and will receive a \$1000 honorarium. This award affords him the opportunity to compete for the National Distinguished Principal of the Year award sponsored by VALIC and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

McHenry Area Youth Commission

Announcing the M.A.Y.C. Summer 2010 Program! This is a wonderful way for your children to enjoy all the warm sunny days of summer, while learning valuable life skills. This recreational program offers both indoor and outdoor activities such as water parks, bowling, museums, skating, pool and air hockey, water fights, team building activities and a weekly speaker which is followed by a small group discussion on the topic of the week. Our Summer Program registers up to 60 participants, so act fast and please register early.

The Summer 2010 Program begins June 7th and ends August 13th. Program Hours are 10am to 3pm. Extended Hours are available 7am-10am & 3pm to 6pm. Families may register for any or all of the weeks. **For more information please call 815-344-0001 or visit www.mayc.net**

Celebration in the Park 2010

The Community Affairs Committee is busy working on the plans for Celebration in the Park. The event, this year will take place on October 2nd, the first Saturday in October, at Sunnyside Park behind the Village Hall. The celebration will start at 5:00 p.m.

In light of the current economic climate, this year's Celebration will rely solely on the donations of our sponsors for funding. The committee hopes to have the usual entertainment for all ages: moon jumps, food, hayride, beer garden, live band and, of course, the fireworks.

The following businesses have already made very generous contributions:

Event Sponsor: Smith Engineering, The State Bank Group

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We are very grateful to our sponsors so far and appreciate the sacrifice they have made to help make this event possible. Please express your appreciation when you patronize their businesses. Donations from individuals, groups or businesses (in any amount) are still needed and would be

appreciated. Please contact the Village Hall to learn more or with any questions.

The Celebration has become a popular Fall event and we look forward to gathering our residents for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

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SOMETHING FROM THE ARCHIVES

By: Johnsburg Historian Mike Clark

How did Hamburger Hill (Johnsburg Rd. and Riverside Dr.) get its nickname?

I was told by Jackie Freund that her mother and father-in-law said that there was a family by the name of Hamburg that lived up that way. After checking the census records (about 1,000 out of 750,000 listings for Hamburg) I cannot prove or deny this is true, but it is the most solid answer we have up to this point. Urban legends also surround our famous hill that was once higher and steeper than it is now. **A lone cow crossing on a cold slippery foggy morning and one vehicle coming over the top of the nameless hill could possibly have been the factor in naming this stretch of road.** I have also been told that this famous spot is where two Olympic caliber events were held in years past. Participants were to get up as much speed as possible coming east on Johnsburg Road and when you got to the top of the hill you were on your honor to coast as far as you could. Another event which could have been considered for the 2016 games is the Hamburger Hill Bowling Ball Roll. Now residents of Johnsburg, remember these events are part of Johnsburg's history and not to be tried at home. There was no traffic when these events occurred. And most importantly there was no Johnsburg Police Department.

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