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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our weather is getting chillier; days are getting shorter and nights longer. The snow will soon be falling and the holidays will be upon us. The holiday season always makes me pause and give thanks for my many blessings. As a community, I can't help but think about how fortunate we are to be blessed with residents and organizations whose generosity is second to none. **This year many organizations are hosting events for the fellowship and enjoyment of the entire community and are raising funds for a common cause – to help those in need.** Page 3 of this edition provides information on these organizations and the events that are planned for you and your family to enjoy this holiday season. I hope you will take time and spend it with your family, neighbors and friends and enjoy some of these events.

In these very trying and tough economic times, many of our residents are struggling. For this reason, I want to mention two of our community organizations that help make the holiday season a little more enjoyable and less stressful for those that are less fortunate than others. The Johnsburg Rescue Squad was first organized in 1952 and was the first volunteer rescue squad to be recognized and chartered by the State of Illinois. Until 1990, the Johnsburg, Sunnyside and Pistakee Bay communities relied on this volunteer rescue squad for assistance in cases of medical emergencies. When the volunteer squad retired and our emergency needs were taken over by the tax supported McHenry Township Fire Protection District, members of the Johnsburg Rescue Squad wanted to continue to assist in the community and decided to form the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired. Over the years, the Rescue Squad Retired has done much to assist the Village, other community organizations, and individuals within the Johnsburg community. Realizing there was a need to provide a facility to house the Village's Public Safety Department, the squad agreed to permit the Village to utilize the original rescue squad facility as their public safety facility. The rescue squad charged the Village one dollar per year as terms of the original lease. In time, the Village bought the facility in which our public safety department is still housed today. Much of the proceeds from the sale of the building and equipment, have been given back to the community by the Rescue Squad Retired. A few examples of this are the purchase and installation of the community events sign located by the Johnsburg Public Library which was entirely purchased, installed and donated to the Village of Johnsburg by the Rescue Squad Retired. **Besides furnishing the facility to house our public safety department, the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired also provides a yearly scholarship to a local high school student who is continuing his or her education in the medical field.** They also supply the financial funds needed to sponsor the D.A.R.E. program offered through the Johnsburg Public Safety Department for Johnsburg School District #12 and St. John Parochial School. The Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired has helped many families in need through regular food distribution and special holiday food baskets. Their next bi-monthly food distribution is scheduled for December 16th at the Johnsburg Community Club parking lot. Line up begins at 4:00 p.m. and distribution for those in need begins at 5:00 p.m. **The Rescue Squad Retired donates and distributes 10,000 pounds of food every other month which**

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole

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

Community Affairs

1st Monday 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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consists of 2,800 pounds of meat products alone. The food is acquired through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This is enough to feed 250 families for one month. By the end of this year, the total food distributed by the squad is expected to be in excess of 200,000 pounds. Other local organizations have helped the rescue squad over the past years by acquiring food for distribution through the food bank. The Johnsborg Community Men's Club, St. John Catholic Order of Foresters Court #96, and the Johnsborg Oldtimer's Baseball Club have helped with donations to the rescue squad. **For information on food distribution through the Johnsborg Rescue Squad Retired, contact Chuck Majercik at 815-385-3853.** The cost to sponsor the bi-monthly food distribution is \$650. If you would like to donate to the food distribution program, checks can be mailed to Johnsborg Rescue Squad Retired, c/o Wayne Hiller, 3818 Spring Grove Road, Johnsborg, IL 60051. We have served 3,280 families, 9,000 family members with 14 food giveaways.

The second organization that I would like to mention is the Johnsborg Lion's Club and its generosity in sponsoring the Johnsborg Police Charities, better known as the Johnsborg Shop with a Cop. **The Lion's Club raises funds every year so that less fortunate children from our community can shop with a police officer for holiday gifts for their families.** They receive \$150 each, to shop for their family members, and also receive additional funds to purchase a winter coat, boots, hats and gloves for themselves. I also want to thank Les and Joan Lunsman, owners of Sunnyside Tavern, Annette and Herb Johnson, owners of I Am! I Can! Inc, and Wal-mart of McHenry for their generous donations to the Lion's Club for this program. **If you would like to donate to the Johnsborg Lion's Club Police Charities, please contact Doug Carlile of the Johnsborg Lion's Club at 815-385-8475 or Johnsborg Police Chief Kenneth Rydberg at 815-385-6024.**

In our last issue, I promised to bring you up to date on the first Johnsborg Walla-Pa-Looza event organized by Johnsborg resident Craig Wallace and friends, which took place at the Johnsborg Community Club. **Walla-Pa-Looza raises money for cancer patients and research.** The first Johnsborg event featured four bands – Blush, Peter and the Versatiles, Danny and the Devils and Always Fanatic who all rocked the house. There were games for kids and music for adults – a true family event. The event was a huge success serving 440 slices of Half-Time pizza; 2000 cups of beer; 250 hot dogs; and 166 tacos. The event was attended by 600 adults and 200 children. **In this first ever event for Johnsborg, more than \$15,000 was raised to help fight cancer. It was such a great success that another event has been scheduled for the holiday season. Jolly-Pa-Looza will be held on December 5, 2009 at the Johnsborg Community Club.** For more details about the event, please read the article on page 7 of this issue or go to Walla-Pa-Looza.org.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Meadowland Community Church who distributed free pop and water at the corner of Johnsborg Rd, St. Johns Rd. and Chapel Hill Rd. I believe they are the first to request a permit to actually give merchandise away rather than seeking donations. What a great way to start the holiday season with a message that the joy is in giving and helping others, not receiving. Thanks again to Meadowland Community Church.

I wish you all the best during the holiday season. Take time to join your neighbors, family, and friends and attend some of the wonderful events planned to help celebrate the season.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann

FAQs

Village President, Ed Hettermann, answers your most frequently asked questions.

Q: Has Wal-mart received final approval from the Village Board? If so, when will they break ground?

A: Wal-mart has not received approval of their final plat and related documents. We have every reason to expect that they will be back before the Board for final consideration in late October or November with a groundbreaking to follow in the spring.

Q: What is the status of the METRA station and rail yard?

A: The Village and METRA are working on intergovernmental agreements and details in order to move ahead with property acquisition.

Q: Are Fairview Avenue and Chapel Hill Road residents moving forward with petitions to pursue an SSA for hookup to the Village's wastewater treatment collection system?

A: Yes! The Village has been communicating with these residents and it is our understanding that they are circulating a petition to move forward. The petition must represent a majority of the property owners and registered voters in the area they wish to have served.

Q: Is the Village going to allow video gaming within the village limits?

A: At the present time there is no definitive answer to that question. We have requested the Village's Ordinance Committee to draft an ordinance for video gaming. I have also asked the Finance and Economic Development Committees to make a recommendation based upon the financial and economic development impact to our community. Input from all of these committees will be considered and studied before taking action on the ordinance. I encourage all residents to attend these committee meetings and provide input based upon fact and not hearsay and rumors.

Q: What are the burning regulations in Johnsborg?

A: Residents may burn landscape waste on weekends only in the months of April, May, October and November from dawn to dusk. You must be at least 100 feet from any home (yours and your neighbors) and 50 feet from any accessory building like garages and sheds. Only onsite generated landscape waste may be burned.

JOHNSBURG HAPPENINGS

Visit www.johnsborg.org for more!

Johnsborg Community Club Presents:

"Fall Fest & Food Drive" with Live Music!

- November 7th at the Johnsborg Community Club
- 2315 W. Church Street, Johnsborg, IL
- From: 6:30 until Midnight
- Admission: Donation of nonperishable food items, such as canned goods or paper products. Monetary Donations are also welcome!
- Enjoy Music by Dr. Rhythm and the Rockers, free parking, free hot and cold snacks with a Cash Bar!

We would love to see everyone there for a fun night that helps area food pantries serve others for the holidays!

JEPF CASINO NIGHT

Please join the Johnsborg Educational Partnership Foundation on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Johnsborg Community Club for their annual Casino Night. All money raised benefits the Johnsborg school district. Last year the community helped raise over \$9,000. If your business or family would like to sponsor a table for \$50.00 or for more information please contact Leslie Koscinski at 815-759-2791.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Knights of Columbus Council 9167 invites you and your family to **Breakfast with St. Nick on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Johns Parish Hall** (located in the school). Donations for the breakfast are \$7.00 for adults and teens over 12 years of age, \$3.00 for children 3-12 and children under 3 are free. *All donations will go directly to St. John the Baptist School.* For more information, please contact Denise Decman at 815-675-6630.



4th Annual Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair

Joyful Harvest Church

5050 Johnsborg Rd.
847-497-4569
Saturday, November 7, 2009
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Come and get started on your holiday shopping! Raffle Items and Bake Sale also available.*

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES CROSSWALK on Johnsburg Road at Channel Beach Avenue

The Public Works Committee once again addressed concerns regarding crosswalks on Johnsburg Road for safer access to the sidewalk on the west side of Johnsburg Rd.

At its August 26th meeting, Denise Whitson, a concerned area resident presented the committee with a petition with approximately 375 signatures of other residents supporting a crosswalk location for safer crossing of Johnsburg Road, north of the current Church St. crossing.

At the meeting the Village's engineer, Tim Hartnett, addressed the issue - explaining the Village's application and participation in IDOT's "Safe Routes to Schools" program. The Village had applied for federal funds under this program which included crosswalk and sidewalk installation. The village application was approved but was not selected to receive grant money for this year and budget constraints do not allow for the plans to be initiated with general funds. Following lengthy discussion and review of previous year's study of crosswalk/sidewalk locations and financing, the committee directed P.W. Supervisor Dave Wilcox to look into the possibility of installing a crosswalk at Channel Beach Avenue. This location was determined to be the best of five alternatives considered. Site lines north and south on Johnsburg Road at Channel Beach Avenue were determined to be ideal and its

central location along Johnsburg Road made it the best alternative. Previous discussions related to safer pedestrian access to Sunnyside Park was also a critical consideration for selecting this location.

P.W. Supervisor Dave Wilcox presented the design and installation plan, prepared by Bldg. Facilities & Grds. Supervisor Bill Swartzloff at the September 23rd Public Works meeting. The design includes curb cutting to comply with ADA requirements and 90 feet of receiving area and sidewalk. In addition to crosswalk markings, a limestone screen path, donated by the Quinn Family, will direct users away from the intersection for added pedestrian safety. An extension of the sidewalk toward Sunnyside Park will be considered in the future. This project will be completed by Public Works Department personnel under its street maintenance budgeted funds.

Pedestrian safety was discussed extensively at the committee and board level. Signage will be installed to remind pedestrians and motorists of the new crosswalk. Additional safety suggestions are listed on our website.

Please visit www.johnsburg.org and take a minute to read our practical reminders about how to make Johnsburg a safe place to travel.

VIDEO GAMING IN JOHNSBURG?

The State of Illinois recently passed a law that would allow video gaming in retail establishments currently holding a liquor license. This would, in essence, allow video gambling in our local liquor establishments. There is a provision in the State law that allows communities, like Johnsburg, to determine whether or not they wish to permit this activity. The law also allows the Village to receive a portion of the net proceeds from these machines.

The Ordinance Committee will be discussing this issue at their next meeting on November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Please address your comments for the Ordinance Committee to Chairman Ron Zanko at rzanko@johnsburg.org or send them to Ron Zanko at the Johnsburg Village Hall, 1515 Channel Beach Ave., Johnsburg, IL 60051.

Both the Finance Committee and Economic Development Committee will also be looking into the Video Gaming Ordinance to determine the financial benefits and impacts to the business community. They will be meeting on November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and November 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. respectively. You may also direct your comments to Finance Committee Chairman Mary Lou Hutchinson at mlhutchinson@johnsburg.org or Economic Development Committee Chairman John Huemann at jhuemann@johnsburg.org.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL COAT DRIVE

The need has never been greater and it's never been easier to make a difference in your community. Here is your opportunity to make sure that nobody goes without such a basic necessity as a coat this winter.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is collecting clean, gently used coats and jackets, mittens, hats, scarves and boots and part of the "One Warm Coat" community service project to benefit the Home of the Sparrow, a transitional assistance program for homeless women and children. Coats of all shapes and sizes are welcome in clean usable condition. **"One Warm Coat" is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults.** The program is an easy way for you and your family to pass along coats and jackets that you no longer need.


Just bring your clean, gently used coats and jackets to St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Val's Foods, or the Johnsburg Public Library by November 20th. "One Warm Coat" is a national non-profit organization that supports and encourages coat drives. It helps individuals, groups, companies and organizations across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies that distribute coats for free to people in need. More than one million coats have been provided to those in need at no cost since its inception in 1992.

DISTRICT 12 STRATEGIC PLANNING: “A ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE”

Any successful endeavor starts with a well thought out, strategic plan. In order to properly plan for the future of the Johnsburg School District, the Board of Education will begin conducting a series of formal strategic planning sessions with an outside facilitator. The facilitator will work with district officials and other community stakeholders to develop this *road map* for the district to follow in the future. The Strategic Plan will address such areas as finances, curriculum, facilities, staffing, growth (or lack thereof) and will provide an idea of what the community can expect from the district over the next five years. We are very excited for the opportunity to formalize this planning process. We expect a plan to be finished with it before the end of the school year.

With a properly developed Strategic Plan in place, the school district hopes to be able to accommodate future changes and the inevitable growth that will most likely follow, while still holding true to the core values that have shaped our community in the past. Over the next few months, we will be seeking community input as we build our strategic plan. The feedback from our various stakeholders will be used to help construct our “road map to the future.” We will utilize our various communication methods to keep you informed as to when and how the surveys will be conducted. We are passionately committed to continuing to provide our children with the absolute best, well-rounded education possible, utilizing all of the resources that have been made available to us.

THANK YOU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Village of Johnsburg would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the students in the **Johnsburg High School Graphic Arts class** for making the magnetic signs used by village officials in this year's Saufen und Spiel parade. The students did excellent work and we hope you enjoyed the breakfast treat we brought you! Thanks again!

JOHNSBURG LIBRARY

The Johnsburg Public Library offers a variety of programs for residents of all ages. For more information on any library programs, please contact them at the Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051, by phone at 815-344-0077 by fax at 815-344-3524 or by visiting their website at www.johnsburglibrary.org. Also, look for the quarterly newsletter and program guide in your mail.

Visit www.johnsburglibrary.org for more information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

In the last edition of the “Voice of Johnsburg”, we reported the Finance Committee’s recommendation that the board move forward in refinancing an existing debt through the use of General Obligation Alternate Revenue Source Bonds. In December of 2007, the Village refinanced a \$2.6 million debt certificate, and at that time secured an additional \$2 million for the construction of the low-pressure sewer system it was pursuing. Due to the delay in construction resulting from ongoing litigation related to SSA #23, the Village must now return the additional \$2 million it borrowed.

To accomplish this, the Finance Committee compared the use of two municipal financing tools - debt certificates and bonds - to determine the most financially sound method to refinance the debt. Bonds will provide the Village a more competitive interest rate because they are backed by property taxes. The Village will repay this debt through general fund revenues such as sales tax, income tax and other fines and fees. Property taxes will not be used to repay this debt. The refinancing of the debt certificates will result in an average annual savings of approximately \$127,000.

The Village Board is considering the approval of an ordinance to authorize the bond. In the near future you may see in the newspaper, the publication of the authorization ordinance along with a notice for the public hearing which is expected to be held in November. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Village Hall for more information.

At our last meeting, the Finance Committee reviewed a five-month analysis of revenues and expenditures for this fiscal year. Although revenues declined 4.7% from the same period last year, the result showed that most revenues and expenditures are coming in as we projected with the exception of State Income Tax revenues. The Illinois Municipal League regularly provides municipalities with information regarding the amount of State Income Tax that will be collected. A recent update of information shows that State Income Tax is expected to come in nearly 15.5% lower than last year’s receipts. Additionally, the State has fallen as much as three months behind in distributing income tax they have collected. This coupled with the decrease in actual receipts places municipalities in a cash flow crunch. We will continue to manage our expenditures, work with our representatives to expedite the State Income Tax distribution, and implement other means to increase revenues, build reserves and improve cash flow (such as the refinancing of the debt certificates mentioned above) to insure the optimum delivery of services to our residents.

JOHNSBURG'S PISTAKEE YACHT CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNUAL REGATTA



The 50th Annual C Scow Blue Chip Regatta, held at Johnsburg's Pistakee Yacht Club September 18, 19 and 20, 2009 was one of the most memorable regattas in years. Started in 1960 by John Looze, Alex Pomierski and Ralph

Pomierski, the "Blue Chip" invites skippers who have won races and ranked highly in the past year.

Michael Morgan, Chairman of the Blue Chip, set up a special race this year. The race was held Friday for the *Past Champions* in which all of the winners of the previous 49 Blue Chips were invited for a special Past Champions Race. The response was fantastic with 22 past champions responding.

In the regular Blue Chip, forty two C Scows, a 20 foot long racing sailboat, participated in 2 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday to complete the 50th year that this event has been held. The visual of 42 large sails leaving Pistakee Yacht Club at the same time was stunning. The entire Bay was filled with sails, and it was truly a beautiful sight.

Traditions are a part of the Blue Chip. The Friday Night Pork Chop Dinner, in which sweet corn and pork chops are consumed with no utensils, was very popular. Coats and Ties were required for the Saturday dinner, a tradition of early Blue Chip Regattas. The "Mystery Guest", John Kolius, an America's Cup Skipper, attended and shared his expertise with the group.

Pistakee Yacht Club has been active in Johnsburg for over 100 years. Pistakee Yacht Club thanks the Village of Johnsburg for their cooperation in all of the club's activities.

Pistakee Yacht Club sailing school offers Formal Instructional Programs to teach beginning and intermediate children and adults. Certified Instructors teach ground school as well as on the water in Optimists, Butterflies and C Scows.

For kids 6 to 90, 2 week sessions are held Monday thru Thursday in the summer. Adult classes are held in the evenings and by reservation. Visit www.sailpistakee.com or contact Robert & Catherine Boettcher at 847-587-4445 or email at Catskier.com.

SUNNYSIDE CLEANERS

Sunnyside Cleaners has been located next to Val's grocery store for a number of years. Owners Linda Herdrich and her sister Lisa Peterson, have been serving our area with great dry cleaning service for 10 years. Linda is a Johnsburg resident and has been married to Greg for 28 years. Linda has been working in the dry cleaning business since high school and worked for the two previous owners of Sunnyside Cleaners. When the business went up for sale 10 years ago, they decided to buy it. Sunnyside Cleaners specializes in wedding gowns. Rugs, furs and leather can also be dropped off for

JOHNSBURG BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
In this issue we highlight three businesses in town that really make a difference in our community.

MIKE'S BRASS & WOODWIND

Have you been looking for a full music store? Mike's Brass and Woodwind, located at 3607 Chapel Hill Rd, has it all! Owner Mike Celmer, is a Johnsburg resident who saw the need for this type of business in our town and relocated his business from Lake Zurich after spending 12 years there. Mike's Brass and Woodwind offers private lessons on all instruments and all 12 instructors have college degrees in the instruments they teach. Voice lessons are also available. Mike only sells major name brand, American made instruments which includes everything from guitars and amps, to brass horns, woodwinds, drums, pianos, keyboards and accessories. Mike is an expert on repairs for all different kinds of instruments. He does repairs for people from as far away as Canada and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. His clientele ranges from younger kids just starting out to adults who just want to broaden their musical horizons. You may call him at 815-363-5900 or stop by the store. Hours are Monday through Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Friday 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.. The Village is pleased to have such a full service music store here in town.

JSB LAW, PC

Johnsburg has a new attorney in town to help with various legal matters you may have. Judith (Judy) Bethge has opened her practice at 3604 Chapel Hill Rd. and can assist you with criminal defense, family law, general litigation and wills. Judy graduated with her law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. She began practicing law as an Assistant State's Attorney in Lake County, Illinois. She then transitioned to private practice working at a firm in Buffalo Grove for three years concentrating in criminal defense and commercial litigation. She decided to open up her own practice here in Johnsburg on May 1, 2009. Being a country girl at heart, Judy also likes the hometown feel of Johnsburg and the small community atmosphere. Her concept for her practice is "Innovative.Passionate. Committed" which she attempts to convey to each of her clients. Judy utilizes technology to correspond and communicate with clients to increase response time decrease costs to her clients. She will even make house calls for those who cannot leave their homes. If you find yourself in need of legal services, or just want to stop in and welcome a new face in town, please consider giving Judy a call at 815-322-2500 or email judy@jsblawoffice.com to set up an appointment.

cleaning and a shirt service is offered with a two day turn around. Dry cleaning is done in store and most items, if dropped off by 10:00 a.m. can be done by 3:00 p.m. the same day. Linda spot checks every garment that is brought in so you can be sure it's clean when you get it back. They also offer tailoring and repair services. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Bring in your holiday outfits now so they are ready to wear. Please call 815-385-2550 with any dry cleaning needs you may have.

NEW PUBLICATION FOR JOHNSBURG

Many of you may have already received the Richmond, Spring Grove, Johnsburg Report in the mail. This is a new publication by Southern Lakes Newspapers, LLC that is published weekly. They cover community events in the three towns and did a wonderful job reporting on this year's Saufen und Spiel and Johnsburg High School Homecoming. They are offering discounted subscription rates to Johnsburg residents for a limited time. For more information, please contact them at 262-763-3511.

Q: WHAT IS WALLA-PA-LOOZA?

A: Walla-Pa-Looza is an organization that organizes and participates in events to raise money to assist cancer patients and cancer research. The monies raised are distributed both locally and nationally.

Q: WHAT EVENTS DOES WALLA-PA-LOOZA HOLD?

A: In August 2009 we held our first event. It was an outdoor event that included food, music, raffles, and family friendly activities throughout the day. This event raised over \$15,000.00. In December we are holding an indoor event that will also include food, music and raffles.

Q: WHY ALL THE PURPLE?

A: Every one is familiar with pink being the color for Breast Cancer support. We decided that we wanted to be able to assist as many people as possible and found that purple is the color that signifies support for all cancers.

Q: WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE MAKE UP THE WALLA-PA-LOOZA ORGANIZATION?

A: The people involved in Walla-Pa-Looza come from various backgrounds, but all have one thing in common, they shared the vision of its founder Craig Wallace, a guy that saw a need to raise some money and have some fun. He recruited friends and family to help and that has ballooned into something much bigger.

Q: CAN ANYONE HELP WALLA-PA-LOOZA?

A: Yes, if you want to help us in our various fundraising efforts send us an e-mail at craig@Walla-Pa-Looza.org and we will be happy to have your assistance.

Q: WHAT IF I JUST WANT TO DONATE?

A: The best way to make a donation is to send a check to Walla-Pa-Looza c/o Craig Wallace 4000 Cedar Creek Drive, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051. You can donate to our organization by simply going to www.walla-pa-looza.org

Q: ARE YOU RECOGNIZED AS A 503C?

A: We are currently in the process of applying for becoming a 503c Non-Profit organization. We are working with our lawyer and filing the paperwork and will hopefully be one soon.

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE AN IDEA FOR WALLA-PA-LOOZA

A: You can contact us via e-mail (see above) or leave us a voice mail at 815-363-1189.

VILLAGE REVENUES TO DEPEND ON ACCURATE CENSUS IN APRIL 2010

In April, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting its regular 10 year survey to find out just how many Americans there really are. The census count is extremely important to us as a Village. We receive state and federal funds based on our population. A short count means we won't get our fair share of those funds. In addition, population determines state and federal legislative boundaries. After the census is concluded, our Congressional, State Senate and State House districts will be redrawn. For this census, the form is going to be much shorter and must less intrusive than in 2000.

The census count is extremely important to us as a Village. We receive state and federal funds based on our population.

There will only be 10 questions on the form that you'll be asked to fill out. The information is absolutely confidential. None of the information that you provide as part of this census through the Census Bureau is shared with any Federal, State or Local government agency. We at the Village level only get a broad analysis of the data. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. Please take the few minutes to fill out the census form completely so the Village is assured of getting our fair share of funds.

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.



JOHNSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Recent Burglary/Theft Activity

Consistent with the national trend, Johnsburg Police Department has recently observed an increase in the number of burglaries/thefts in our community. The Johnsburg Police Department urges you to take some basic precautions to reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- **ALWAYS lock your doors, even while you are at home.** Service doors into garages as well as doors between attached garages and the interior of the house are often overlooked by homeowners and left unsecured. Overhead garage doors should be kept closed, whether or not you are home.
- **Leave a few exterior lights on after dark.** Consider installing motion detector lights. They are very effective and relatively inexpensive.
- **Before leaving for vacation, contact us at (815) 385-6024 and ask to be placed on the vacation house check list.** Officers will check the exterior of your home periodically and randomly during your absence. Put mail and newspaper deliveries on hold before leaving.
- **Lock your vehicles, even in your driveway or inside your garage.** Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle.
- **Get to know your neighbors.** Residents who know each other, keep an eye on each others' homes. Reporting suspicious activity to police immediately is a great crime deterrent.

If you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood, report it to the Johnsburg Police Department immediately by calling 911.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

The Voice of Johnsburg introduces resident, Mike Clark. Mr. Clark has spent much time learning about Johnsburg and has agreed to share his knowledge about the history of our community by providing answers to any questions residents may have. Mr. Clark invites you to email your questions about the history of Johnsburg to him at mclark@johnsburg.org. Answers will be featured in the next newsletter edition.



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