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## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

The Johnsburg VFW will conduct Memorial Day activities honoring veterans, both past and present, on Monday, May 27th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Seven Days Market riverfront by the Chapel Hill Bridge. A river wreath ceremony will be held to honor those lost at sea during naval battles. Flying aircraft are again part of this year's ceremonies. Enjoy the patriotic performances of the Johnsburg High School band, choir, and

**Monday, May 27th**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Chapel Hill Bridge.**



buglers. Parking for spectators is available in the parking lot of the Paradise Cove Motel. The event will then proceed to the Johnsburg Community Club's Armed Forces Memorial where the concluding ceremony will take place honoring those killed in land battles. A baseball game, sponsored by the Johnsburg Community Men's Club, will follow. Antique and military vehicles will also be on display. Food will be provided by the Johnsburg Lions Club which will be served, along with beverages, by members of both the Johnsburg Lions Club and the Johnsburg Community Men's Club.

**For more information go to [johnsburgVFW.org](http://johnsburgVFW.org)**



## Important Dates

- June 1** **page 6**  
Vehicle Stickers will be going on sale at the Johnsburg Village Hall beginning June 1. **Please make sure to purchase your vehicle sticker by July 31.**
- June 3** **page 5**  
The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual spring brush pickup.
- June 18** **page 3**  
Johnsburg Area Business Association 3rd annual State of the Village dinner.
- July 6** **page 3**  
Oak Park Lounge annual fireworks display over Pistakee Bay.
- July 27** **page 11**  
Walla-Pa-Looza 2013, a musical fundraising event.
- July 31** **page 6**  
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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 - 7:30 p.m.

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

**Development & Government Affairs**  
4th Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.

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

**Finance**  
4th Monday of each month - 7:00 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**  
2nd Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

**Village Board**  
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

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

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Ed Hettermann

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**



I am truly grateful that I have been given the opportunity to once again serve as your Village President. I look forward to continuing our efforts over the next four years building upon past achievements which will help to insure that our community has a strong future. The right to vote is truly a privilege we have as citizens of this great country and I applaud all of the residents who got out and voted this past election season. As we begin our new fiscal year, I welcome the recently elected trustees to the Village Board - John Huemann, Kevin McEvoy and Greg Klemstein. Incumbent Trustee John Huemann was initially elected to the Village Board in 1993, and has served as the chairman to the Economic Development Committee since that time. Incumbent Trustee Kevin McEvoy was appointed to the board in December of 2011 and serves as the Public Works Committee Chairman. Previous to his appointment he had served on the Public Works Committee since 1999. Greg Klemstein is newly elected to the board however Mr. Klemstein has been serving on the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee since 2010. I look forward to working with them while serving the best interest of the Village. I would also like to express well wishes to Trustee Ron Zanko whose term on the Village Board has ended. Mr. Zanko was elected to the Village Board in 2009 and served as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee. I thank Mr. Zanko for his service to the community.

We are saddened to say goodbye to former police officer William Rowan who passed away in March. Mr. Rowan served on the Village's police force from 1990-1992. We are grateful for Mr. Rowan's service to the community and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

It's hard to believe that we are once again gearing up for the Johnsburg VFW Post's annual Memorial Day event. It promises to be a great event honoring those that have served our country. Many thanks to the Johnsburg VFW Post for their continued dedication. Make sure to read the article on page 1 for more information about the event.

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 by these events are distributed both locally and nationally. The Summer 2013 Walla-Pa-Looza event (a.k.a. WP5) is scheduled for July 27th at the Johnsburg Community Club. Be sure to mark your calendars and read the article on page 11 for more information. You will not want to miss this event.

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, plans to host his annual fireworks display over Pistakee Bay on July 6th at Oak Park Lounge. If you would like to donate to this event, please mail donations to Mr. Tom Fuchs, 801 W. Oak Grove Road, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051. Watch for more details on our website and in upcoming e-Newsletters regarding this event.

In closing, I would like to thank our dedicated Village staff for all of their hard work. They truly make a difference in our community. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me through the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or at [ehettermann@johnsburg.org](mailto:ehettermann@johnsburg.org).

Respectfully,  
*Edwin P. Hettermann*  
 Village President

## STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Johnsburg Area Business Association is proud to sponsor the 3rd annual State of the Village dinner. The featured speaker will be Village President, Ed Hettermann. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:30 pm. at the Johnsburg Community Club. There will be a cash bar and Maravela's will be catering the event. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and \$300.00 for a table of 8. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this event please contact Deborah Adams at 815-728-8000 or Joshua Hagen at 815-385-2700 no later than June 11, 2013

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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Village's Building Department has experienced numerous property maintenance complaints and will be strictly enforcing the nuisance ordinances of the Village. Accumulation of junk and debris is the biggest complaint received at this time of the year. We also receive complaints regarding inoperable vehicles being stored on residential properties and refuse containers being stored in the public's plain view or left at the road after garbage and recycling pickup.

It is in violation of Village ordinance to permit the accumulation of junk and debris on property. Junk and debris includes anything from appliances or furniture to garbage, car parts, old sinks and toilets. Village ordinance states that all inoperable vehicles must also be stored out of the public's plain view. Any vehicle being kept in a residential area must be road ready and have current state registration and Village vehicle stickers.

The Village receives many complaints about the storage of refuse and recycling containers. Refuse and recycling containers may not be placed by the road more than 24 hours prior to garbage and recycling pickup and must be removed from the road no more than 24 hours after the pickup. Between pickup days, refuse and recycling containers cannot be stored in front of residential or commercial properties. All containers must be properly screened from the public's view.

The Village also receives complaints regarding long grass and weeds. Grass or weeds allowed to grow in excess of eight (8) inches is in violation of Village Ordinance.

Village personnel will be actively enforcing these ordinances. If a violation is identified, citations and notices to appear at an Administrative Adjudication Hearing will be issued. *We appreciate everyone's help in keeping Johnsburg the beautiful community it is today.*



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# ANIMAL CONTROL

Chapter 14 of the Johnsborg Municipal Code prohibits any dog, cat or other domestic animal from “running at large”. The Village has received many complaints regarding unrestrained dogs traveling into the roadway oftentimes threatening pedestrians and bicyclists. Domestic animals must be restrained on their owner’s property. If they are found to be running at large, they will be apprehended and citations will be issued in accordance with the Village’s Ordinances.

# SOLICITORS

Chapter 10 of the Johnsborg Municipal Code requires persons engaging in peddling or commercial soliciting to obtain a Certificate of Registration from the Village. Solicitors are required to carry a copy of the Certification with them when conducting solicitations throughout the Village. Should you be approached by a solicitor at your home, ask them to produce their Certification to insure that they have registered with the Village. If you have questions or concerns regarding solicitation activities taking place in your neighborhood, contact the Johnsborg Police Department at 815-385-6024.

# SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsborg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual spring brush pickup beginning June 3, 2013. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on June 3rd. Crews will make one pass through each subdivision. Any branches that are not by the road when they go by will not be picked up at a later time. All branches must be a minimum of 4 feet in length and no greater than 6 inches in diameter. They must be placed with their cut ends pointed towards the road in a neat and orderly pile. Branches that cannot be put through the chipper safely will not be taken. Evergreen cuttings must be kept separate from other tree branches and will be picked up separately. This service is being provided for larger branches generated from trimming or storm damage and is not intended for disposal of whole trees that have been removed.

Additionally, Waste Management is now picking up yard waste. The above referenced stickers can be used on a 35 gallon can or bag of yard waste as well, or residents can enroll in a yard waste subscription program by contacting Waste Management directly at 800-796-9696.



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# Area News

## 2013-2014 VEHICLE STICKERS



Vehicle Stickers will be going on sale at the Johnsburg Village Hall beginning June 1st. Please make sure to purchase your vehicle sticker by July 31st to avoid paying additional costs. Additionally, note that the cost of a citation for failure to purchase and display a vehicle sticker is \$100.00.

Applications will be mailed during the first week of June and stickers must be purchased no later than the close of business on July 31st to avoid paying a penalty. Watch for the salmon colored applications in the mail. If the pre-printed information on the card(s) sent to you is incorrect, please correct the information and either bring the forms into the Village Hall or mail the postcard(s) with a check made payable to the Village of Johnsburg. If you did not receive your application(s) 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. This regulation also applies to seasonal or weekend residents. Vehicles that have temporary license plates also must have a sticker as do company vehicles being kept in the Village that do not have a sticker from the town in which they are registered. Below is the cost of stickers:

	Purchased by July 31st	Purchased after July 31st
Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight owned by persons under 64	\$10	\$40
Passenger cars and trucks up to 4 tons gross weight owned by persons 64 and over*	\$ 5	\$40
Passenger cars and trucks with permanent disability license plates or placards*	\$5	\$40
Motorcycles or Motorbikes	\$5	\$40
Trucks over 4 tons gross weight	\$25	\$100

\*Stickers purchased by persons aged 64 and over and stickers purchased for vehicles with permanent disability license plates or placards shall be limited to two (2) reduced fee licenses per household. This reduced fee does not apply to stickers purchased after July 31st.

## JOHNSBURG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Construction will begin shortly on the first phase of the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project which consists of the area between Route 31 to approximately 500 feet west of the St. Johns Avenue/ Chapel Hill Road intersection. During the construction, traffic along Johnsburg Road between Chapel Hill Road and Route 31 will be limited to west bound only. **Keep abreast of the construction's impacts by visiting the project's website at [johnsburgroad.com](http://johnsburgroad.com).** There you can also sign up to receive email alerts and updates related to the project.

## VILLAGE 2013 ROAD REPAVING PROGRAM

The Village of Johnsburg will be resurfacing 3.3 miles of roads this year as a result of low pricing received through a combined bid pursued with the McHenry Township Road District. Peter Baker and Son submitted the lowest bid and was awarded the contract which includes the following roads: Miller Rd, Heather Ln, Aster & Indigo Ct., Dakota Ridge & Hiller Ridge, Fieldstone Way, Cove Ct., Knob Hill, Fairview Ave (south of Chapel Hill Road), Dolores Dr, Dennis Blvd, Grandview and Sudeenew Dr.

**Sign up for our e-News alerts and monitor the Village's website at [www.johnsburg.org](http://www.johnsburg.org) for traffic impacts which may occur during the resurfacing.**

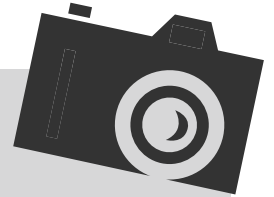
# Area News

## CELEBRATION IN THE PARK 2013



The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park. The event, held the first Saturday in October, is one of Johnsburg's most popular events enjoyed by all ages! Family, friends and neighbors come out to Sunnyside Memorial Park for a fun filled evening with live music, delicious food and cold beverages, games, hayrides and FIREWORKS. This event is made possible through the generous contributions we receive from area businesses and residents. We are very grateful to our past contributors and hope you will consider contributing so this event can continue. Donations, in any amount, from individuals, groups or businesses are needed and greatly appreciated. *For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact Marikay Gebis at 815 385-6023*

## SPRING INTO FUN PHOTO SHOTS



After the long winter months get outside to capture the beauty of Johnsburg and enter your amateur photos into our photo challenge. Submit photos to the Village of Johnsburg at 1515 Channel Beach Avenue, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051 or electronically to [villagehall@johnsburg.org](mailto:villagehall@johnsburg.org) no later than July 1st, 2013. Make sure to include your contact information with your submittal. Photos may be utilized in future Village of Johnsburg newsletters and other publications or on our website. Some ideas for photos include nature, sunrise, sunset, evening, architecture, recreational and/or community event images.

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# Household Tips

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## 7 Tips to De-clutter Your Home

1. Be ruthless when deciding what to keep and what to let go of. It's the only way to succeed at de-cluttering.
2. Look at everything with fresh eyes. What made sense to hold onto five or ten years ago may not fit in with your lifestyle today.
3. Every time you leave a room, take something with you that doesn't belong there and put it away.
4. Start off with small jobs. It could be getting a diaper bag organized so you're always good to go or clearing out a drawer or closet. Just keep picking small areas to work on and build momentum.
5. Time for a de-clutter blitz. Once you've de-cluttered a few closets and drawers, you'll have some more room to work. You'll also have a good idea of how much time it takes. So pick a room, schedule a time and blitz it!
6. Aim to have a place for everything and everything in its place. There are plenty of great storage products available.
7. When sorting through your items, choose what makes sense to throw out, donate to charity, give away to friends or sell.

In connection with spring cleaning and decluttering, you may be wondering how to dispose of the excess garbage that may be generated.

Residents can contact the Village's waste hauler, Waste Management at 800-796-9696 to arrange for a special garbage pickup or you may purchase stickers to cover the cost to pick up garbage in excess of the 35 gallon limit included in the Village's contract. These stickers cover the cost of one additional 35 gallon can or bag of garbage. The cost for a sticker is \$3.20. **Stickers are sold at the Village Hall and are also available at the Sunnyside Little Store, Angelo's and Novotny Sales.**

Additionally, Waste Management is now picking up yard waste. The above referenced stickers can be used on a 35 gallon can or bag of yard waste as well, or residents can enroll in a yard waste subscription program by contacting Waste Management directly.

**GARBAGE  
STICKERS**



# Household Tips

One small drip can lead to another and before you know it, gallons of water may have silently leaked from your faucet or toilet without you knowing about it. Losing just one gallon of water a day due to a small leak equals 365 gallons a year. When you pay for your water, that leak can become very costly. Finding leaks and having them repaired not only saves you money in the long run, it also helps to preserve precious water. Here are some tips on what to look for:

- Turn off all faucets in the house including bathtubs, laundry sinks and outdoor faucets. Make sure the dishwasher and washing machine are not running. Turn off all other appliances that use water.
- Check the gauge on the water meter, if you have one, after you've turned off all the faucets and appliances that use water, to see if the arrow is rotating on the flow indicator. A moving arrow indicates there is a leak somewhere in your house and you should check for leaks.
- Go through the house and check the spouts of all the faucets for signs of a drip. Rub your finger under the spout to see if you can feel any water, even if the faucet is turned off. Look for puddles of water at the base of all the faucets. Check the shower heads to see if you notice water dripping.
- Take the lid off the tank at the back of the toilet. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in the water tank. Wait 15 minutes, and look to see if the food coloring shows up in the toilet bowl. Seeing food coloring in the bowl would indicate water is leaking from the tank into the bowl even when the toilet isn't being flushed. Repeat this procedure with all the toilets in the house.
- Pull the refrigerator away from the wall and check the connecting water line if your refrigerator has an ice-maker. Look for puddles on the floor or water dripping from the water line.
- Pull the washing machine away from the wall and check the water supply line to the washer. Check for puddles under the washer.
- Check the valves on the hot water tank for signs of drips. Hissing sounds near the pipes or valves on the tank can also indicate a leak you wouldn't be able to see.



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# Area News

## COMMUNITY SAILING SCHOOL @PISTAKEE

The Community Sailing School @Pistakee is offering a wide variety of sailing lessons again this year for children and adults from June to August geared towards beginners all the way to those who are ready to race. To sign up go to [commsailpistakee.org/programs.html](http://commsailpistakee.org/programs.html) or contact David Rigby [drigby51@gmail.com](mailto:drigby51@gmail.com) or Tom Kartheiser [TJKarth@yahoo.com](mailto:TJKarth@yahoo.com). Also mark your calendar for the Sailing into the Future Gala being held Saturday August 10, 2013 to benefit the Community Sailing School @Pistakee. Join in for a gala evening of dinner, dancing and live auction on Pistakee Bay at the Historic Pistakee Yacht Club.

The Pistakee Yacht Club welcomes new members to enjoy fun and exciting social events on beautiful Pistakee Bay. Members may also rent a boat slip at a very reasonable rate. For more information go to [www.sailpistakee.com](http://www.sailpistakee.com).



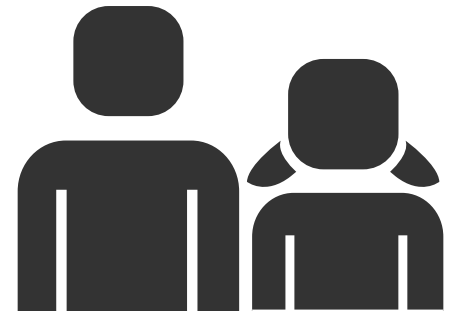
Lessons are less than \$15 per hour of instruction and all of the instructors are trained and certified by US Sailing - the governing body of the sport.

## MCHENRY AREA YOUTH COMMISSION SUMMER 2013 PROGRAM

McHenry Area Youth Commission (M.A.Y.C.) strives to provide recreational based prevention programs for youth. Their mission is to “Keep Healthy Kids Healthy” by promoting responsible choices about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. These programs are provided through a community based linkage of educational and governmental agencies within the Johnsburg and McHenry area.

The Summer 2013 program will take place June 3rd – August 2nd from 10 am to 3 p.m. Extended hours are available from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm at an additional cost. The program is available to youth who live in the Village of Johnsburg, McHenry Township or the City of McHenry and are entering grades 1 – 9 in the 2013/2014 school year in Districts 12, 15 or 156. It is designed to give participants an opportunity to learn valuable life lessons. The program creates a safe environment where youth can make new friends, try new things and have fun! Participants will also participate in open hour activities such as crafts, indoor/outdoor activities and field trips.

To find out more information regarding the program or to register go to [mayc.net](http://mayc.net) or call Sarah Dodge at 815-344-0001.



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# Area News

## Walla-Pa-Looza 2013

Walla-Pa-Looza 2013, a musical fundraising event, will be held on Saturday, July 27. Volunteers from all over the county will converge to raise funds to benefit local and national cancer associations.

The 5th Annual Walla-Pa-Looza 2013 will be held at the Johnsburg Community Club at 2315 W. Church Street, from 12:00 pm -11:00 pm. This event will feature five live bands throughout the day; Modern Day Romeos, Friction, American English, The Partyhardigans and Days Of Mayhem. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Events throughout the day will include a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, ticket raffle, teenage battle of the bands and children's activities. A \$5.00 per person donation will be collected upon entrance to the event. Please join the fun for a fabulous day of friends, food, dancing and a chance to make a difference in the lives of the many people touched by this disease.

For more information on the event, volunteer opportunities or donations, call Craig Wallace, Chairman at 815-363-1189 or visit their website at [www.walla-pa-looza.org](http://www.walla-pa-looza.org)

## LIBRARY EVENTS

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE, June 7-9 - In preparation for the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale, volunteers are being sought to help sort and setup beginning Tuesday, May 29th. The sale to the general public will be held on Friday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sat., June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A \$2.00-A-Bag Blowout Sale will be held on Sat., June 9 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The sale to members of the Friends of the Library will be held on Thursday, June 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Annual membership to the Friends of the Library may be purchased at the door for \$5.00.
- SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - This year's theme is "Reading is So Delicious". The program will include yummy prizes for readers of all ages. Information and reading logs can be picked up beginning Monday, June 4th.

Additional library events for children and adults can be found under Calendar of Events on [www.johnsburglibrary.org](http://www.johnsburglibrary.org). Visit the Library at 3000 N. Johnsburg Road or contact them at 815-344-0077



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