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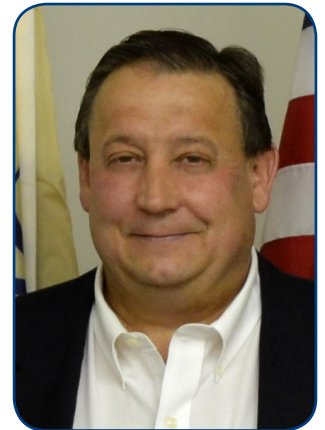


Fun Photo Shots

In the Spring 2013 Issue, we asked residents to take part in our fun photo challenge by submitting photos that capture the beauty of Johnsburg. We received some outstanding photos and would like to thank all of the participants. Above are two of the photos submitted. Watch for information about the next Fun Photo Challenge to be announced in the near future.

President's Letter

This issue marks the one year anniversary of circulating the *Voice of Johnsburg* newsletter to every household and business in Johnsburg. This was made possible through a partnership with DPdesign, a local Johnsburg business, who has marketed advertisements from local businesses and organizations to support the cost



of publishing the newsletter. I want to thank the businesses and organizations that have chosen to make the most of their advertising dollars while assisting the Village by sponsoring our newsletter for the next year. Additionally, I would like to thank The State Bank Group for donating the funds to cover the postage costs and Danielle Spiewak of DPdesign for all of her hard work. We greatly appreciate everyone's support.

I hope you have had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends this summer. The Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club are busy preparing for the upcoming annual Saufen und Spiel activities which will be held September 6-8th. Join your neighbors and friends for a couple of fun filled days and nights of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and the parade. Read the article on page 4 for more information about this event. Also be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Celebration in the Park event being held on Saturday, October 5th at Sunnyside Park. The Community Affairs Committee has been busy working to secure donations from businesses and organizations to fund this event. We greatly appreciate all the donations we received for without them we would be unable to host this event. For more information about Celebration in the Park or to learn about how you can contribute, read the article on page 5.

On July 6th, Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, put on another incredible fireworks display in celebration of the Fourth of July. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. I want to thank Tom as well as the many who donated to make



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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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Thank you to Johnsburg State Bank for their generous donation towards postage for the Voice of Johnsburg.

this event a success. As I write this article, Johnsburg residents Joanne and Craig Wallace, along with Nick Bionda, Sheryl Smith and a team of volunteers just wrapped up the 5th Annual Walla Pa Looza event which was very successful in raising funds to help support families who have been victimized by cancer. It is wonderful to see the community come out in support of such a worthwhile cause.

Much construction activity has been taking place throughout the Village this summer. Work has steadily progressed on the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project and it's exciting to see the new roadway taking shape. This summer the Village was also able to resurface nearly 4 miles of roads and pursue significant maintenance and improvements to our parks.

On May 31st, the Johnsburg Police Department again participated in "Cop on Top," a fundraising program to raise funds for Special Olympics. Johnsburg police officers donated their time for the cause. To date, more than \$10,000 has been raised for this important program. Read the article on page 6 about the upcoming Special Olympics Run/Walk event being sponsored by the Johnsburg Police Department.

On June 18th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 3rd annual State of the Village dinner at the Johnsburg Community Club. Business owners from around the community attended for a presentation on the Village's past year's accomplishments and goals for the coming year. Go to the article on page 4 to read more. I would like to thank JABA President Bill Wiltse and the organizing committee consisting of Mr. Joshua Hagen and Mrs. Debbie Adams for all of their hard work in coordinating the event.

In closing, I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and that you have an opportunity to come out with family and friends to enjoy some of our upcoming community events.

Respectfully,

Ed Hettermann

Village President

Did You Remember To Purchase Your Village Sticker??

Village Vehicle Stickers were due by July 31st!

Any vehicle housed or registered in the Village for more than thirty days out of the year requires a vehicle sticker. If you have not purchased your vehicle sticker, please come to the Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to purchase them. The Police Department has started issuing ordinance violation tickets to any vehicle not complying. A violation ticket is now \$100. Stickers for passenger cars, motorcycles and trucks under 4 tons gross weight are now \$40.00 and for trucks over 4 tons gross weight, the sticker cost is now \$100.00.

** Please Note – there is no senior or disability discount for stickers purchased late after the due date of July 31st.

AREA NEWS

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The Fairview Avenue Phase II sewer construction project is now complete. By installing this infrastructure, we are that much closer to bringing sewers to more than 400 residents in our community. We will be contacting property owners adjacent to the new infrastructure in the near future with details about connecting to the system.

The Village strives to find ways to reduce the cost of bringing wastewater treatment to neighborhoods throughout the Village. We maintain a dialogue with our State and Federal representatives and look for opportunities through other agencies to secure funding for this very important project.

If your neighborhood is interested in learning more about connecting to the Village's wastewater treatment system, please contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters at 815-385-6023 or cpeters@johnsburg.org

FALL BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsborg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual fall brush pickup beginning **September 16, 2013**. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, the 16th of September. Crews will make one pass through each subdivision therefore any branches that are not placed 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.

Do you live outside the village limits but would still like to stay informed?



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Saufen Und Spiel

2013

The Johnsburg Community Club, Inc, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2013. Starting Friday evening, September 6th thru Sunday, September 8th, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music, games and good old fashion fun! This year's event promises to be as great as you have come to expect Saufen und Spiel weekends to be. With a little help from Mother Nature it should exceed last year's event with more bands, food, games and the parade on Sunday.

Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 6th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Club 6th Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable at registration. The tournament starts at 7:30 p.m. with a double elimination format. There will be a 32 and a 24 team tournament. Rules will be passed out at registration. If you would like to sponsor a board for \$50 or for more information, please contact Marty Palmer at 815-307-6427. Come on out and participate in a family favorite with a unique twist. Your musical entertainment will be provided by Bony Knees starting at 7:30 p.m. Grab a beverage, some food and show off your skills with the bags.

The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday, September 7th for the 7th Annual Banjo Beer Night. The festivities will start at 5:00 p.m. Your feet will be tapping to two bands this year - Banjo Barons at 5:00 p.m. and kick it into high gear with Stateline Country for the rest of the evening. Don't forget to bring your

appetite as there will be plenty of burgers, brats and hot dogs from Family Affair and fresh sweet "corn on the cob" roasting on the grill. The event includes a raffle and some frosty beverages to beat the heat. Come on over and treat yourself to a night out.

On Sunday, Sept. 8th the 42nd Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade will start at 12:30 p.m. **Due to the construction on Johnsburg Road this year's parade route will start at Channel Beach and Johnsburg Road, travel Southeast on Johnsburg Road, turn right at Church Street and end at the Johnsburg Community Club.** All parade entrees will line up at Sunnyside Park. Find yourself a good seat along the route and enjoy all the various entries. Then head over to the Community Club for a fun filled day. As always there will be a variety of food and beverages provided by our area restaurateurs and local organizations. There will also be GAMES for kids of all ages, dancing to the live music of Bittersweet outside on the main stage, and the Die Special Exports playing inside - providing a neighborhood atmosphere for socializing and having fun.

The finale of the day's festivities will be the ever popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities). Raffle tickets will be limited and are available by contacting Brad Schwagerman at 815-790-9530 or Mike Koeshall at 815-341-7627. Get them early...they go fast. For more information on the parade route and Saufen und Spiel, go to www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com or call Brian Rich at 815-482-4594.

Saufen Und Spiel Schedule

- Friday, September 6th: 8th Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament
- Saturday, September 7th: 7th Annual Banjo Beer Night
- Sunday, September 8th: 42nd Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade; 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 8th: Cow Drop Raffle



Go to Facebook and Twitter, and join the Village of Johnsburg. We'll send you updates about Village news and happenings. Also, don't forget to sign up for our e-newsletter at www.johnsburg.org



CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event. If you are not familiar with this celebration you are missing one of Johnsburg's most popular events, enjoyed by all ages! Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a fun filled evening with live music from Bony Knees, and enjoy some delicious food served by the Johnsburg Community Club and cold beverages by the Johnsburg Lions. There will also be games, hayrides and FIREWORKS! This is truly a community celebration!

This year's Celebration in the Park event will take place on Saturday October 5th at Sunnyside Memorial Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. We have been able to continue this event through the generosity of our community. Without the support of contributions, this celebration would not be possible. 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 still needed and would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact Marikay Gebis at 815 385-6023

We look forward to seeing our residents, families and friends Celebrate In The Park!

JABA

"STATE OF THE VILLAGE"

On Tuesday, June 18th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 3rd annual "State of the Village" dinner at the Johnsburg Community Club. Area business owners gathered to hear President Edwin Hettermann address the audience with a presentation regarding this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. He recognized the hard work and efforts of committees, management and employees of the Village as well as business owners, community organizations, citizens and groups who have so generously contributed to our community. To view the presentation or read the President's speech, go to the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org. The event was very informative and provided a great opportunity to network with other business owners.

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Johnsburg PD Supports Special Olympics



On September 7th, 2013 the Johnsburg Police Department will be hosting the 3rd Annual "Hometown with Spirit (Chief's Challenge) 5k Fun Run/Walk" event. The Department invites you to show your support to the nearly 20,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois by participating in this event. All proceeds go to support the Illinois Special Olympics. For more information on how to contribute or participate in this event please visit the police department's page at www.johnsburg.org.

Earlier this year Johnsburg Police Department members joined more than 300 departments in Illinois participating in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run". This is the single largest fund-raising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. It is an annual intrastate relay fundraiser conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement from local police officers to FBI agents. The Torch Run has two goals - to raise money year-round and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$28 million over the past 27 years. To date, the Johnsburg Police Department has raised more than \$10,000 for Illinois Special Olympics through fundraising events including the "Cop on Top" event which was held in May at the Dunkin Donuts located at Rt.31 and Diamond Dr.

We appreciate all the support and contributions made to the Special Olympics by the Johnsburg community. For more information find us on Facebook under Johnsburg Police. If you have any questions please contact Officer Kelly Schmitt at 815-385-6024, or kschmitt@johnsburg.org

October is breast cancer awareness month.



This annual campaign strives to increase awareness of the benefits of early detection, to teach people the facts about breast cancer, and to show support for breast cancer survivors. Women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer more than almost any other cancer and breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as a leading cause of death. It is estimated that over 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone. Remember that early detection is key to surviving breast cancer.

The Johnsburg Police Department recognizes how many people in the community have been affected by this devastating disease and are taking action in an effort to do their part in the continuing fight against breast cancer. Each year, in a show of support for survivors and in an attempt to increase awareness, Johnsburg Police Officers wear pink wristbands during the month of October. The wristband signifies each officer's personal commitment to working together to address the greater problems that are present in our community. It also represents an acknowledgment of the courage demonstrated by all those diagnosed with breast cancer. Lastly, the pink wristband is an expression of the police department's support in the ongoing mission to finding a cure for breast cancer.

Watch for our officers proudly wearing their pink wristbands during the month of October. This is our agency's way to show our support for this year's breast cancer awareness campaign.

LIBRARY NEWS

Friends of the Library - Used Book and Media Sale Donations

The Friends of the Johnsburg Library sponsor two used book and media sales each year. The next sale is scheduled for Nov. 7-9. Donations in good condition can be dropped off at the library throughout the year during regular business hours. Proceeds from the Friends' sales benefit library programming and other needs. Most recently the proceeds helped fund the purchase of a new self-serve fax/scan/copy machine for the public. The next meeting of the Friends is Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Wireless Printing

Is your printer on the fritz at home? You can print to the library's wireless printer from anywhere you have an internet connection. See the link on the library's homepage in the right hand corner and follow the instructions. You can print remotely and then go to the library to pick up your documents. You may also print from your laptop at the library using the wireless printer.

Fall Programs

The library has lots of great programs scheduled in the fall for both kids and adults. How about a Monster Makeup program for teens (Oct. 17); a look at what life was really like for the servants in the era of Downton Abbey (Oct. 24); or a look at Chicago's sweet candy history, including samples! (Oct. 29). For a complete listing of all library programs (including date, times, and registration info), check the [Calendar link on the library's website at \[www.johnsburglibrary.org\]\(http://www.johnsburglibrary.org\)](#). Visit the library at 3000 N. Johnsburg Road. Phone 815-344-0077.

AREA NEWS

Village of Johnsburg Participates in “Walk to School Day”

James C. Bush Elementary, Johnsburg Junior High and St John the Baptist schools will be



joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 9, 2013. Students from these schools will

be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. The Walk to School Day event is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community. *For additional information, please contact Marikay Gebis at the Village Hall, 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.*

Fall Back: Home Preparedness Checklist for Time Change Sunday

Autumn is right around the corner and Time Change Sunday is on the way!

On the first Sunday in November, we come to the end of Daylight Saving Time. As you circle the house, resetting clocks, take time for this short safety checklist to make your home safer.

Change the clocks and the batteries. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives ... if they're powered on by a fresh battery. Safety experts recommend replacing smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries twice a year--so celebrate Time Change Sunday with fresh batteries all around.

Energy savings hint: don't toss the replaced batteries just yet. While they're likely not fully charged, replaced batteries can still do duty in children's toys, media players or electronic devices. Squeeze the last drop of power out of them before you recycle!

Replace light bulbs. Long dark winter evenings call for a little illumination! Since you'll have stepladders out to reach smoke detectors and clocks, double up on safety (and energy savings) by checking for light bulbs and fixtures. Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent or LCD bulbs. The U.S. Environmental Protection estimates that replacing standard bulbs with energy-efficient ones saves over \$30 in electricity costs over their lifetime.

Prepare for cold and flu season. With the cooler weather comes colds and flu. Check your medicine cabinet and assess stocks of over-the-counter medications. Make sure you have sufficient non-aspirin fever reducers, cough syrup, and decongestants needed to fight colds or flu. In the pantry, a stockpile of canned soup and lemon-lime soda can ease cold symptoms and fight off dehydration--and don't forget to stock up on disposable tissues for all those coughs and sneezes!

Follow these tips to help your household be the best it can be.

The Village Board Report

The Village Board Report is placed on our website monthly to keep you informed of actions taken by the Village Board on ordinances and other significant matters. Visit <http://www.johnsburg.org/?q=village-board-reports> to view each report.



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