

# Voice of Johnsburg

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**FALL 2014**



## FALL BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual fall brush pickup beginning September 15, 2014. **All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, the 15th 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. Branches should be a minimum of 4 feet in length to be safely placed in the chipper 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.

## Roundabout Nears Completion

**A**t publication of this issue we are preparing for the full intersection closure at Johnsburg Road and Chapel Hill Road to facilitate the completion of the roundabout construction. The improvements, which include the continuation of the streetscape enhancements constructed in the first phase of the project, are expected to be substantially complete by the beginning of September - weather permitting. Monitor our website and email notices for more information regarding the formal opening ceremony. Thank you to all of our residents and business owners for your patience and cooperation throughout the construction. By working together, we were able to minimize the construction impacts and will soon benefit from the enhancement to our community.



To learn more, visit the project website at [www.JohnsburgRoad.com](http://www.JohnsburgRoad.com). From the website, you can view project photos, detour maps, the plans for the project, and ask questions. You can also sign up for email updates or follow the progress on Facebook or Twitter. Visit the project website to link to our social media sites.



## 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 Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

### Development & Government Affairs

4th Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.

### Economic Development

3rd Wednesday 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

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

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Ed Hettermann

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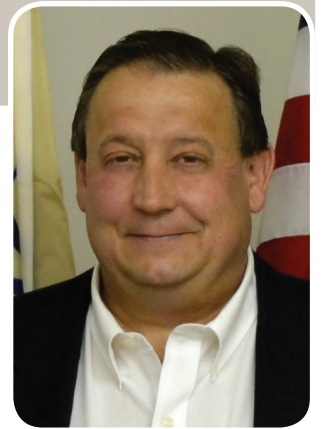
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## President's Letter



Although summer began on June 21st, it feels like we've spent the entire time waiting for it to arrive. Now that it has, we seem to be moving rapidly towards autumn. As the days grow shorter and turn chilly, we look forward to the area festivities that have become annual traditions in our community. Beginning with the weekend of September 5th-7th, mark your calendars for the annual Saufen und Spiel activities. Join your neighbors and friends for a fun filled weekend of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and parade during Saufen und Spiel weekend. Read the article on page 4 for more information about this event.

On October 5, 2014, join the Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee for the annual Celebration in the Park event. The Committee is busy working to secure donations from businesses and organizations to help fund the event. All contributions are greatly appreciated for without them we would be unable to host this community event. If you are interested in donating, contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Read the article on page 4 for more information regarding Celebration in the Park.

The past few months have been filled with a flurry of activities. On May 18th Rescue Squad Park was dedicated in honor of the men and women who served and contributed a great deal to our community. The event was well attended by the community who came out to join members of the Rescue Squad Retired and their families for the ceremony.

The Johnsburg VFW conducted another memorable Memorial Day event on May 26th honoring our area veterans. I am always moved by the outpouring of support exhibited by our community for the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

On May 30th, the Johnsburg Police Department participated in "Cop on Top", a fundraising program to raise funds for Special Olympics. Johnsburg police officers once again donated their time for the cause. To date, more than \$10,000 has been raised for this important program. Read the article on page 5 about the upcoming Special Olympics Run/Walk event being sponsored by the Johnsburg Police Department.

On June 11th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 4th annual State of the Village dinner at the Pistakee Yacht Club. Business owners from around the community attended for a presentation on this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. I would like to thank JABA President Frank Hosticka and the organizing committee consisting of Mr. Joshua Hagen, Mrs. Debbie Adams and Trustee John Huemann for all of their hard work in coordinating the event. View the full presentation on the Village's website at [www.johnsburg.org](http://www.johnsburg.org).

The fireworks display over Pistakee Bay on July 5th was one of the best yet. Thank you to Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, and to all those who donated making this Fourth of July display possible.

As this edition arrives in your mailbox, the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project nears its completion. The newly constructed roundabout and accompanying improvements will greatly enhance our downtown area and help to set design standards for the future. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the construction project.

This summer the Village's public works crew provided some general maintenance assistance on private roads to help insure that emergency vehicles could safely access our residents. This approach is a departure from past practices, but one that was welcomed by our residents. Read the article on page 3 for more information about this important Village initiative.

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.

*Ed Hettermann*  
Village President

# AREA NEWS

## 2014 Road Maintenance Program

Each year, the Village pursues a road resurfacing program with the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) dollars it receives. Roads are resurfaced predicated upon a priority list developed upon annual inspections performed by the Public Works Director, Village Engineer and members of the Public Works Committee. Last year, the Village augmented the program with the use of General Fund revenues in order to pursue a five mile road resurfacing program – its largest ever. This year, at the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, the Village will be utilizing MFT dollars to pursue a Village wide road patching program to address potholes that resulted from this past year's harsh winter.

This year the Village also set aside some General Fund revenues to help residents patch private roads. This is a departure from past practices, but one that is greatly needed for safety purposes. Despite the maintenance efforts pursued by private road residents, many of these roadways have significantly deteriorated to the point of becoming nearly impassable at times. The Village continues to work with the residents on private roads to provide them opportunities to bring their roads up to Village standards so they may be fully maintained by the Village however skyrocketing paving costs has made this endeavor very challenging. To insure that emergency vehicles are able to access our residents in time of need, the Village Board agreed to provide assistance to residents on private roads. Upon completion of a cost benefit analysis, it was determined that the cost impact was minimal and the community benefit, significant.

## Village Boat Launch Access

The elimination of vehicle stickers created the need for the Village to establish an alternative means of regulating the use of the Village's boat launch located on Riverview Drive. Use of launch will continue to be regulated through the purchase of stickers which are on sale at the Village Hall. **The sticker cost for residents is \$20 and non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$100.**

## Optional Vehicle Stickers

Although the Village of Johnsburg no longer requires the use of vehicle stickers, we do have them available for residents who wish to display one. The two year sticker can be purchased at the Village Hall for a cost of \$20.



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## CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee are busying 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, delicious food and cold beverages. 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, Oct. 4, 2014 at Sunnyside Memorial Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. We are very grateful to all of the generous contributors who make this event possible. 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



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## Saufen Und Spiel 2014

The Johnsburg Community Club, Inc, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2014. Starting Friday evening, September 5th thru Sunday, September 7th, 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. 5th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Clubs 7th 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 State Line Country 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 6th for the 8th Annual Banjo Beer Night. The festivities will start at 5:00 p.m. Your feet will be tapping to two bands this year - Valantine at 5:00 p.m. and kick it into high gear with Hans and the Hormones 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. 7th the 43rd 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, turn right at Church Street and end at the Johnsburg Community Club. All parade entrees will line up in the parking lot 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 97 Nine 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](http://www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com) or call Brian Rich at 815-482-4594.

# AREA NEWS



## Johnsburg PD Supports Special Olympics

On September 6th, 2014 the Johnsburg Police Department will be hosting the 4th 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](http://www.johnsburg.org).

Earlier this year Johnsburg Police Department members joined more than 300 departments in Illinois participating in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run". The Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$28 million over the past 28 years. To date, the Johnsburg Police Department has raised more than \$15,000 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](mailto:kschmitt@johnsburg.org).

## 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 8, 2014. 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](http://www.walktoschool.org).



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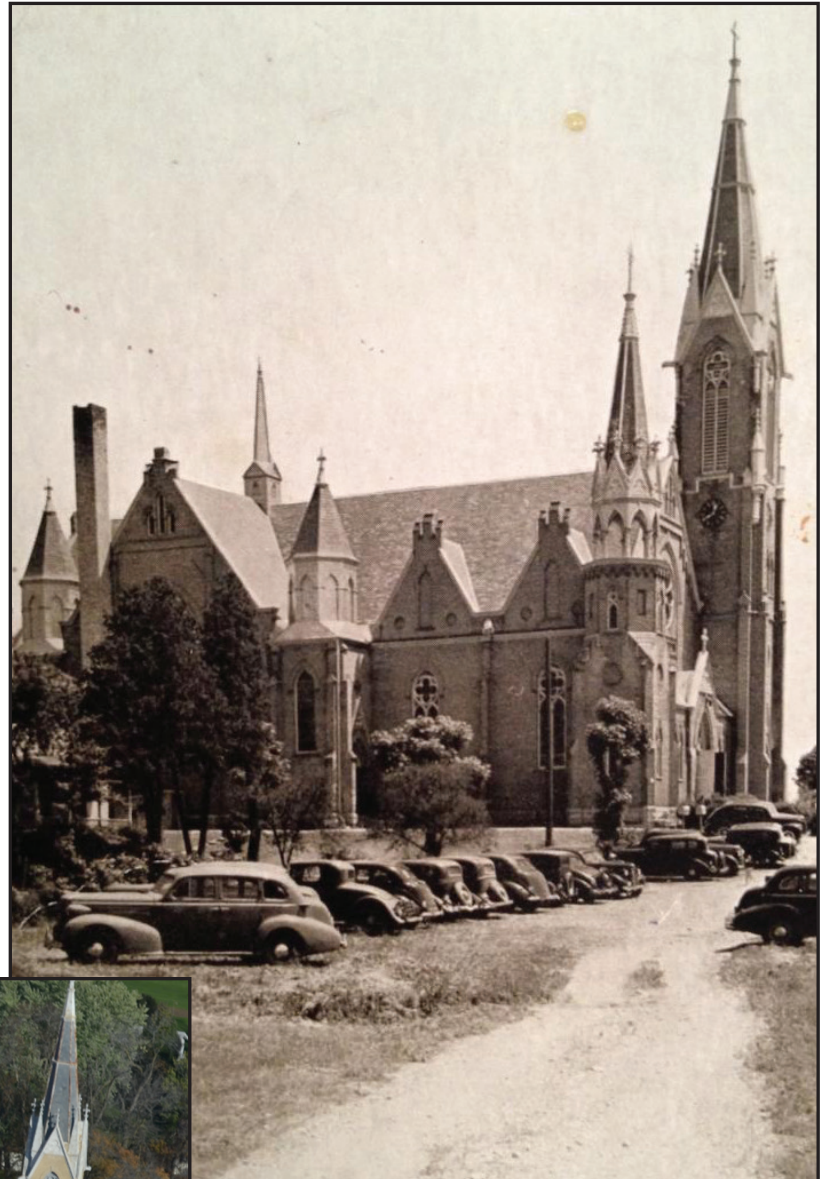


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## HONORING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**O**n June 29, 2014 the McHenry County Historical Society honored St. John's Church in recognition of its historic and architectural significance to Johnsburg and McHenry County. St. Johns received Landmark status from the McHenry County Historical Society in 1984 in recognition of the church's continuous standing at its location.

The church has served the community since 1842 however there have been several transitions during that time. The church was first built as a log structure in 1842 and was replaced three times since. The second structure was built in 1850 with the third built in 1868 but destroyed by a fire in 1900. Work on the fourth and current structure began shortly after the fire and was completed in 1902. In 1979, the parishioners celebrated the restoration of the church and have pursued several enhancements since. The stained glass windows have been restored and most



recently, a new copper roof was installed. While some of the improvements have aesthetically enhanced the church, many of the parishioners may express that the recent addition of air conditioning was one of the most welcomed improvements.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is located at 2302 W Church Street, Johnsburg, IL 60051.

# AREA NEWS

## JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL PROGRAMS

The library has lots of great programs scheduled this fall for all ages. Moms and caregivers, bring your infant through 24 months of age to enjoy shared play while you are able to meet and chat with other parents and caregivers at the Me Too Play Group on Monday and Friday mornings beginning Sept. 5. You can also bring your baby or toddler for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and games at our Babies, Books & Boogie program on Saturdays at 10:00 am on Sept. 13, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22. Story Hours for preschoolers begins the week of September 15. Teens can drop in for all kinds of fun activities during TAG Teen Nights on Thursday nights from 6:30 through 8:30pm. Adults can come out to enjoy Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks on Tuesday, Sept 23 at 7:00pm or take a break on Thursdays at 1pm for White Elephant BINGO on Sept. 25, Oct. 30, and Nov. 20.

### Book and Media Sale Donations Wanted for Fall Book Sale

The next sale sponsored by the Friends of the Johnsburg Library is scheduled for Nov. 13-15. Donations in good condition can be dropped off at the library anytime throughout the year during regular business hours. Videotapes or very outdated encyclopedia sets cannot be accepted. Magazines are also not accepted for the sale, but can go directly in the fundraising recycling bin in the parking lot. Proceeds from the Friends' sales benefit library programming and other needs. The next meeting of Friends is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

For a complete listing of all the library's upcoming programs and events, 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 or contact them at 815-344-0077.

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