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STICKERS ELIMINATED BEGINNING MAY 2014

In an effort to extend a savings to residents, the Village Board approved an ordinance eliminating vehicle stickers beginning May 1, 2014. The Finance Committee reported during its 2014 budget review that they believed the vehicle sticker program was inefficient based on preliminary findings and requested a comprehensive review of the program. The results of a detailed cost analysis were presented to the board which reflected that the program is not cost effective.

The decision to eliminate the program was made in conjunction with discussions regarding whether or not a flat tax levy should be pursued. Upon analyzing the matter, it was agreed that the elimination of vehicle stickers was the more fiscally sound alternative given the cost to administer the program and in most cases it will provide residents a greater savings. Pursuing a flat levy would save the average household approximately \$8 annually, but eliminating vehicle stickers will provide a savings of \$20 annually to a household with two vehicles.

Revenues derived from the sale of vehicle stickers are used to support the cost of street lighting. The recent implementation of the new video gaming tax has provided the Village a new user based revenue that can help cover the cost of street lighting in lieu of vehicle stickers. The action taken by the board will take effect beginning May 1, 2014. Residents should note that vehicle stickers are still required at this time.

Downtown Survey

The Village is conducting a survey! Through the efforts of the Johnsburg Economic Development Committee and our consultants, the Village has been working to establish a plan for the future development of the Downtown District. Over the past few years, our efforts focused on learning about what elements make a successful and sustainable downtown. We have found that those elements include sidewalks, street and pedestrian lighting, adequate parking, and a blend of housing and business uses. To that end, the Village Board adopted standards for street scape enhancements which are already being incorporated as a part of the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project.

SPRING 2014

The next step towards developing a successful downtown depends upon input from our community regarding land uses and architectural features. We believe there are opportunities for development and re-development within the downtown district. In preparation for these potential occurrences, the Village desires to establish guidelines to insure a compatible and sustainable balance between new development and existing uses.

Please take a few moments and provide your input. Go to the Village's website at johnsburg.org and click on the "Downtown Survey" link on the front page. By participating in the survey, you can help direct the future of our downtown. We greatly appreciate your participation in this important endeavor.

General Primary Elections

Don't forget to get out and vote at the March 18, 2014 General Primary Elections. Your vote counts.

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.



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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Johnsburg State Bank

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

President's Letter

Each year the holiday season seems to pass us by more quickly and before you know it we are starting a new year. I hope you had an opportunity to spend the season with family and friends enjoying some of the area's festivities.

During the holiday season, many local civic organizations, residents and business owners extended a

helping hand through programs and events aimed at helping some of our less fortunate residents. We are truly grateful to all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to make it all possible.

Community Affairs Committee Member John O'Brien and volunteers from the community pulled together their resources to construct a new outside skating rink in Rescue Squad Park. We are truly grateful to the many residents and organizations who worked together to make this project happen. See the article on page 4 for more information.

Congratulations to Cheryl Trione, a Chemistry teacher at Johnsburg High School for being selected as the December 2013 Teacher of the Month by Home State Bank.

Walla-Pa-Looza recently announced the establishment of the John Smidl Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be open to current cancer patients and cancer survivors who are either juniors or seniors in High School. If you wish to apply or obtain more information go to www.walla-pa-looza.org. Scholarship applications and essays are due Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

It's been six years since Robert Roe and several volunteers began the Dutch Creek wetlands restoration project which is still going strong today. For more information about this project please email rlroe66@gmail.com.

The next phase of the Johnsburg Road Construction Project, commonly referred to as Contract Two, is expected to begin in March. This phase of the project consists of utility work and the construction of a modern roundabout at the St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road intersection. It also includes the continuation of sidewalks, pedestrian lighting and other streetscape enhancements. We urge you to monitor the project's website at johnsburgroad.com and sign up for email alerts to keep on top of road closures and other construction impacts. You can also receive updates from the Village by signing up for our email alerts at Johnsburg.org. Go to page 5 to read more.

In closing, I want to thank all of our residents and business owners for their patience and cooperation during this season's relentless winter weather. I would also like to extend a special thanks to our public works crews for the tremendous job they are doing keeping our roads open for safe passage; our police officers and the many private citizens who have aided motorists in need; and the many hard working people who helped clear snow for their neighbors. By working together we can weather any storm.

Respectfully

Edwin P. Hettermann

Village President



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Community Sailing @ Pistakee

The Community Sailing School @Pistakee is offering another exciting summer of sailing lessons for children and adults from June to August. There is a wide variety of classes geared towards beginners, those who are ready to race, and everything in between.



To sign up or get more information go to commsailpistakee.org Also save the date on your calendar for the 2nd Gatsby Gala being held Saturday July 19, 2014 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.



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Rescue Squad Park Ice Rink

Despite the challenging weather, we hope you've had a chance to enjoy the Village's new outdoor ice rink at Rescue Squad Park. If not, we encourage you to try it out. The rink was made possible through the efforts of the Community Affairs Committee and many volunteers from the community. It was constructed primarily through monetary, material and labor donations. We would like to thank the following volunteers and contributors that made this project possible:



Community Affairs Committee Member John O'Brien for taking the lead on this project; Northwest Pallet Supply of Belvidere and Trustee Greg Klemstein for their generous monetary donations; Fox Lake/Volo Home Depot and Assistant Store Manager Paul Schultz for their generous discounts on materials; and Fire Chief Tony Huemann and the crew at McHenry Township Fire Protection District along with Jeff Huemann of Huemann Well Drilling for supplying tanker trucks of water to fill the rink.

We'd also like to thank the Johnsburg Men's Club and the Johnsburg Community Club for supplying the water and electricity to maintain the rink and the following individuals who helped support, build and maintain the rink; Frank Cavanaugh, Ken Calhoun, Matt Colby, Karl Nitz, Clark Beirman, Brian Rich, Marty Palmer, Nick Leight, Greg Sisk, Erik Doersam, Brian Ghera, and Tom Cleveland.

We truly appreciate your continued commitment to our community and your help in giving our residents a place to gather and enjoy more winter activities.

JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB SUPER RAFFLE

The Johnsburg Community
Club will be holding its 22nd
Annual Super Raffle on Friday,
May 9th. The Club opens at 6:30
p.m. with dinner being served at
7:30 p.m. The chef plans to offer
steaks and chicken breasts that
will be grilled to perfection on the
premises. Each Super Raffle ticket
costs \$100 and includes one
complimentary steak or chicken
dinner and an entry into the
double elimination Calcutta Super
Raffle. Additional dinners are
available for \$20.

For more information, please call Len Eaton at 815-759-9375 or visit their website at www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

In accordance with Chapter 7.01-B of the Johnsburg Municipal Code, all businesses are required to register with the Village no later than April 30th of each year. This includes home based businesses as well. Registration questionnaires are available through the Village Hall. The annual registration fee is waived if the registration questionnaire is completed and returned to the Village by April 30th.

By registering your business with the Village your business will be included in our business listing on the Village's website. Additionally, we are able to direct inquiries about specific businesses to those located in our community. The Village of Johnsburg encourages everyone to shop and pursue services locally.

If you've registered your business in previous years, you will receive a prefilled registration form which simply needs to be updated and returned to the Village. If you are a new business or have not registered in the past, you can either print the registration form from our website at johnsburg.org (Click on Resident Handbook then Forms) or stop by the Village Hall to pick up an application.

Chapter 7 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code also requires all vending machines (dispensing pop, candy, tobacco and other food items), and electronic amusement devices (such as pool tables, dart boards and juke boxes) to be licensed by the Village. Contact the Village Hall for more information and to obtain the required license.



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

Johnsburg Road Construction 2014

The next phase of the Johnsburg Road Construction Project will begin this spring. This phase of the project consists of utility work and the construction of a modern roundabout at the St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road intersection. Streetscape enhancements such as sidewalks, park benches and pedestrian lighting will also be continued through this phase of the project. The project is primarily funded by federal grants geared towards projects that alleviate roadway congestion, improve safety and provide streetscape enhancements. Additional funding for the project is being provided by the McHenry County Division of Transportation and the Village of Johnsburg.

More information will be sent out via email alerts to keep you informed of construction activities throughout the project. If you are not on our email list this would be a great time to join. Go to johnsburg.org and sign up for our e-mail blasts. You can also monitor the construction's progress through the project's website at www.JohnsburgRoad.com. From this website, you can view project photos and detour maps and sign up for email notifications of road closures and other construction impacts.

To learn more, visit the project website at 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.

JABA ANNUAL

ANNUAL BUSINESS AND CRAFT EXPO

Booth registration is currently being accepted for the 2014 Johnsburg Area Business **Association annual Business** and Craft Expo. The expo will be held Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Johnsburg High School. Booth registration forms are available on the "News" link at www.johnsburgjaba.org or at the Johnsburg Public Library. See the registration form for information regarding booth fees. For more information about the expo, please contact Richard Bierman -R.B. Custom Designs Inc. at 815-759-9459.

















EVENTS CALENDAR

If you'd like your non-profit organization's events listed here, please contact the Village of Johnsburg by November 15 for the upcoming year. Phone: 815-385-6023; email: villagehall@johnsburg.org

JAN 5	Girl Scout Cookie Sales
JAN 16 & 17	Volunteer Center McHenry County -Volunteer Recruitment Management Certificate Program
FEB 4	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 6:30PM
FEB 6	LION'S Meat Raffle @ Chef Davito's. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
FEB 9	Boy Scout Troop 455's 20th Annual Pig Roast & Silent auction fundraiser
FEB 22	Volunteer Center McHenry County –Board Member Training with Boardsource David Sternberg
MAR 1	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED/First Aid Certification 8:00AM
MAR 6	LION'S Meat Raffle @ Chef Davito's. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
MAR 8	Senior Care Volunteer Network Think Spring Gala Fundraiser dinner and silent auction
MAR 15	JABA (Johnsburg Area Business Assoc.) 14th Annual Business & Craft Expo Johnsburg High School
APRIL 3	LION'S Meat Raffle @ Chef Davito's. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
APRIL 5	St. Johns Easter Bunny Breakfast in the School Hall
APRIL 5	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 8:30AM
APRIL 27	Volunteer Center McHenry County – McHenry County Human Race
MAY 1	LION'S Meat Raffle @ Chef Davito's. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
MAY 9	Johnsburg Community Club Super Raffle
MAY 9	St. Johns 20th Annual Playday Golf Outing
Date TBD	Cop on Top – Dunkin Donuts
May 16 & 17	Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Poppy Days
MAY 18	Retired Rescue Squad - Retired Rescue Squad Park Dedication
MAY 18	Fair Diddley Woodstock Square 10AM – 4PM
MAY 20	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Healthcare provider Certification 6:30PM
MAY 26	Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Memorial Day Riverfront Opening Ceremony & Memorial Day Parade to JCC
JUNE 5	LION'S Meat Raffle. Chef Davito's Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM
JUNE 10	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 6:30PM
JUNE 20	42ND Annual Joe Frett Memorial Golf Outing
JUNE 22	St Johns Corpus Christi Parade
JULY 5, 12, 19 & 26	Mount Hope United Methodist Church - Community Produce Give-Away Saturdays in July 10AM - 12PM
JULY 15	McHenry Township Fire District 2 – Healthcare provider
	Certification 6:30PM

Fair/Fall Diddley info: www.mhrl.org Johnsburg Community Club www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com Johnsburg VFW www.johnsburgvfw.org Mt. Hope Church: Faith: www.faithfamilychurch.com

JULY 26	Walla-Pa-Looza - Raisin' Cash for Cancer
AUG 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Mount Hope United Methodist Church - Community Produce Give-Away Saturdays in August 10AM - 12PM
AUG 5	McHenry Township Fire District 2 – Healthcare provider Certification 6:30PM
AUG 7	LION'S Meat Raffle @ Chef Davito's. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
AUG 10	St. Johns Church Fest at Johnsburg Community Club- entertainment, food, games
SEPT 4	LION'S Meat Raffle Chef Davito's Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM
SEPT 5	Johnsburg Community Club's Black Light Bean Bag Toss
SEPT 6	LION'S Banjo Beer Event
SEPT 6	Hometown with Spirit (Chief's Challenge) 5k Fun Run/Walk
SEPT 7	Johnsburg Community Club Saufen Und Spiel Parade 12:30PM & 17th Annual Cow Drop Raffle
SEPT 9	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 6:30PM
OCT 2	LION'S Meat Raffle Chef Davito's Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM
OCT 4	Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee Celebration in Park
OCT 5 (Tentative)	McHenry Township Fire Protection Dist. Open house at all four of the fire stations, including 3710 N. Johnsburg Road, 12:00PM – 3:00PM
OCT 10 & 11	LION'S Candy Day Fund Raiser
OCT 11 & 12	Fall Diddley Boon County Fairgrounds
OCT 13 - NOV 3	LION'S Wreath Promotion Order Period
OCT 17	St. Johns Ladies Night Bunco in the Parish Hall
OCT 18	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 8:30AM
NOV 1 (Tentative)	Johnsburg Community Club 10th Annual Fall Fan Fest
NOV 6	LION'S Meat Raffle Chef Davito's Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
DATE TBD	Community Affairs Committee Meet and Greet Santa
NOV 8-9th	St. Johns Christmas Bazaar- Christmas crafters, bake sale in parish hall
NOV 11	Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 - Ringwood School reaching out to Children for Veterans Day
NOV 25	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Healthcare provider Certification 6:30PM
DEC 4	LION'S Meat Raffle Chef Davito's Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30pm
DEC 6	McHenry Township Fire District 2 - Heartsaver/AED Certification 8:30AM
DEC 6	Jolly-Pa-Looza Raisin' Cash for Cancer
DEC 7th	ST. Johns - St. Nicholas Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (KOC Fund Raiser)
DEC 9	LION'S/Johnsburg PD Shop with a Cop

St. John the Baptist Church: www.stjohnsjohnsburg.org Senior Care Volunteer Network: www.scvnmchenrycounty.org Volunteer Center McHenry County: www.volunteercentermchenrycounty.org Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA): www.johnsburgjaba.com

JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY UP-COMING PROGRAMS

Bringing the Library to Your Door

Are you or someone you know unable to get to the library because of an illness or medical condition? The library is currently offering at-home delivery of library materials to patrons who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or long-term health-related condition. This service is provided free of charge for Johnsburg Public Library cardholders, and includes material selection, delivery, and pickup. If you are interested in this service, please contact librarian Heather Stewart at 815-344-0077.

Peeps Diorama Contest

Start thinking marshmallows and books! Coming this spring is the first-annual, prize-filled, book-themed Peeps Diorama Contest – just in time for Easter and National Library Week. Details will be available at the library in March.

Introducing the Johnsburg Library Community Garden

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Thanks in part to a grant from the Captain Planet Foundation, the library will be starting an organic vegetable garden this spring. The Library is looking for kids, teens, and adults who want to dig in and get involved. Come and learn about their plans and how you can help. No gardening experience or registration required.

Grow Your Own Veggies

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Gardening pros will walk you through the basics of creating your own thriving vegetable garden. Registration begins March 10.

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. Visit the Library at 3000 N. Johnsburg Road or contact them at 815-344-0077.

District 12 Seeks Community Approval

The Johnsburg School District Board of Education, in a continuation of their long-term planning efforts has placed a referendum question on the March 18, 2014 ballot seeking approval to issue bonds to finance school improvements. For more information visit the District's website at johnsburg12.org and select "Community Engagement Opportunities" to learn more.

Earth Day Celebration 2014

Join the McHenry County Conservation District & the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County on Saturday, April 26 from 11AM to 4PM for an Earth Day Celebration. The event will be held at the Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake rain or shine. Go to www.MCCDistrict.org for more details and to view other scheduled events.



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