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The Johnsburg Area Business Association is proud to sponsor the 4th Annual State of the Village dinner. The featured speaker for the evening will be Village President, Ed Hettermann. The dinner is being held at the Pistakee Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar and catering for the event will be by Maravela's of Fox Lake. 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 4, 2014. ork has begun on the second phase of the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project which includes the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Johnsburg Road, Chapel Hill Road and St. Johns Avenue. At this time, a partial closure of the intersection has gone into effect which prohibits access to the intersection from St. Johns Avenue and Johnsburg Road (east) and limits travel through the intersection to traffic traveling north on Chapel Hill Road and continuing west along Johnsburg Road. Later in the project the intersection will be fully closed to facilitate the construction of the roundabout. A detour route has been established and can be viewed at johnsburgroad.com.

Businesses will remain open during construction. For persons needing to access businesses in and around the construction zone, the Village has established a "Local Business Access Route". The route map is available on the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org. Additionally, brochures are available at the Village Hall, Police Department and areas businesses. The brochure provides general road closure information and a copy of the "Local Business Access Route" map. We urge you to support our local businesses during the construction.

When traveling through the "Local Business Access Route", note that thru truck traffic is prohibited along Church Street and Fairview Avenue and speed limits will be strictly enforced. Working together, we can help to minimize the construction's impacts.

Keep abreast of the project by visiting the project's website at johnsburgroad.com. There you can also sign up to receive email alerts and updates related to the project.

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.



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.

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President's Letter

pring is finally upon us and we are all anxious to get outside to work in our yards and enjoy time with family and friends after hibernating through the long winter. With the onset of warmer weather, I would like to remind residents that the Village does permit the use of golf carts and certain utility vehicles on village streets provided that they meet specific requirements. In order to operate these vehicles on village streets, you must have a valid driver's license; they must be



inspected by the Johnsburg Police Department for proper equipment; and it must be registered with the Village. A \$50.00 registration fee applies. To learn more read the article on page 6.

As I write this article, crews are gearing up to begin the second phase of the Johnsburg Road Improvement Project. This phase of the project will include the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Johnsburg Road, Chapel Hill Road and St. Johns Avenue. The construction will require a partial closure of the intersection in the spring and the full closure of the intersection tentatively expected around July. Please read the article on page 1 for important detour and access route information.

The Johnsburg VFW Post #11496 annual Memorial Day event is right around the corner. As always, we can count on it to be a memorable event honoring those that have served our country. Many thanks to the Johnsburg VFW for their continued dedication to our service men and women. Make sure to read the article on page 4 for more information about the event.

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, is planning his annual fireworks display over Pistakee Bay again this year. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 5th at Oak Park Lounge. If you would like to donate to this event, please mail donations payable to Pistakee Bay Fireworks c/o Mr. Tom Fuchs, 801 W. Oak Grove Road, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051. Watch for more details in upcoming e-Newsletters.

We were saddened to hear of the recent dissolution of the Walla-Pa-Looza Organization. This group of dedicated volunteers had a fantastic five year run with over 10 successful events, raising thousands of dollars for families in the community who have been touched by cancer. Thank you to all that worked so hard for this very important cause. The John Smidl Memorial Scholarship originally started by the Walla-Pa-Looza organization will continue but will now be administered by the Johnsburg Lions Club.

As a resident of the Village, there are several ordinances you should be aware of. Read the article on page 6 to learn more about ordinances regulating garage sales, inoperable vehicles, property maintenance requirements and domestic pets. Village personnel will be out actively enforcing these ordinances. Please become familiar with the regulations to avoid citations and penalties. We wish to keep Johnsburg the beautiful community we proudly call "home".

Since the Village repealed the ordinance requiring vehicle stickers, I have been approached by residents who still wish to display a vehicle sticker on their vehicle. Vehicle stickers are no longer required by the Village, but if you desire to purchase a sticker to display on your vehicle, voluntary stickers will be available for purchase at the Village Hall beginning June 1, 2014.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Connie Freund, former director of 1st Way Pregnancy Support Services and Craig Wallace, founder of Walla-Pa-Looza, for receiving the Northwest Herald's Everyday Heroes Award this year. We thank you for your dedication to our community and wish you all the best.

I hope to see you out enjoying the warmer days ahead.

Respectfully, *Edwin P. Hettermann* Village President

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Officers from the Johnsburg Police Department will be once again taking part in numerous events to raise funds for the Special Olympics. One hundred percent of all donations collected go towards the Illinois Law Enforcement Special Olympics Fundraising Campaign.

On Friday, May 30th, officers will be participating in "Cop on Top". Johnsburg police officers will be at the Dunkin Donuts located at Illinois Route 31 and Diamond Drive from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to raise funds for the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run which will take place on June 8th. Johnsburg officers will participate in the Torch Run which is an interstate relay intended to heighten awareness and promote activities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Everyone who visits a "Cop on Top" store and makes a donation to the "Torch Run" will receive a free donut. People who donate at least \$10 will also receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run® travel mug and coupon for free coffee. Special Olympics Torch Run gear is available for sale to raise funds. Hats and T-shirt (\$15) and pins (\$5) are on display at the Johnsburg Police Department. Residents can also lend their support by mailing or dropping off a monetary donation at the Johnsburg Police Department made payable to "Illinois Special Olympics".

Stay posted for further events to come or follow us on Facebook under "Johnsburg Police". For more information call (815) 385-6024.

RESCUE SQUAD MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATION

Please join the Village of Johnsburg and Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in dedicating the Rescue Squad Memorial Park located adjacent to the Johnsburg Community Club.

Members of the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired have contributed a great deal to our community. In addition to their generous donation of more than \$150,000 of improvements to the Park, the Rescue Squad Retired sold the Village the building that currently houses our Police Department at a reduced cost financed over ten years with no interest. They also donated the Johnsburg Community Sign located by the Library and purchased furniture for the Library conference room. The Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired has provided thousand of dollars in scholarships to area students pursuing a career in the medical field. Members have also organized many food drives in the community over the past several years.

Join us in dedicating the Park in honor of these men and women who served our community. Parking for this event will be at the St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church and School parking lots. A shuttle will be available to the dedication area.

The Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks will be holding their 1st Annual Steak Fry at the Johnsburg Community Club on August 9, 2014. The event will be \$25 per person with 100% of the proceeds going back to the Jr. Skyhawks. The evening begins at 5:00PM and will include a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Please come out and support your local football team.



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MEMORIAL DAY IN JOHNSBURG

The Johnsburg VFW will conduct Memorial Day ceremonies honoring veterans, both past and present, on MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 26th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Seven Days Market and Epic Deli 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. Residents and their guests should be on the bridge sidewalk by 8:45 a.m. to observe and enjoy the patriotic performances of the Johnsburg High School band, choir, and buglers. Parking for spectators and participants is available in the parking lot of the new Waterfront Hotel and Marina and the Johnsburg State Bank. A parade after will proceed to the Johnsburg Community Club's Armed Forces Flag Memorial along Fairview Avenue to Church Street then west to the Johnsburg Community Club Armed Forces Flag Memorial, where the concluding ceremony will take place. A baseball game, sponsored by the Johnsburg Community Men's Club, will follow. Antique and military vehicles will also be on display. Food and beverages will be served picnic-style by the Johnsburg Lions Club and JCMC members will tend the bar in the clubhouse. For updated information and parade applications go to www.johnsburgvfw.com. Food and donations are being donated by Johnsburg residents and business owners as in the past for this patriotic event and anyone wishing to donate can do so by dropping a check off at the Village Hall made out to the Johnsburg VFW Post 11496.



With the hope of warmer weather around the corner, it won't be long before families will be coming out to enjoy our parks. The Village provides shelters at Sunnyside Memorial, Hiller and Rescue Squad Memorial Parks which may be rented for private functions for a small fee. Go to www.johnsburg.org for the park application and fee information.

CELEBRATION IN THE PARK 2014

The Village of Johnsburg and the Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee are busying making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event. We are pleased to say that this event is growing every year. The event, held each year 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 would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact Marikay Gebis at 815 385-6023.

ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, is once again hosting this year's annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 5th at Oak Park Lounge. Be sure to check out the Pistakee Bay Fireworks Facebook page for fundraising events such as the Fireworks Golf Outing at Pistakee Country Club, Bowling for Fireworks at Raymond's Bowl and OPL's Pig Roast featuring Bony Knees. 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.



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

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. For more information go to commsailpistakee.org

SPRING INTO FUN PHOTO SHOTS

The Village of Johnsburg is once again conducting a photo contest. Submit your amateur photos to the Village of Johnsburg at 1515 Channel Beach Avenue, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051 or electronically to villagehall@johnsburg.org no later than July 1st, 2014. 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. For more information contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.



ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

ow that winter has finally passed us by, the warmer weather will have us enjoying more activities outdoors. As you are maintaining your yard, planning your annual garage sale, or heading out on your golf cart, please keep in mind that the Village has ordinances regulating these and other activities. Below are some ordinances of which you should be familiar:

Use of Golf Carts on Village Roads

The Village of Johnsburg has passed a new ordinance regarding the use of non-highway vehicles on certain village streets. Golf carts and other qualified non-highway vehicles may be driven on streets within the Village's corporate boundaries with the exception of Johnsburg Road, Ringwood Road and any County roads.

In order to drive these vehicles in the Village, you must be 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and complete the mandatory annual inspection of your vehicle. The cost of this inspection will be \$50 and includes the cost of a sticker required to be displayed. If you have a golf cart or other allowable utility vehicle, or are thinking of purchasing one, please review Ordinance 15.16 regulating their use. The ordinance can be viewed on the Village's website and at the Village Hall. <u>Note</u> that the use of four wheelers, motorbikes and other all-terrain vehicles with saddle seats are prohibited on Village streets.

Chapter 43.33 Garage Sales

The Village of Johnsburg has recently approved an ordinance regulating Garage Sales. Residents are allowed two (2) garage sales per calendar year. Residents may place one sign on their property and one sign at each entrance to their subdivision advertising the sale. The signs must be removed within 24 hours of the completion of the garage sale. Please review the garage sale ordinance on the Village's website for further information and restrictions.

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. 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, garages, or in the public's plain 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 we proudly call home.

Animal Control

Chapter 14 of the Johnsburg 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 Johnsburg Municipal Code requires persons engaging in peddling or commercial soliciting to obtain a certification of registration from the Village. The cost of the certification has been increased to \$25.00. 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 Johnsburg Police Department at 815-385-6024.

SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual spring brush pickup beginning June 2, 2014. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on June 2nd. 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.

JOHNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

PAWS TO READ! Summer Reading Program Pick up reading logs and information starting June 2.

Adopt-A-Cat and Read to a Cat Sat., June 21, 1:00-4:00 p.m. This cat adoption event is sponsored by Animal Outreach Humane Society of McHenry County.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS. See the "Calendar" link at www.johnsburglibrary for

registration dates and to sign up. **Robin's Dog Stars** Wed., June 25, 1:00 p.m. Dog Ownership 101 Wed., July 16, 2:00 p.m. **Animal Quest** Thurs., July 17, 2:00 p.m. Paws to Draw: Animal Hand Paintings Thurs., July 31 4:00 p.m. - ages 7-12 6:00 p.m. - ages 13 and up

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.

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