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Winter 2014

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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Village Staff and the Community Affairs Committee has been busy planning winter events. Johnsburg Holiday Magic (formerly Meet & Greet Santa) will be held on Friday, December 5[™] at the Community Club from 6 to 8pm. There will be crafts, food, drinks, a visit from Santa & Mrs. Clause and the Tree

Lighting Ceremony. In the spirit of the season, the village requests a **donation of a new unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tot's"**.

The Village's Ice Skating rink was a big success last year and is on track to be open (*weather permitting*) to the public during the winter months. Donations of used ice skates are being accepted at the Village Hall.

On Saturday, January 24th the Village of Johnsburg invite's you to attend the 1st annual Johnsburg Family Community Skate at Rescue Squad Park from 5-8pm. Come out and enjoy some skating fun and gather around the fire pit for some hot chocolate and cookies.



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

In each issue of the Voice of Johnsburg, I write to you about important events in our community and recognize the very generous people that work so hard to make a difference. In this issue I wish to recognize each and every one of our fine residents and business owners for their patience and cooperation throughout





provement/Roundabout project. The work is now complete and the results are magnificent! The new Johnsburg roundabout has become very well known throughout McHenry County. Traffic flow at the intersection of Chapel Hill and Johnsburg Road has improved immensely and the streetscape enhancements installed, thanks to a grant obtained by the Village, has truly changed the complexion of our downtown. I've heard many describe it as a change to the "culture" and "character" of Johnsburg. These

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony are exciting times for our community. We have worked hard to establish sound design standards which will be continued in future development endeavors. On Saturday, September 6, 2014, we officially commemorated the opening of the roundabout with a ribbon cutting ceremony which was very well attended. Thank you again to all.

I have said it a thousand times, nowhere in the world is there volunteerism like we have in the Village of Johnsburg and it is instilled in the young men and women of our community by their generous and hardworking parents. Joey Calhoun, son of Joy and Ken Calhoun, is an excellent example of this. Joey recently spent a Saturday afternoon with trustee John Huemann wrapping our new decorative light poles downtown with cornstalk and ribbon in preparation for fall harvest, Halloween and Thanksgiving. The corn stalks were donated by Ken & Shawn Calhoun of Hiller Farms. Justin Wallace, an eighth grade student at Johnsburg Jr. High, again helped the Lion's Club this year with their Candy Day fundraiser and the fine young men from the Johnsburg Varsity Football Team helped set up tables and lighting for Celebration in the Park. Many thanks to all of these generous individuals for their time and effort.

Thank you to the Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and Johnsburg Lion's Club for all of their hard work in making the 43rd annual Saufen und Spiel event a success. Once again, through the efforts of Village resident, Len Keil, who also serves on our Development & Governmental Affairs Committee, Village officials had the honor of riding in several classic Thunderbird convertibles in the Saufen und Spiel Parade provided by Classic Thunderbird Club of Chicagoland. I would like to thank Mr. Len Keil for coordination of this effort and for driving in the parade along with Johnsburg resident Jerry Michna, and drivers Pete Kramer, President of the club, Dan Anderson, Tom Bruin, Art Hahl, Bill Werth, Doug Rodgers, Bob Hoge, Joel Greenburg, and Ken Smizinski. On October 4th family and friends came out to enjoy the Village's annual Celebration in the Park event at Sunnyside Memorial Park. I would personally like to thank all of the generous contributors who made this event possible. See the article on page 7 for more about the event and our generous contributors.

For the second year in a row, St. Johns the Baptist Church's Knights of Columbus had one of their members receive the Illinois Knight of the year recognition. Last year Arnie Diedrich received the award for his efforts in coordinating blood drives. This year, Arnie Berry received the award for his collection of food for the FISH food bank. I know as hard as we try to recognize all of our wonderful volunteers, we may miss someone. If you know of someone we have overlooked, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate all of your input and reminders. As the holiday season approaches, there will be many area events and activities for you and your family to enjoy. Come out and enjoy the Johnsburg Holiday Magic event *(formerly Meet & Greet Santa)* on Friday, December 5, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Johnsburg Community Club. The Lion's Club's meat raffle will be held on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Chef DeVito's Restaurant. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Lions Club's Eye and Hearing fund. They need your support to continue these services so please come out for the December 4th meat raffle.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our residents and the business community for the opportunity to serve you again this past year as your Village President. I hope I have addressed any concerns you have had and if not, please contact me. I, along with the Village Board and staff, wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Respectfully *Edwin P. Hettermann* Village President



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Shop with a Cop

The Johnsburg Police Department and the Johnsburg Lion's Club created the "Shop with a Cop[®]" program almost 20 years ago. The program has built many positive relationships between police officers and the children of our community. The Officers and the children begin their early December evening by having dinner. Afterwards the true excitement begins. Each child receives a fixed amount

dinner. Afterwards the true excitement begins. Each child receives a fixed amount to spend on Christmas gifts at our local Walmart store. This evening positively impacts the kids as well as the Johnsburg Police officers and Lion's Club volunteers.

Children are recommended for participation in the program by police department members, school employees, social agencies and family shelters. Anyone can nominate a child who meets the criteria of being between the ages of five and fourteen and who has a social or economic need and has not participated in past years.

The "Shop with a Cop[®]" program is fully funded by local donations. If anyone would like **to donate** to this wonderful program to help make a child's Christmas special, or would like **to nominate** a child, **please contact Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815.385.6024.**



Johnsburg Area Business Association

The Johnsburg Area Business Association had an extremely successful 2014 under the leadership of President Frank Hosticka (*Legal Shield*), Vice President Richard Bierman (*R.B. Custom Design*), Secretary Lori Boyle (*BWB Graphics*) and Treasurer John Huemann(*Village EDC Chairman*).

- The 2014 year kicked off with a very successful Johnsburg Business Expo attended by over 750 people. Johnsburg High School was filled with local Businesses, Crafters and Civic groups.
- At the annual "State of the Village" dinner, 55 attendees came to hear Village President Ed Hettermann speak about the Village's accomplishments and exciting plans for the future.
- The Roger Liston Scholarship Committee, led by Dr. Rachel Northern presented a \$500 scholarship to Johnsburg High School graduate Marina Rawlings. Marina, a National Honor Society, Drama Club and Choir member, currently attends Lake Forest College.
- Three very successful new networking events were held in 2014. The first, at Raymond's Bowl, was attended by 37 current and prospective members. The second and third events were held at Sunnyside Park where refreshments and grilled sandwiches were served.
- Membership grew by 15% in 2014 under the leadership of JABA President, Frank Hosticka. Newly elected 2015 Officers are President Richard Bierman, Vice President Lori Boyle, Secretary Suszan Worzala and Treasurer John Huemann.

JABA supports our local Johnsburg Shop with a Cop with a \$500 donation each year to help children that are less fortunate enjoy the giving spirit of Christmas. This year JABA will be investing over \$4000 towards new sets of banners Downtown.

With a growing membership of 63 members, JABA looks forward to 2015 with improved services and activities to help local businesses grow.

Consider becoming a member and take advantage of our services starting with discounts to exhibit your business at the next EXPO on March 14, 2015. For information about membership call John Huemann @ 815.482.8724 or go to the JABA website at johnsburgjaba.com.





Citizen's Police Academy Class





The Johnsburg Police Department has announced the 4th annual Citizen's Police Academy Class. A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate adult citizens about police work and is designed to give the public a working knowledge of our department's organization, personnel, policies and procedures. The Citizen Police Academy is not designed as a preparatory class for individuals who desire to become a law enforcement officer. Rather, it is intended as an **educational and informative** offering for adults who both reside or work within our village and have a desire to learn more about their police department. Enrolled students will be encouraged to build a lasting partnership with the Department, with the ultimate goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

The Citizen Police Academy topics will include the history and evolution of law enforcement, firearms familiarization, patrol tactics, gangs, drug enforcement, special response team operations, canine patrol, criminal law, crime prevention, media relations, crime scene processing, investigations, and others.

The Academy begins on Wednesday **January 28, 2015** and will meet once per week for a total of 9 two to three hour sessions. A variety of instructors from the Johnsburg Police Department and guests will be presenting an assortment of topics in order to provide the public with a comprehensive view of police work and the criminal justice system.

The Academy is offered free of charge to Johnsburg Citizens and business owners. Anyone interested in applying for the Academy must complete an application which involves a criminal background check and must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 21 years old or older
- No prior felony conviction

- No outstanding warrants
- No pending criminal cases



Class size is limited to 8 participants, and the class will fill quickly, so please visit <u>www.johnsburg.org</u> for a printable pdf application. Any questions may be directed to **Chief Keith Von Allmen at 815-385-6024 or by e-mail at: police@johnsburg.org.**

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CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, the Village of Johnsburg held the 8th Annual Celebration in the Park event. Friends and family came out to enjoy a fun filled evening of live music by Second Chapter & the Matthew Holms Band; food prepared and served by the Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks; desserts, coffee and hot chocolate served by Riverside Chocolate Factory; and beverages served by the Johnsburg Lions Club. Despite the pre-event rain, children enjoyed the moon jumps, games and hayrides and everyone was wowed by the incredible fireworks display at the end of evening. We would like to thank the following generous contributors who made this event possible:

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The event would also not have been possible without the hard work of the Village of Johnsburg's Community Affairs Committee, Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks, Johnsburg Lions Club, Riverside Chocolate Factory, 1st Midwest Bank employees, Mad Bomber, Second Chapter and Matthew Holms bands and Walmart. The Johnsburg High School Football Team, Johnsburg High School CARES, Johnsburg Explorers, McHenry Township Fire District, and the Village of Johnsburg staff all of who donated their time. *Thank you to all.*

Piskatee Yacht Club 2014

The Community Sailing School @Pistakee had an awesome summer with a lot of great sailing on Pistakee Bay. With the addition of six "420" sailboats, the school taught over 140 classes to students aged 4 to 55 which were led again by Head Instructor Adam El- Khazindar. Instructor Cortney Kingsley completed her Girl Scout Gold program by creating "Sailing Corner" and working with Johnsburg Middle school leaders, who selected students to experience a day of sailing (read more about Courtney's program, Sailing Corner, on the Village's website). On



July 19th the 2nd Annual Gatsby Gala was another huge fundraising event. This year sailing scholarships were awarded to 4 students from Johnsburg. In August the school launched a Johnsburg high school sailing team. The coach of the team is Mr. Jeff Norman from Johnsburg High School who is assisted by Andy Kartheiser and Katelyn Kingsley from the CSS@P staff, as well as volunteers including the Commodore of PYC, Mark O'Malley. Teams are also forming from Grant and Wauconda high schools, all of which

> will race together at Pistakee Yacht Club to prep for spring regattas. Mark the calendar for July 25, 2015 for the 3rd Annual Gatsby Gala for the benefit of the Community Sailing School @Pistakee.



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News from the Johnsburg Public Library Fundraising Opportunities:

Help support the Friends of the Johnsburg Public Library this holiday season when you shop on Amazon. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Friends. Just access Amazon via the link on library's website or via <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, then select the Friends of the Johnsburg Public Library as your charitable organization.

The Friends of the Library are also sponsoring their annual Fannie May candy bar fundraiser. The new flavor this year is Dark Chocolate Raspberry Fudge! There are 8 different flavors to select from. Each 1.8 oz. bar sells for \$1.00, with the Friends receiving a 50% profit from all sales. The bars can be purchased at the front desk.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Super Science Squad for grades 2-4 with adult Thursday, Dec. 11, 4:30-5:30pm Advance registration is required and begins Nov. 11.

Holiday Story Hour for Ages 3 to 6 Monday, Dec. 15, 7:00pm OR Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 10:00am Advance registration is required and begins December 1.

White Elephant Bingo Thursday, Dec. 18, 1:00pm Join us for this fun "big kids only" afternoon of bingo. Registration begins December 1.

Click on the "Calendar" link at <u>www.johnsburglibrary.org</u> to register, or to see a complete listing of all the library's upcoming programs and events.

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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS SNOW REMOVAL

The Village of Johnsburg has a Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy in place to help insure safe roadways during inclement weather. As we prepare for winter weather, here are some things you should know:

• Hazards at the roadside, such as boulders or driveway markers that may interfere with or damage plows, must be removed before the first snowfall. In larger storms it can be difficult for our drivers to see the edge of the road.



- Major roads and bus routes are plowed first, followed by secondary subdivision streets and finally cul de sacs and private roads.
- Please adhere to the "No Parking" along the road on days when a 2 inch snowfall has occurred or is being forecasted.
- Check your mailbox post to make sure it is sturdy enough to withstand snow being deflected from the plow.
 We will repair mailboxes only if they come in direct contact with the snowplow and will not repair them if the force of the snow knocks them down.
- Make sure the area around your mailbox is shoveled so mail can be delivered and around any fire hydrant that may be on your property.
- The Public Works department will be clearing snow from the downtown sidewalks on Johnsburg Rd, St. Johns Ave. and Church Street. ABSOLUTELY NO snowmobiles are permitted on sidewalks or in the downtown area. Citations will be issued to snowmobilers who ride on sidewalks, the fines is \$400.

With your help and patience, this year's snow removal should run smoothly. You can view the entire Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy on our website at: <u>www.johnsburg.org</u>.



Massage Envy

Join us in welcoming Massage Envy Spa to Johnsburg! Massage Envy is located at 2936 Commerce Dr. between JC Penney and Justice in The Shops at Fox River and will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 9:00pm, Saturday 9:00am to 8:00pm and Sunday 9:00am to 6:00pm. You can read more about Johnsburgs' new business on the Villages website.



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Johnsburg School District Communication Information

Johnsburg School District 12 has implemented various communication tools to share information regarding district news, events and student academic achievement with parents and community members. The District maintains a social media presence on most popular networks, including, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn and Twitter. Through the support of the Johnsburg Education Partnership Foundation, the Johnsburg Mobile App is also available for smart phone and tablet devices. The District also sends information via the Skyward Message Center and Skylert notifications.

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Please check out the list of resources available at: <u>http://www.johnsburg12.org/stay-informed</u>. If you have any questions regarding the utilization of these tools, you are encouraged to contact the school offices or the District's Instructional Technology Help Desk at <u>helpdesk@johnsburg12.org</u>.





Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wet-land. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

Debris-plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts-washed into bodies of water can choke, suffocate,

or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds. Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Below are some of the ways you can help our waterways:

- Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- · Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams. Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.
- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.



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