

### President's Letter

On behalf of the Village Board and the residents of the Village of Johnsburg I would like to express my appreciation and well wishes to Trustee Rich Janusz and Trustee Janice Sisk whose terms on the Village Board have ended. Trustee Janusz was elected to the Village Board in 2011 and previously served on the board between May of 1999 and April of 2003 as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee. Trustee Sisk was elected to the Village Board in 2011 and served as the Chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee. I wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors.



As the new fiscal year begins, I welcome the recently elected trustees to the Village

Board – Marylou Hutchinson, Tom Curry and Kyle Frost. Incumbent Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson was initially elected to the Village Board in May of 2007, first serving as chairman to the Community Affairs Committee and then later the Finance Committee. Newly elected trustee, Tom Curry has served on the Village's Finance Committee as well as the treasurer of the Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks Football. He is now acting as president of the Jr. Skyhawks. Kyle Frost is also newly elected to the board but has been serving on the Village's Development and Governmental Affairs Committee and has been active in the community as a coach for the Johnsburg Pigtail League and Johnsburg Boys Baseball League. I look forward to working with the recently elected trustees while serving in the best interest of the Village. I would also like to thank all of the residents who got out and voted this past election. The right to vote is truly a privilege we have as citizens of this great country.

The Ice Skating Rink was utilized quite a bit by our community last winter. Unfortunately we were unable to have our 1st Annual Family Skate night due to the weather. I look forward to the Family Skate night next winter and would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make it possible.

The Village's 2nd Annual Easter Egg hunt was very successful this year. I'd like to thank the Community Affairs Committee for their hard work in coordinating this event and making it a fun experience for children of all ages. (Photo's on Page 4)



#### 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.

**Kyle Frost** 

Mary Lou Hutchinson

#### **VILLAGE DIRECTORY**

Village President Ed Hettermann

#### **Village Board of Trustees**

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Email: village hall@johnsburg.org Website: www.johnsburg.org

Public Works: 815-363-8667 Police (Non Emergency): 815-385-6024 Police/Fire Emergency: 911 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 registration fee applies.

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. This year the event will be located at the Waterfront Hotel & Marina riverfront. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Kim for hosting this event in the past. Make sure to read the article on page 3 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 4th 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.

Since the Village repealed the ordinance requiring vehicle stickers, I would like to remind residents that we do still have them available to those who wish to display a vehicle sticker on their vehicle. Boat launch stickers are also available at the Village Hall and are required in order to use the Villages boat launch. Vehicles without a sticker displayed in the passenger side window will receive a citation.

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

Respectfully, Edwin P. Hettermann Village President

## Memorial Day in Johnsburg

The Johnsburg VFW will conduct Memorial Day ceremonies honoring veterans, both past and present, on MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Waterfront Hotel & Marina 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. A parade after will proceed to the Johnsburg Community Club's Armed Forces Memorial along Chapel Hill Rd. through the roundabout 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.org. 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.



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### **Picnics in the Park**

With the warmer weather, 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.



## Fun at the Easter Egg Hunt







# *Celebration in the Park* 2015

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





## Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks Annual Steak Fry

The Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks will be holding their 2nd Annual Steak Fry at the Johnsburg Community Club on August 8, 2015. The event will be \$25 per person with

100% of the proceeds going back to the Jr. Skyhawks. The evening will include a live and silent auction as well as a 50/50 raffle. Please come out and support your local football team.

## Summer Activities at the Library:

#### One Book, One Johnsburg

New this summer is a community-wide reading and book discussion program for adults. The library has selected the book "Shotgun Lovesongs" by Nickolas Butler and encourages the community to read the selection and participate in a series of related events over the summer. The culmination of the program takes place when the author visits the library on August 4th at 7 p.m. to talk about his book. People Magazine's review of the book stated, "Sparkles in every way.



A love letter to the open lonely American heartland. A must-read." It was also an Amazon Best Book of the Month for March 2014. The library will have numerous copies of the book available in mid-June. Anyone with a Johnsburg Library card is entitled to a free copy of the book. Other copies will also be available for checkout from interlibrary loan.

#### Summer Reading Programs for All Ages:

Have fun with this year's music-themed summer reading program for youth, teens, and adults, called "Read to the Rhythm". Complete the program requirements and you'll be rewarded with prizes that include a spin on our giant prize wheel. You'll also be entered in drawings for some fabulous grand prizes. Pick up reading logs and information starting June 1.

#### Friends of the Library Used Book & Media Sale

Find books, movies, music and more for adults and children, with prices starting at just 25¢. Proceeds from the sale go toward the funding of library programs. A Members Only Sale Night is Thurs., June 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. An annual membership to the Friends may be purchased at the door for \$5. Regular sale hours are Fri., June 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sat., June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a \$2.00-A-Bag Blowout Sale on Sat., June 6 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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. Visit the library at 3000 N. Johnsburg Road. Phone 815-344-0077, Fax 815-344-3524.



## Community Sailing School @ Pistakee is Excited for Another Summer of Sailing

- CSS@Pistakee fleet is ready for all ages to enjoy adventures in sailing this summer. Please see the website www.commsailpistakee.org
- Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Gala on Saturday July 25th. Contact csspistakeefun@gmail.com for tickets or a donation for the silent auction.
- High School Sailing is becoming a reality and fall regattas will be on the schedule. Anyone interested should contact the sailing through the website or email the address listed above.
- Watch for updates for Sunday Sailing regattas at Pistakee Yacht Club this summer!



## Annual Fireworks Display

Tom Fuchs, owner of Oak Park Lounge, is once again hosting this year's annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 4th at Oak Park Lounge, featuring bands Johnsburg Jimmy and Ms. Ivy Ford. Be sure to check out the Pistakee Bay Fireworks Facebook page for fundraising events such as the OPL's Pig Roast and Super Raffle on June 13th featuring Hans and the Hormones. 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.









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## 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 29th, 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. - 2:00 p.m. to raise funds

for the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run which will take place on June 7th. 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<sup>®</sup> 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.







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### **Village Defeats State Bank and** Motion to Dismiss Litigation

The Village successfully defeated a motion filed by attorneys for the State Bank to dismiss the amended complaint filed by the Village last summer regarding incomplete public improvements in Whispering Ridge Subdivision. The Village of Johnsburg filed the original Complaint against State Bank in July because of the Bank's failure to provide for the completion of outstanding public improvements in the subdivision. State Bank's attorney and Chairman, Jack Franks, has maintained that the bank is not obligated to provide infrastructure improvements in the development because it did not have a "profit motive" when it took over ownership of the development and therefore the taxpayers of the Village should bear the cost. Such position has been met with shock and disappointment by the Village Board given its long-term history of doing business with the State Bank. The Village filed suit in an effort to bring the matter before a jury, in response to which the State Bank indicated that it will use its best efforts to prevent the matter from being heard by a jury and in turn filed motions to dismiss the matter. Despite this attempt to thwart the judicial process, Village residents will have their day in court.



## State of the Oillage

The Johnsburg Area Business Association is proud to sponsor the 5th 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 10, 2015. 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 3, 2015.









## Oillage of Johnsburg T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

The Village of Johnsburg has T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hooded Sweatshirts available for sale. All shirts feature the Johnsburg Village logo. T-Shirts are in stock and are cream in color with burgundy lettering and logo or blue in color with cream lettering and logo. T-Shirts are sold for \$12 each. Sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are either blue or burgundy in color with cream lettering and logo. Crew neck sweatshirts are sold for \$20. Hooded Sweatshirts in sizes Medium and Large are sold for \$22.00 and \$28.00 for X-Large and XX-Large. Please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 to purchase a T-shirt or order Sweatshirts. Quantities are limited.



## Spring Brush Pickup

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual spring brush pickup beginning June 1, 2015. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on June 1st. 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.



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### 7 Tips to De-clutter Your Home

Looking for ways to de-clutter your home, get the job done fast with these 7 tips

- Be ruthless when deciding what to keep and what to let go of. It's the only way to succeed at de-cluttering.
- Look at everything with fresh eyes. What made sense to hold onto five or ten years ago may not fit in with your lifestyle today. Tastes and fashions change. Technology changes. Kids grow up. Relationships change.
- Every time you leave a room, take something with you that doesn't belong there and put it away.
- Start off with small jobs. It could be getting a diaper bag organized so you're always good to go or clearing out a drawer or closet. Just keep picking small areas to work on and it builds momentum. You'll achieve quick and easy victories and start to feel the benefit of de-cluttering.
- Time for a de-clutter blitz. Once you've de-cluttered a few closets and drawers, you'll have some room to work with. You'll also have a good idea of how much time it takes. So pick a room, schedule a time and blitz it!



- Aim to have a place for everything and everything in its place. If something doesn't have a place then make one. There are plenty of great storage products available.
  - When sorting through your stuff, choose what makes sense to throw out, donate to charity, give away to friends or sell.





### Downtown Planning

The Economic Development Committee has been working diligently on the third phase of their Downtown planning efforts. During this phase the Village utilized the data and image preference surveys from Phase 2 along with previously collected data to create an Opportunities and Constraints narrative. Two stakeholder meetings were held to review the findings/results and establish Goals and Opportunities for the future development of the downtown area. With the help of our planning consultants, HR Green, the Economic Development Committee is now developing a plan report in the form of a Sub Area Plan Amendmentto the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan based upon the feedback received. A public hearing will be held in the near future to review the Amendment and obtain input from the public prior to being considered for adoption by the Village Board. We encourage your attendance at the hearing and welcome your input. Monitor the Village's website and sign up for email alerts for more information regarding the hearing or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. We greatly appreciate your participation in this important endeavor.

## Garbage Stickers

In connection with spring cleaning and the article on page 10 about de-cluttering, you may be wondering how to dispose of the excess garbage that may be generated. Residents can contact the Village's waste hauler, Waste Management at 800-796-9696 to arrange for a special garbage pickup or you may purchase stickers to cover the cost to pick up garbage in excess of the 35 gallon limit included in the Village's contract. These stickers cover the cost of one additional 35 gallon can or bag of garbage. The cost for a sticker is \$3.40. Stickers are sold at the Village Hall and are also available at the Sunnyside Little Store and Angelo's.

Additionally, Waste Management is now picking up yard waste. The above referenced stickers can be used on a 35 gallon can or bag of yard waste as well, or residents can enroll in a yard waste subscription program by contacting Waste Management directly.





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