

# Voice of Johnsburg

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Spring 2015



## *President's Letter*

I hope that you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At the Village, we are all eager to be welcoming in a new year full of exciting challenges and new opportunities for our community. In looking back on 2014, one can see that much has been accomplished. In May, the efforts of the Rescue Squad Retired were recognized at the official dedication of Rescue Squad Memorial Park. Shortly thereafter, they were presented with a Proclamation from the McHenry County Board for their many years of service, generous donations and contributions to our community. It was a great pleasure to honor these dedicated men and women who served our community.



*County Board Proclamation*

St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church was honored on June 29, 2014 by the McHenry County Historical Society in recognition of its historic and architectural significance to Johnsburg and McHenry County. This is such an amazing honor and we are proud to have it in our community.

In March of 2014, Johnsburg School District 12 passed a referendum for bonds to pursue building maintenance improvements to insure that our children have proper facilities to meet their educational needs.

The completion of the roundabout along with the streetscape enhancements surpassed our expectations. Beautiful hanging baskets, the majority of which were donated by Marilou and John Huemann of Joseph Huemann & Sons Well Drilling, contribute to the new character and feel of the downtown area. New banners were also purchased by the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA). Recently, the project was recognized as the "Project of the Year" for the Fox Valley region by the American Public Works Association (APWA). We have had many positive reactions from the community about the effectiveness of the roundabout and are very pleased with the completed project.

In 2014, the Village Board voted to eliminate vehicle stickers upon completion of a detailed cost analysis performed under the direction of Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson and the Finance Committee. The analysis reflected that the program was not cost effective. The implementation of the video gaming tax provides a new revenue stream to cover the cost of street lighting in lieu of revenues previously derived from the sale of vehicle stickers. In March of 2014, the Village's bond rating was raised to AA+. We are very proud of this achievement and are thankful to Trustee Hutchinson, the Finance Committee and Village Staff for their important role in making this possible.

The Community Affairs Committee, under the direction of Trustee Janice Sisk, coordinated a "Smoke Free Parks" contest. Many students submitted artwork for the contest. Congratulations to Maddie Stevens for her winning artwork that is being utilized on signage being placed at all Village parks marking them as "Smoke Free".

Much thanks to Trustee Greg Klemstein for his generous donation of \$1,000 to be used towards the purchase of a snow blower to clear snow from the Village's ice rink. I would also like to thank John Huemann of Joseph Huemann and Sons Well Drilling for donating the material necessary to extend water service to the ice rink and to Gary Brand, owner of Maple Cable for donating the manpower and equipment necessary to perform the directional boring needed to install the water line.



## 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

### Village President

Ed Hettermann

### Village Board of Trustees

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In June, the Village participated in the 4th Annual State of the Village dinner presentation hosted by the Johnsburg Area Business Association. Also this year we were pleased to welcome Waterfront Hotel & Marina, Massage Envy and Murphy Oil to the community.

The Village purchased new equipment for the Public Work's Department this past year to remove snow from the sidewalks in our downtown area and areas adjacent to our community schools. The Village Board pursued the equipment so that the sidewalks could be cleared to insure safe pedestrian passage in the winter months and to keep children out of the roadway.



New Ventrac Machine clearing sidewalks



Nathan Wollerman receiving his award

Several young men were recognized this past year for achieving the Eagle Scout Award which is the highest award a Scout can receive. In April, Aaron Charles Lump-Sherman was honored for constructing a paved path to the flagpole at the McHenry Moose Lodge. He also replaced the existing flag pole and installed two additional poles. In October, Garrett Handler reached his goal by repairing and refinishing the picnic tables and benches. He also created tables that are handicap accessible at the Johnsburg Community Club Pavilion. Nathan Wollerman replaced 30 railroad tie steps to West Lake at the Hollows Conservation Area in Cary, Illinois making the area safe to use again. In November, Michael Conant built an informational bulletin board at the McHenry Township Park. Jacob Tomas Timmer reached his goal by building a fire pit at Joyful Harvest Church and Daniel Warren built benches and planters for Fair Oaks Nursing Home to enable the patients to plant gardens. The Village of Johnsburg is proud to be home to all of these remarkable young men who achieved this prestigious award this past year.

On behalf of the residents, the Board of Trustees and myself, I would like recognize Jill Roadman for her service to the Village as Chairman of the Police Commission. Jill recently resigned from the position and I wish to thank her for 10 years of dedicated service to the Village of Johnsburg and wish her well in her retirement.

Looking over the last year has only reaffirmed our Village as being a "Home-town with Spirit" and I look forward to what 2015 has to offer. 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. I cannot thank all of you enough for your support of our community, its events and giving me the opportunity to serve as your Village President.

Respectfully,

*Edwin P. Hettermann*  
Village President

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## Johnsburg Police Department Fundraising Efforts

The Johnsburg Police Department completed another very successful year in its fundraising efforts for Illinois Special Olympics and the Johnsburg "Shop with a Cop" program. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in our 4th Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk which took place September 6<sup>th</sup> at Rescue Squad Park. The Cop on Top event held in May was also a great success. In total, both events raised over \$5,000 for Illinois Special Olympics. We would like to acknowledge Dunkin Donuts, Sunnyside Inn, Sports Decal and Raymond's Bowl for their continued corporate sponsorships.

In February officers from the Johnsburg Police Department attended the annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Conference in Bloomington, Illinois at which time Johnsburg was publically recognized for its fundraising efforts.

We would also like to thank the Johnsburg Lions for their continued partnership with the "Shop with a Cop" program. Due to the overwhelming community support for the program we were able to have over 15 children participate in this year's shopping event which was held on December 9th.

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## *Save Some Water for the Fish!*

McHenry County is 100% dependent on groundwater for ALL of its drinking water, and this supply is limited. Additionally, our groundwater and our lakes, rivers and streams are all connected. Therefore, to ensure that the water resources are sustained and available, it is important to learn ways that you can reduce water use – which can indirectly save you money on your water bill too!

Watering the flowers or a garden is just one activity that consumes a great deal of water, time and energy; however, this is also one of the easiest places in our yards to cut back by using a rain garden. A rain garden is a shallow depression in your yard that is designed to collect excess rainwater and runoff from your rooftops, sump pumps, and patio/driveway areas. These areas are then planted with native plants that are adapted to the climate of Northeastern Illinois, thereby requiring less water. Rain gardens provide an effective alternative to using our drinking water supply - groundwater.

Not only do rain gardens reduce the amount of yardwork but they also are environmentally friendly. Rain gardens help to filter pollutants to keep our water supply clean, they return water to the water cycle and to groundwater, and the plants help to improve the soil by increasing its ability to absorb water and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Furthermore they serve as a habitat for birds, butterflies and many other beneficial insects. Finally, they remove pollutants from stormwater, thus decreasing the impacts to our aquatic friends, including fish.

### **How To Construct a Rain Garden?**

The construction of a rain garden is very straightforward. Just choose a spot at least 10 feet from your house and away from the septic tank to prevent flooding and harm to the septic tank. Try to select a naturally occurring low spot in either full or partial sun. Then direct your downspouts and sump pump to this depression either by using a buried 4" PVC pipe or by digging a shallow swale (linear depression). As a good rule of thumb, a rain garden is generally 5 to 10% the size of the impermeable area (such as roof tops or pavement) that provides the runoff for the garden. To determine the size of your garden measure the square footage of the impermeable area and then multiply by 20% if you have sandy soil; 30-35% for loam; and 45-60% for clay. This will help to ensure that the garden holds as much water as possible while also not drowning the plants by collecting too much. Once the location and size are chosen, dig the garden 4 – 8 inches deep (Call JULIE to make sure utilities are not present) and mix with 2 – 3 inches of sand to improve water infiltration.

Not only is location and size important to the success of the rain garden but plant selection also helps to ensure that the garden will function properly. When selecting plants, visit your local nursery or the University of Illinois Master Gardeners website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/> to select native plants that are suited to our climate and soil. Some of these species include the Purple Coneflower, the Black-eyed Susan, the New Jersey Tea, and Switch Grass. Young plants or plugs work the best for raingardens since they are easier to establish and maintain. Once the plants are planted apply mulch and water every other day for the first two weeks. After the garden is established, additional watering or fertilizer should not be needed. Simply sit back and enjoy the new addition to your lawn. Rain gardens provide a maintenance free approach to landscaping and are environmentally friendly. Rain gardens are one approach to protecting and preserving our finite groundwater supply. For more information on rain gardening, please visit [www.mchenry20.com](http://www.mchenry20.com) for a list of resources.



## *Johnsburg Area Business Association Annual Business & Craft Expo*

Booth registration is currently being accepted for the 2015 Johnsburg Area Business Association Annual Business and Craft Expo. The expo will be held Saturday, March 14 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.com](http://www.johnsburgjaba.com) or at the Johnsburg Public Library. See the 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.

## Johnsburg Event Calendar

2014/2015	<b>VOJ Ice Rink</b>	JULY & AUG (Saturday's)	<b>Mt. Hope United Methodist Church Vegetable Give-Away</b> Every Saturday from 10:00AM – 12:00PM
JAN 24	<b>VOJ Family Community Skate @ Rescue Squad Park</b>	AUG 6	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
FEB 5	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> for Tim Stanton. Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	AUG 8	<b>Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawk's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steak Fry Dinner @ JCC</b> 5:00PM
FEB 8	<b>Boy Scout Troop 455's</b> 21st Annual Pig Roast & Silent auction fundraiser	AUG 9	<b>St. Johns Parish Fest @ Johnsburg Community Club-</b> entertainment, food, games
FEB 14	<b>Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner Fundraiser @ St. Johns School Hall</b>	SEPT 3	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
FEB 27, MAR 6 & MAR 20 (Friday's)	<b>Knights of Columbus Fish Fry @ St. Johns School Hall</b> on Friday, Feb. 27, Mar. 6 & Mar 20	SEPT 11	<b>Johnsburg Community Club's Black Light Bean Bag Toss</b> 5:00PM
MAR 4	<b>Senior Care Volunteer Network</b> Paint and Sip Fun-Raiser	SEPT 12	<b>Hometown with Spirit (Chief's Challenge) 5k Fun Run/Walk</b>
MAR 5	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	SEPT 12	<b>LION'S Banjo Beer Event</b> 5:00PM
MAR 14	<b>Knights of Columbus Easter Bunny Breakfast @ St. Johns Hall</b> 8:00AM – 1:00PM	SEPT 13	<b>Johnsburg Community Club Saufen Und Spiel Parade</b> 12:30PM & 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cow Drop Raffle at 4:00PM
MAR 14	<b>JABA (Johnsburg Area Business Assoc.) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Business &amp; Craft Expo</b> Johnsburg High School 10:00AM – 3:00PM	SEPT 25	<b>Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM
MAR 14	<b>Catholic Order of Foresters Court 96 and the Johnsburg Men's Club</b> Corned Beef Dinner @ JCC 4:00PM – 8:30PM	SEPT 26	<b>Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale</b> 9:00AM – 12:00PM
MAR 21 & 22	<b>Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus</b> Easter Bake Sale after all masses @ St. John's School Hall	OCT 1	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM
APRIL 2	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	OCT 7	<b>Village of Johnsburg</b> National Bike/Walk to School Day
APRIL 4	<b>Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee</b> Easter Egg Hunt @ Sunnyside Memorial Park from 11:00AM-12:00PM	OCT 3	<b>Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee</b> Celebration in Park
APRIL 24	<b>Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM	OCT 9 & 10 (tentative)	<b>LION'S Candy Day Fund Raiser</b>
APRIL 25	<b>Mount Hope United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale</b> 9:00AM – 12:00PM	OCT 10 & 11	<b>Fall Diddley</b> Boone County Fairgrounds
MAY Date TBD	<b>Senior Care Volunteer Network</b> "Taste of Mexico"	OCT 23	<b>St. Johns Ladies Night Bunco</b> in the Parish Hall
MAY 7	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM	OCT 19 – NOV 3	<b>LION'S Wreath Pre-Sale fund raiser</b> Order Period
MAY 8	<b>Johnsburg Community Club</b> Super Raffle	NOV 1 (tentative)	<b>Johnsburg Community Club 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fan Fest</b>
MAY 16	<b>St. Johns 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Playday</b> Golf Outing	NOV 5	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket Sales for First Raffle begins at 7:30PM
MAY 16	<b>Mt. Hope United Methodist Church</b> 5K Walk and Roll for Accessibility @ Moraine Hills	NOV 6 & 7	<b>Johnsburg Public Library</b> – Used Book and Media Sale
Date TBD	<b>Cop on Top</b> – Dunkin Donuts	NOV 11	<b>Johnsburg VFW Post 11496</b> - Ringwood School reaching out to Children for Veterans Day
MAY 15 & 16	<b>Johnsburg VFW Post 11496</b> Poppy Days	NOV 14 & 15	<b>St. Johns Christmas Bazaar</b> - Christmas crafters, bake sale in parish hall
MAY 17	<b>Fair Diddley</b> Woodstock Square 10:00AM – 4:00PM	NOV 28	<b>LION'S Wreath Pick-Up</b>
MAY 25	<b>Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Memorial Day</b> Riverfront Opening Ceremony & Memorial Day Parade to JCC	DEC 3	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30pm
JUNE 4	<b>LION'S Meat Raffle</b> Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM	DEC 4	<b>Village of Johnsburg /Community Affairs Committee</b> Holiday Magic
JUNE 5 & 6	<b>Johnsburg Public Library</b> – Used Book and Media Sale	DEC 5 & 6	<b>Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus</b> Christmas Bake sale @ Parish Hall
JUNE 7	<b>St Johns</b> Corpus Christi Parade	DEC 6	<b>ST. Johns - St. Nicholas Breakfast</b> sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (KOC Fund Raiser)
JUNE 18	<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joe Frett Memorial</b> Golf Outing	DEC (tentative)	<b>LION'S/Johnsburg PD Shop with a Cop</b>
Fair/Fall Diddley info: <a href="http://www.mhrl.org">www.mhrl.org</a> Johnsburg Community Club <a href="http://www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com">www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com</a> Johnsburg VFW <a href="http://www.johnsburgvfw.org">www.johnsburgvfw.org</a> Mt. Hope Church: Faith: <a href="http://www.faithfamilychurch.com">www.faithfamilychurch.com</a>		St. John the Baptist Church: <a href="http://www.stjohnsjohnsburg.org">www.stjohnsjohnsburg.org</a> Senior Care Volunteer Network: <a href="http://www.scvnmchenrycounty.org">www.scvnmchenrycounty.org</a> Volunteer Center McHenry County: <a href="http://www.volunteercentermchenrycounty.org">www.volunteercentermchenrycounty.org</a> Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA): <a href="http://www.johnsburgjaba.com">www.johnsburgjaba.com</a>	

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](mailto:villagehall@johnsburg.org)

## Community Sailing School - Pistakee Yacht Club 2015

Happy New Year from the Community Sailing School@Pistakee team! 2015 is the Sailing School's 3rd year and they are excited about their progress to serve the Chain O' Lakes area as a regional learning center open to all members of the Community. In 2014 the school had a very successful year. Please see the Village of Johnsburg's website at [Johnsburg.org](http://Johnsburg.org) to read the entire article.

## Village Services Survey Q & A

In November, the Village conducted an online survey to solicit input on Village Services. The survey results can be viewed on our website at [johnsburg.org](http://johnsburg.org). In reviewing the comments submitted in the survey, several questions were repeatedly raised. The following is a summary of the most frequently asked questions followed by answers and clarification. The Finance Committee and Village Board will be discussing the survey responses and potential changes to Village services over the next several weeks. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

**Q: One of the options in the survey related to residential garbage and recycling collection is to directly bill each household for the service. Isn't it less expensive if the Village contracts with one hauler on behalf of all residents?**

A: The Village currently contracts with one hauler on behalf of all residents to insure we achieve the best possible rates. That will continue even if direct billing is instituted. The Village has a contract with the current hauler that guarantees rates through 2021.

**Q: Why doesn't the Village seek bids for garbage services in order to obtain the best pricing possible and switch to a less costly garbage company?**

A: The Village does pursue bids for garbage and recycling services in order to obtain the most competitive rates. Our current hauler was the low bidder and the Village's rates are one of the lowest in the county.

**Q: Why doesn't the Village save money by cutting the school district's administration payroll by combining schools and thereby eliminating duplicative positions?**

A: While the schools may choose to consider different approaches in order to attain financial goals, these changes would not impact the Village and its operations. Johnsborg School District is a separate taxing body and the Village has no authority to make decisions on behalf of the school. Additionally, the school district's operations and spending do not bear upon the Village's finances.

**Q: Why doesn't the Village eliminate police pensions and require police officers to contribute to personal retirement plans like the rest of us?**

A: The Village has no legal authority to eliminate the police pension program as it is mandated by State Law.

**Q: Why don't the police officers contribute towards their pension program?**

A: Police officers do contribute towards the police pension program.

**Q: If the Village needs additional funds to support services, why did the Village pursue the roundabout?**

A: The Johnsborg Road Improvement/Roundabout project was a County project and was funded by the County and was partially support by grants. The Village is supportive of the improvements and worked closely with the County throughout the planning, design and construction however it was not a Village project. The Village pursued the streetscape enhancements with the help of a grant covering 80% of the costs. The roundabout was determined to be the ideal option for managing traffic at the intersection when considering traffic management, safety and cost.

**Q: If the Village needs additional funds to support services, why did the Village eliminate vehicle stickers?**

A: The Village eliminated the vehicle sticker program after performing a comprehensive review of the program. The results of a detailed cost analysis revealed that the program demanded a great deal of manpower and resulted in minimal net revenues and was therefore not cost effective.



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**Q: Why doesn't the Village reduce or eliminate spending to offset the need for additional revenues?**

A: For several years the Village has pursued significant budget reductions and operational changes to reduce costs and balance the budget. These reductions and changes helped considerably, however, the Village cannot afford to provide direct services without established revenue streams to cover their costs. The Village's refuse and recycling program is a good example since more than 40% of the cost of residential service is being subsidized by the general fund, a practice unique to Johnsburg. To lessen the garbage burden on the Village's budget, the Village Board approved a \$30,000 cost savings in 2010 by limiting residential garbage pickup to one 35 gallon container per household. While this change resulted in a temporary savings, it does not provide for a long-term solution. Over the past fourteen (14) years, the General Fund has subsidized the residential garbage and recycling program by \$1,319,300. Under its current structure, the program will require an additional \$1,364,341 from the general fund over the next six (6) years if changes are not implemented.

**Q: Why doesn't the Village permit leaf burning every day of the week so that everyone would not be burning on the weekends resulting in a heavy smoke concentration in the air?**

A: The Village is required to enforce the burning regulations instituted by the McHenry County Department of Health, which restricts burning to weekends during the months of April, May, October and November.

**Q: I already pay a lot of money in taxes to the Village. Why can't Village officials scale back on spending so that taxes can be reduced rather than increased constantly?**

A: The Village has implemented operational changes resulting in significant cost reductions over the past 6 years. However, it's important to understand the Village receives only 5.6% of the amount you pay in property taxes each year in order to provide all Village services including but not limited to facility/park maintenance, snow plowing, sanitation, police safety, garbage & recycling, road maintenance, etc. The remaining amount is disbursed per the adjacent chart:

2014 SAMPLE TAX BILL	Assessed Value \$83,333		
	Rate	Tax	Percent
McHenry County	1.096045	\$ 913.01	10.7%
McHenry Township	0.19126	\$ 159.32	1.9%
McHenry Township Road	0.35371	\$ 294.64	3.5%
Johnsburg School Dist #12	6.535261	\$ 5,443.87	63.8%
McHenry County College	0.430644	\$ 358.73	4.2%
McHenry Township Fire Protection	0.592679	\$ 493.70	5.8%
Johnsburg Library District	0.18068	\$ 150.51	1.8%
McHenry County Conservation Dist	0.274794	\$ 228.90	2.7%
Village of Johnsburg	0.391151	\$ 325.83	3.8%
VOJ Sanitation	0.116903	\$ 97.38	1.1%
VOJ Police Pension	0.073046	\$ 60.85	0.7%
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## Economic Development News

Recently, grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for three new businesses in Johnsburg. We are proud to welcome the following new businesses to our community:

- Massage Envy Spa, located next to J.C. Penny at 2936 Commerce Drive, Johnsburg. This massage spa is one of more than 1200 owner owned franchises that specialize in holistic massage therapy and “Murad” Healthy Skin Facials. Visit their website at [MassageEnvyJohnsburg.com](http://MassageEnvyJohnsburg.com) and find out about all their services or call 815.385.3001
- Murphy USA, located on Rt. 31 next to the Walmart Supercenter. The 1400 square foot facility is one of over 1,400 nationwide. Murphy USA is one of the largest independent retailers of gasoline products and convenience store merchandise. Murphy Oil serves more than 1.6 million customers daily.
- Waterfront Hotel & Marina, located on Chapel Hill Road immediately south of the bridge. The Hotel offers newly renovated contemporary rooms at a reasonable rate and has a private harbor on the Fox River that connects to the Chain of Lakes. Visit their website at [waterfronthotelandmarina.com](http://waterfronthotelandmarina.com) or call 815.344.3131.

## Downtown Visioning Initiative

The Economic Development Committee has now completed the “Stakeholder” input portion of our visioning process. Stakeholders are all owners/operators of properties that are located within the boundaries of our proposed Downtown District. The input from our stakeholder’s completes the second phase of our resident data collection process. A Village wide survey was completed in the summer of 2014. A “draft” concept will be formalized using the data collected and presented to all our Johnsburg residents later this spring. More information will be available at the Johnsburg Business Expo, which will be held at the Johnsburg High School on March 14th. We hope you will participate in the process of developing a SUSTAINABLE plan for the future development/redevelopment of our Historic Downtown area.

## How Municipal Government Works – Board of Police Commissioners

The Board of Police Commissioners of the Village of Johnsburg derives its authority from the Illinois Municipal Code, Illinois Compiled Statutes and from Village of Johnsburg Ordinances.

The Commission’s role is primarily defined by three statutorily defined responsibilities. The first is the process of recruitment, selection, and appointment of qualified candidates to fill vacancies, for original appointments, of full-time police officers. The second responsibility is the testing of qualified officers in the promotional process for the position of Sergeant. The final responsibility is to conduct disciplinary hearings or appeals of disciplinary action in the police department.

The Board commissioners are appointed by the Village President with the consent of the Board. Each of the three (3) members serve a three year staggered term. All of the members must be electors of the Village of Johnsburg and must have no felony convictions. Candidates cannot be related to any elected or appointed village official and must not already hold an office with the Village. The Board of Commissioners serve a crucial role to the community as they are entrusted to select and promote the best and most qualified individuals to safeguard the lives and property of everyone in our community.

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## The Johnsburg Police Explorers



Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are between 14 and 21 years of age. The Johnsburg Police Explorer Post helps youths gain insight into a variety of programs and career activities. Explorers attend regular meetings and learn the basics of patrol procedures, crime scene investigation, and arrest and search. Explorers also gain hands on experience through a ride along program with sworn officers. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth. To join the Johnsburg Explorer Post contact Officer Kevin DelRe at [kdelre@johnsburg.org](mailto:kdelre@johnsburg.org) or call 815.385.6024.

## What You Can Do To Prevent Water Pollution

If you want to help keep our waters clean, there are many things you can do to help. You can prevent water pollution of nearby rivers and lakes as well as groundwater and drinking water by following some simple guidelines in your everyday life.

- Be careful about what you throw down your sink or toilet. Don't throw paints, oils or other forms of litter down the drain.
- Be aware that many chemicals commonly used around the home are toxic. Select less-toxic alternatives. Use non-toxic substitutes wherever possible.
- Use environmentally friendly household products, such as low-phosphate or phosphate-free detergents.
- Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground. Soil cannot purify most chemicals, and they could eventually contaminate runoff.
- When landscaping your yard, select plants that have low requirements for water, fertilizers and pesticides.
- Preserve existing trees, and plant trees and shrubs to help prevent erosion and promote infiltration of water into the soil.
- Leave lawn clippings on your lawn so that nutrients in the clippings are recycled and less yard waste goes into landfills.



## Johnsburg Community Club Super Raffle

The Johnsburg Community Club will be holding its 23rd Annual Super Raffle on Friday, May 8th. 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: 815-739-7401 or visit their website at [www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com](http://www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com)



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## Village Boat Launch

As the temperatures warm up and the lakes start to thaw, it's time to start thinking about your Village Boat Launch Sticker. Boat Launch stickers first became available last summer. If you have not purchased one, please do so before using the Village launch. Without a Village boat launch sticker, you are subject to a \$200.00 citation.

The stickers do not expire until December 2016 and can be purchased at the Village Hall. The cost the stickers are \$20.00 for Village residents and \$100.00 for non-residents. The regulations governing the use of the boat launch can be found under Chapter 8 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code which is available on the Village's website.

## Pre-Kindergarten Registration & Screening

Johnsburg School District 12 will hold registration for children three, four and five years of age who have not yet entered kindergarten. Registration will take place on March 4th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and on March 5th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Ringwood School Primary Center. Registration is required for all preschool children ages three through five, even if the child has registered and been screened in previous years. For more information, please call the Ringwood School Primary Center at 815-728-0459.

## Community Affairs Committee

The Village of Johnsburg and Community Affairs Committee had a very successful year bringing you annual events like Celebration in the Park and Holiday Magic (previously Meet and Greet Santa) as well as new events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Smoke Free Park Contest and the Village's Ice Skating Rink. We look forward to another great year.



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## Johnsburg Public Library Events

### *Abe Lincoln & the Civil War*

Saturday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. - Dave Ehlert portrays Lincoln in this presentation by Live Theatrical Productions, consisting of 90 minutes of historical drama, humor, and education.

### *Matinee Monday – Snacks Provided*

Monday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. - St. Vincent

Monday, March 9, 1:00 p.m. - The Theory of Everything

### *Let's Be a Little Irish, for ages 3-5*

Thursday, March 5, 11:45 a.m. - Bring lunch for an indoor picnic with books, followed by Irish dancing and a craft.

### *Reptomania, for ages 5 and up*

Saturday, March 7, 2:00 p.m. - Learn facts and observe reptiles and amphibians with reptile expert Steve Schindler.

### *Hammered Dulcimer Irish Music Concert*

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m. - Phil Passen presents a concert of traditional Irish songs and music. (Partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.)

### *From the Ground Up & 7 Keys to Successful Organic Gardening*

Monday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. - Presenter Jeanne Nolan is a well-known educator and consultant and the founder of The Organic Gardener, Ltd. She is also the author of *From the Ground Up: A Food Grower's Education in Life, Love and the Movement That's Changing the Nation* published in 2013 by Random House.

For a complete listing of all the library's upcoming programs, events, and registration 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.

## Happy 2015 From the Johnsburg Lion's

The Johnsburg Lion's would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and thank everyone for their past support. Thanks to the community's participation, the Johnsburg Lions' were able to assist many local families through events such as Banjo Beer, Candy Day, Christmas Wreath Sales and their monthly Meat Raffle programs. The New Year will be full of new challenges as the Club continues its efforts to assist those who are in need of eye, ear and other support within the Johnsburg community.

Meat Raffles are held on the 1st Thursday of the month (except January and July). The first raffle begins at 7:30 p.m.



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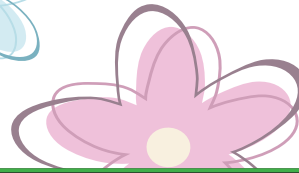
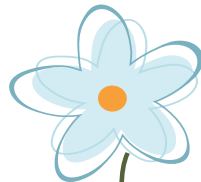
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