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Fall 2016

SAUFEN UND SPIEL 2016 - SEPTEMBER 9TH-11TH

The Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club present Saufen und Spiel 2016. **STARTING FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**, Johnsburg is the place to be for food, music, games and good old fashion fun!



Festivities kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 9th with the Johnsburg Community Men's Clubs 9th Annual Black Light Bean Bag Tournament. Registration is at 5:00PM and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable at registration. The tournament starts at 7:00PM with a double elimination format. Rules will be passed out at registration. For more information or to sponsor a board, please contact Brian at bubbarich63@yahoo.com. Your musical entertainment will be provided by Stupidville starting at 7:00PM.

The Johnsburg Lions Club takes over on Saturday, Sept. 10th for the 10th Annual Banjo Beer Night. The festivities will start at 5:00PM. Your feet will be tapping to two bands this year - Valentine will take the stage at 6:00PM, followed by the Gooroos at 8:30PM. Don't forget to bring your appetite as there will be plenty of burgers, brats, hot dogs and fresh sweet corn on the cob roasting on the grill. The event includes a raffle and some frosty beverages to beat the heat.



On Sunday, Sept. 11th the 44th Annual Saufen und Spiel Parade will start at 12:30PM at the Johnsburg Village Hall. See route below. Find yourself a good seat along the route and enjoy all the various entries, then head over to the Community Club for a fun filled day. As always there will be a variety of food and beverages provided by our area restaurateurs and local organizations. There will also be games for kids of all ages, and dancing to the live music of Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band from 2:30PM to 6:30PM.

The finale of the day's festivities will be the ever popular Cow Drop Raffle (down wind of the rest of the activities). Raffle tickets will be limited and are available by contacting Brad Schwagerman at Brad.floyd64@gmail.com. Get them early... they go fast. For more information on the parade route and Saufen und Spiel, go to: www.johnsburgcommunityclub.com or call Brian Rich at 815-482-4594.





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



I hope you are enjoying your summer spending time with family and friends. The best part of being a Johnsburg resident is that the fun does not have to end with summer. Autumn will soon be upon us and the Village and the Community Affairs Committee have planned some wonderful events and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Before I get into some of the upcoming events this fall, I want to take time to congratulate Mr. Tom Fuchs for celebrating 40 years as owner and operator of the Oak Park Lounge on August 1st, 2016. I hope you were able to enjoy his fireworks display over Pistakee Bay on July 3rd. Thank you Tom, sons Don and Greg and their friends, the members of the Pistakee Bay fireworks committee and the members of our community who donated the monies needed to make this Fourth of July's display incredible! THANK YOU TOM for your continued support of our community!

While planning your fall family events, don't forget our annual community traditions, beginning with the weekend of September 9th - 11th mark your calendars for the annual Saufen und Spiel festivities. Join your neighbors and friends for a weekend of games, fellowship, good food, beverages, music and the parade during Saufen und Spiel weekend. See the front page article for more information about this event. Don't forget to purchase your cow drop raffle tickets in advance as they are quick to sell out. Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Johnsburg Community Men's Club, Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lions Club for their hard work in making this event more successful each year.

On October 1st, 2016, join the Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee for the 10th Annual Celebration in the Park event. The Committee is busy working to secure donations from businesses and organizations to help fund the event. All contributions are greatly appreciated for without them we would be unable to host this community event. If you are interested in donating, contact Timothy Haynes at the Village Hall at 815-385-6023. Read the article on page 5 for more information regarding Celebration in the Park.

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The Johnsburg VFW Post 1146, with the help of the Johnsburg Community Club and Johnsburg Lions Club, conducted another memorable Memorial Day event on May 30th honoring our area Veterans. I am always moved by the outpouring of support exhibited by our community for the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. I'd like to thank Mario and Joan Arcari, owners of the Waterfront Hotel & Marina for hosting the wreath ceremony and our Johnsburg Police Explorers for an excellent job helping with traffic. Our Johnsburg High School Band showed they are second to none. Their performance year after year is a true demonstration of our youth being grateful for the freedoms they have. A special thank you to Johnsburg Walmart and Angelo's Market for their donation of food, pop and water for this event; Joe and Kathy Huemann of Huemann Water Conditioning, John and Jeff Huemann and Jeni Huemann Hopp of Joseph H. Huemann and Sons Well Drilling, Tracy and Tom Benck of Westside Tractor Sales, and Emily and Jason Konrad of Konrad Construction, for their annual cash donation for miscellaneous expenses.; Dan Bitton for an amazing demonstration of helicopter piloting for the wreath drop; Claude Sunday, owner of Galt Airport for the airplanes provided for the flyover and Danny Hall for flying one of the planes and organizing the flyover. If I missed anyone please contact me. I am truly proud of the fact we are a Red, White & Blue Community.

On May 20th, the Johnsburg Police Department once again participated in "Cop on Top", a fundraising program to raise funds for Special Olympics. Johnsburg police officers donated their time for the cause. To date, more than \$13,000 has been raised for this important program.

On June 8th, the Johnsburg Area Business Association (JABA) hosted the 6th Annual State of the Village dinner at the Pistakee Yacht Club. Business owners from around the community attended a presentation of this past year's accomplishments and the Village's goals for the coming year. I would like to thank JABA President Rick Bierman and the organizing committee consisting of Mr. Joshua Hagen, Mrs. Debbie Adams and Trustee John Huemann for all of their hard work in coordinating the event. View the full presentation on the Village's website at www.johnsburg.org.

The Dancing under the Stars event held June 24th at Rescue Squad Memorial Park provided a great opportunity for residents to socialize and have fun with friends and families. I would like to give a special thanks to the Community Affairs Committee for their hard work and great planning skills, as they continue to give the community fun and memorable events to enjoy throughout the year.

On the 27th of July the Village of Johnsburg hosted the McHenry County Council of Governments dinner meeting at the Pistakee Yacht Club. The event was attended by many government leaders and business owners throughout McHenry County who get together each month to address matters affecting local governments. The July event included a boat cruise of the Pistakee Bay/Fox River area. Village leaders discussed the history and significance of these waterways to the region and the positive impact Johnsburg's wastewater treatment project has on cleaning up the waterways. At the conclusion of the event, we sought resolutions from the Council of Governments and McHenry County communities in support of our efforts to obtain funding assistance for the Village's wastewater treatment collection system.

On August 5, 2016 the Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee hosted the first Movie in the Park event. It was great to see parents and children sharing snacks, blankets, and chairs as our community came out on a warm summer night to enjoy the family friendly movie "Rio". It brings me great joy seeing our community come together and care for one another.

Many of you may have noticed that the Community Event's sign at the Library is not functioning. I am happy to report that the Village Board will be approving the replacement of the sign with a new LED sign within the next couple of weeks. We were very fortunate to get many years out of the existing sign which was so generously donated by the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired. I thank them for their generosity.

Once again I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Village President, and if you have any Village or a Community concern please do not hesitate to call.

In closing, I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and that you have an opportunity to come out with family and friends to enjoy some of our upcoming community events.

Respectfully,
Edwin P. Hettermann
Village President



Don't 'Fall' for Fall Allergies



For some, brightly colored leaves are a signal that fall is here, but for those sensitive to allergens, there's a clearer sign that autumn has arrived: allergy symptoms.

According to the National University of Health Sciences, ragweed is one of the top triggers of hay fever symptoms in the United States. It often gives millions of people runny noses and watery eyes. Additional allergens flourish in the fall from trees and grasses that pollinate in autumn, such as elms and mold growing in moist soil, vegetation, fallen leaves and gutters.

Here are some tips to help reduce fall allergens from getting out of hand:

- Change your air filter. Fall is when some homeowners turn their furnace on after months of it sitting idle. While it isn't in use, heating and cooling systems can accumulate dust and other particles. Before you turn on your HVAC system, install a new filter to keep that accumulated dust from kicking back into your air. You may also wish to use a special filter to help capture allergens like mold spores, pollen and dust from the air passing through the filter.
- Wear a mask for outdoor chores. Pollen and mold spores can accumulate in fallen leaves and damp grass. When raking or mowing, wear a face mask. Consider reducing your outdoor activities on dry and windy days when airborne allergens could be at their peak.
- After a day outdoors, hit the showers. Pollen can sometimes accumulate on your skin, hair and clothing. If you spend more than an hour or so outdoors, showering and changing clothes may help reduce allergens.
- Do a garden cleanup. To help reduce mold spores that may enter your home, remove any leaves, clippings and compost from around the edges of your property. Removing tree branches and brush hanging closest to windows and doors may also help. If you want to re-pot indoor plants before fall weather arrives, do the dirty work outside.
- Keep windows and doors closed. You may want to air out your house as the hot summer air cools. For many people with sensitivities to airborne particles, fall breezes may cause sneezes. Keeping windows and doors shut may help.

If all else fails, wait for the first frost. In markets with cooler climates, frost can freeze out one of fall's worst allergens—ragweed—for the season.



Fall Driving Tips

Fall driving can be unpredictable not only because of weather changes but the end of daylight saving time as well.

The end of daylight saving time means reduced visibility on the roads, which can create unfamiliar driving conditions. Even on familiar roads, it's important that you use additional caution and adjust your driving habits to watch for pedestrians, cyclists and other roadway users who will be less visible, especially during the first week of the change.



With the change in time, you may need to adjust to the different morning or late afternoon glare from the sun. The glare can cause reflections off car windows and hoods and decrease your visibility. Have a good pair of sunglasses readily available to counter daytime glare, and consider lenses with anti-reflective coating to reduce glare when night driving can't be avoided.

Fall often brings rainfall, which can decrease visibility and cause hydroplaning. Make sure your windshield wipers are in good working condition. If driving on a road with excess water, slow down and avoid sudden movements with

the steering wheel or brake pedal. If you feel like you're floating, steer straight and gently release the gas pedal until you feel the tires make contact with road surface. In an especially heavy downpour, you may want to pull off the road until it's safe to continue. With frequent weather and temperatures changes, tires can expand and contract, causing them to lose air pressure. Make sure tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

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Fall Events at the Johnsburg Public Library



Meet the Moon
Thurs., Sept. 8,
7:00-9:00 p.m.
(weather permitting!)

This event is presented by the Lake County Astronomical Society. You'll view

the moon and other objects in the night sky using sophisticated telescopes. Visitors are welcome to view at any time and stay as long as they like. This event is for all ages, but children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall New Book Sneak Peek Event
Thurs., Sept. 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet a Random House marketing representative who will be giving the inside scoop on upcoming Adult and Young Adult books. All attendees receive free book samplers, catalogs, and a "Keep Calm and Read On" tote bag. Lots of other goodies will be raffled off. Advance registration is required and begins Sept. 1.

Big Run Wolf Ranch Wildlife Presentation
Sat., Oct. 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This non-profit specializes in the education and conservation of North American wildlife. See a program with live animals, including a wolf, that will entertain and educate. Advance registration is required and begins Sept. 12.

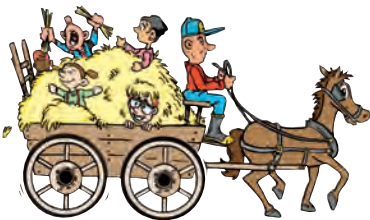
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www.johnsburglibrary.org, or call the library. A complete listing of events for children and adults can be found on the library's Calendar of Events page.

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Celebration in the Park

The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs Committee are busy making arrangements for this year's Celebration in the Park event. If you are not familiar with this celebration you are missing one of Johnsburg's most popular events, enjoyed by all ages! Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a fun filled evening with live music, delicious food and cold beverages. There will also be games, hayrides and FIREWORKS! This is truly a community celebration!



This year's Celebration in the Park event will take place on ***Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 at Sunnyside Memorial Park beginning at 5:00 p.m.*** We are very grateful to all of the generous contributors who make this event possible. Donations, in any amount, from individuals, groups or businesses are still needed and would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to contribute to this event, please contact the Village Hall at 815 385-6023



We look forward to seeing our residents, families and friends Celebrate In The Park!

Fall Brush Pickup

The Johnsburg Public Works Department will be conducting its annual **fall brush pickup beginning September 19th, 2016**. All brush must be placed by the road no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, the 19th of September. 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. Branches should be a minimum of 4 feet in length to be safely placed in the chipper 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.



Distracted Walking



With more and more children and teenagers owning digital devices, it is crucial that children understand the importance of pedestrian safety. 61 children are hit by cars every day in the United States. As children prepare for the new school year, they need to learn and practice basic safety tips while walking to and from school, around school buses and cars, and going to other activities. While it's important to keep these rules in mind during the school year, they should be practiced at all times.

- Do not walk, talk and text.
- If you have to talk or text, move out of the way of others and to the side of the walkway.
- Do not cross or walk in the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in congested areas.

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Village of Johnsburg Public Works Department

Have you ever wondered what the Public Works department does for our community? To start with, here are a few areas they are responsible for:

- Fifty miles of road, with the related guardrails, road striping, street lights, curbing, signs, trees, pavement, storm water management system, driveway aprons
- Waste Water Treatment Plant, lift stations and sewer mains
- Highway and construction equipment, including a backhoe, front end loader, a road sweeper, dump trucks, pick up trucks, sidewalk plows and tractors, lawn tractors and mowers, and all the related hand tools that make getting the work done possible

Sometimes their efforts are obvious, everyone is familiar with... and loves... seeing the Public Works team out and about during a snowstorm. But they also provide maintenance and repair services to the police squad cars, Village trucks and equipment and support all our wonderful community events with setting up and tear down.



Below is a partial list of other Public Works Department responsibilities:

- Road patching and shoring the edges to extend the life of the road
- Maintain wells, sewer & lift stations
- Flush fire hydrants
- Maintain parks & play grounds
- Maintain street signage
- Hang flower baskets, flags & seasonal banners and decorations
- Maintain roadside drainage ditches
- Maintain parks and bathroom
- Obtained CPR and AED certification
- Maintain streets, shoulders & right of way
- Read water meters
- Order salt for winter
- Clean culverts of tree limbs and trash and replace culverts as needed
- Street & sidewalk sweeping
- Spring and fall brush pickup
- Trim branches by signs and guardrails
- JULIE locates

The Johnsburg Public Works Department strives to construct, maintain, operate and design public infrastructure in an efficient and effective manner. They do this to protect the public safety as well as enhance the quality of life for people who live in the Village of Johnsburg. They have a moving forward approach, leaving no roads, buildings or opportunities for improvement left behind.

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Village of Johnsburg Participates in “Walk to School Day”

Johnsburg Elementary, Johnsburg Junior High and St. John the Baptist schools will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 5, 2016. Students from these schools will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. The Walk to School Day event is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states.



Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community. For additional information, please contact the Village Hall, 815-385-6023 or visit www.walktoschool.org.

Halloween Safety



Halloween is not only a busy night for children but for adults as well. There are many precautions that can be taken to have a safe and fun night.

An easy way to deter potential problems is to make sure your house and your property are well lit. Light is one of the biggest deterrents for burglaries. Suspects will most likely choose a dark residence over one that has clear visibility at night.

Extra caution needs to be taken while driving on Halloween not only during the night but during the day as well. Children tend to be pre-occupied with everything going on around them and not paying attention to crossing roads safely with parents or in a crosswalk. If you are the parent of a trick-or-treater, please remind them of road safety and to watch out for cars when crossing the road. Choose paths that are lighted and are familiar to you and your child.

Other things to consider are:

- If you set jack-o'-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that children's costumes will not accidentally be set on fire. Better yet, use battery-operated pumpkin lights.
- Carry your cell phone and a flashlight.
- Explain to your children that you need to check their candy before the eat any of it.
- Make sure their costume does not restrict their movement or vision.
- If your child will be carrying a prop such as a pitchfork or sword, make sure the tips are flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Never carry real weapons.
- Tell your children to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- Make sure you set a time for your children to be home and stress the importance for them to be home at that time.
- Control your pets: don't take a chance that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.

Trick or Treat Hours - October 31st 3PM - 7PM

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

is looking for **SOME GREAT VOLUNTEERS**

The Village of Johnsburg's Community Affairs Committee organizes social events sponsored by the Village, and oversees the village parks usage and development. This committee is led by Village Trustee Tom Curry, and the members include: Ken Calhoun, Cherri Dori, Lisa Kuna, Steve Link, Jill McEvoy, and John O'Brien.

Currently the committee is looking for volunteers to help with events. To date we have the following events on our schedule:

- Family Skate Night - This is held on the 3rd Saturday in January late afternoon thru early evening at the skating rink located at Rescue Squad Memorial Park behind the Johnsburg Community Club. This is a family centered evening. Organization includes, advertising, rink prep, bonfire set up, hot chocolate and cookie service.
- Easter Egg Hunt - This is held on the Saturday morning before Easter at Sunnyside Memorial Park. Organization includes, initial meeting, advertising, purchasing plastic eggs and filling them, and then hiding them on the day of the event, and organizing a visit from the Easter Bunny. The event has various hunts according to age groups.
- Wine/Brew Tasting - This event will be held on the 1st Friday in August. The tasting is held in the evening and is a social event for the adults in the community. The event is also held at Rescue Squad Memorial Park. Organization includes, initial planning, meeting with vendors, musician booking, advertising, ticket sales, park prep and decorating, equipment rentals, check in, clean up.
- Celebration in the Park - This event is held on the first Saturday in October at Sunnyside Memorial Park. This is a family centered event. It usually runs from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Organization includes, initial planning, booking musicians, booking fireworks, meeting and working with vendors for refreshments, coordinating with the Lions club for a beer tent, ordering rentals, organizing children's activities, advertising, setting up and decorating the park, and clean up.
- Holiday Magic - This is held in the evening on the 1st Friday in December at the Johnsburg Community Club. It is a family centered party focusing on children. Organization includes initial planning meeting, decorating the hall, organizing crafts for children, working with a vendor for refreshments, providing cookies and punch, booking music, working with Toys for Tots for donations, and booking that very special visitor.

Discussion for future events are:

- Movies in the Park to be held at Hiller Park on summer evenings
- Music in the Park to be held at Rescue Squad Memorial Park on summer evenings

As you can see, this committee has a lot of responsibility and many tasks to complete. Please consider volunteering to help with an event or two. We would appreciate hearing from you and enlisting your time and talents. Please contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 and a committee member will contact you very soon.

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Beware of scammers making unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS or in a new twist, Treasury Department officials, who use the threat of legal action if you do not pay immediately. That is a sign that it is not the IRS calling, and your cue to hang up. Again, do not engage with these callers. If they call you, hang up the telephone. They may also leave “urgent” callback requests through phone “robo-calls,” or via a phishing email.



Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim’s name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

THE IRS WILL NEVER:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

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- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their “IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting” web page or call 800-366-4484.
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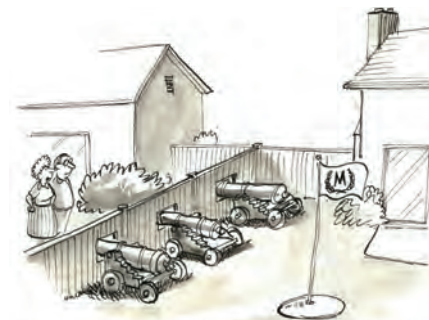
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How to Be a Good Neighbor

Being on bad terms with your neighbor can make your life frustrating. But taking the time to establish good terms with your neighbors has numerous benefits. The community will be friendlier, the neighborhood safer, and the area a nicer and more comfortable place to live. Below are some helpful tips.



"Have we done something to upset the neighbors?"

- Introduce yourself. Whether you're new in the neighborhood or new residents have just moved in on your block, introduce yourself. Say hello, offer a welcoming gift (the classic homemade pie never fails) and share or ask about the local area: "Where's the nearest pizzeria?" or "Does the garbage truck come on Fridays?"
- Consider your neighbors' lifestyle. Get to know your neighbors--what they do for a living, what their schedules might be like, and so on. Sometimes, you can remedy problems before they even start; for example, if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them. Similarly, give them information that'll help them be more considerate of your lifestyle. If you do a lot of yard work, or if your teenage son plays the drums, let them know in advance and mention that if it's getting too loud, they shouldn't hesitate to let you know.
- Control your dog and keep your dog on a leash. If you have a particularly noisy dog, this may also become a source of contention. Imagine how upset you'd be if you were woken by the sudden yapping of a nearby dog. If there are problems controlling your dog's barking or whining, consider seeking advice from your local vet or a local animal organization.
- When you park your vehicle, be sure not to block anyone's access, or make them have to pull out of a very tight spot. Park in front of your home, not theirs. Avoid slamming your doors or shining your headlights into your neighbor's windows.
- If you're planning a party give your neighbors a heads up, letting them know when it's going to start and how long you expect it to go on. If you get on well with your neighbors, why not invite them too?
- Keep your yard and garden tidy. Weed your garden regularly, because the presence of weeds is not only unsightly but can also spread to your neighbor's yard. Mow your lawn regularly and keep your flowers, trees and bushes trimmed appropriately.
- Only put your garbage cans out on the day or evening before scheduled garbage pick-up. If you missed the collection, bring it back onto your property. Garbage can attract vermin, insects, and other pests, and is also unsightly. Keep your trash area clean and debris free. Wash your garbage cans if they begin to smell.
- Communicate with your neighbor. Above all, touch base with your neighbors regularly. Remember the golden rule and if anything you are planning to do may affect them, minimize it and let them know in advance. Keep the channels of communication open by reminding them that if you're doing anything which disturbs to please let you know.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eye on anyone you don't know acting suspiciously in your neighborhood. When in doubt, call the police.
- If you hear of any neighborhood news (events, crimes, special garbage pickups, special event parking restrictions, etc.) give them a heads-up.
- If you have a snow blower and they don't, spend that extra 60 seconds to clear their walkway. It will save them 60 minutes of hard work and they'll be grateful!

"When strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are reinvigorated."

- Ralph Nader



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