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SOME BUNNY needs to help keep SHOES out of the landfill!
When your paws need new footwear, bring the old ones to the Village Hall where SWALCO has placed a collection box for recycling used shoes of any shape and kind. Collection will run through May 19th, Village Clean Up Day. Roller blades, ice skates and winter boots are not accepted.

March & April 2018 Newsletter

****SPRUCING UP FOR SPRING!** –*Trustee Vogeler, Building & Zoning*

Many consider spring as a time for sprucing up their property. The Village of Port Barrington shares with you the common goal of enhancing the value of your property. While there are many owners and tenants that do a fantastic job of maintaining their property, there are several properties that require some attention. Since you may not be aware of the specific requirements of the Village Code, please note the following:

Prohibited Activity	Corrective Measures
Storage of trash and other debris, even if related to on-site construction	Provide for proper storage and removal of garbage, debris, landscape waste and other materials.
Storage of damaged or under repair vehicles, trailers, boats, or similar items.	Any such items must be stored within enclosed garage or removed. The Village does not permit outside storage of any vehicles that are under repair, are inoperable, or are not properly licensed.
Temporary storage units, such as storage tents or "pods" are allowed BY PERMIT ONLY and for a length of less than 30 days within any 12 month period.	Contact the Village Building & Zoning Department to apply for a permit or learn of other requirements
Homes in disrepair / alterations without a permit	Homes must be in good repair including, but not limited to, roofing, soffits and siding. Please see the Village Building & Zoning Department for regulations and required permits. Fence, deck and pool installations and any building alterations or additions require permits. Many HOAs require approval also.
Open burning / un-kept landscaping	Open burning is not allowed unless 100' from an inhabited structure, 50' from an uninhabited structure. No burning of construction materials or other debris. NEVER burn in a ditch line along the roadway. Grass must remain mowed < 10"
Bringing topsoil or any fill into the Village	Strict floodplain rules apply to many areas of the Village. Therefore, topsoil or fill of any kind must require a permit. From the Building & Zoning Department.
Use of driveway/parking lot sealants containing coal tar	Coal tar has been banned for use within our Village as part of our water protection program. Use sealants free from coal tar, a known carcinogen. Please make those you contract are aware.

The Village Building and Zoning Department and its Code Enforcement Officers review our neighborhoods on a continuous basis. Especially in spring, they will be out to catalog violations and take any actions necessary to bring properties up to code and looking great! Please refer to the Village Code at www.portbarrington.net. Click the "Codes and Regulations" drop-down menu to reach the "Ordinances" section. John Howard, our Village Building and Zoning Officer, is in his office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4PM or by appointment to help you with your property needs. (847-639-0498, bz@portbarrington.net) Our Code Enforcement Officers, through an intergovernmental agreement with Wauconda, have varying patrol hours.

Put a **SPRING** in your step with the REC Committee's Annual **Village Egg Hunt**: Hermann Park, Saturday, March 31st! **Events begin at 11:00AM, sharp! Kids age 10 and under**—bring a basket to collect as many eggs as you can! **All ages**—wear your best decorated bonnet or hat to compete for a prize. Bring your camera and take a picture with our Bunny! Contests and fun! This is a **FREE** event with a donation of non-perishable food items or paper products for the Wauconda Food Pantry!



Kids! Color the dino & egg and send your creation to the Village Hall where it will be displayed and then entered into a drawing for prizes at the Egg Hunt. OR bring it with you the day of the Hunt!

NAME THAT DINOSAUR! WE HAVE A DINOSAUR IN OUR PARK!

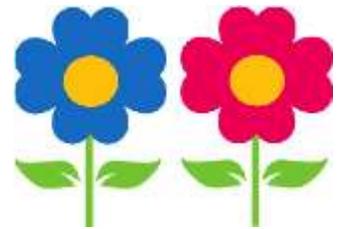
Hermann Park will be home to a dino-mite piece of play equipment this spring and Trustee Dawn Cillo needs your help giving it a name! Write your suggested name here and turn in to the Village Hall with your coloring page. OR email your idea to the Village Hall. The winner will be decided at the April 18th Village Board Meeting and announced in the next newsletter!

"I think the Hermann Park Dinosaur should be named....."

because:

Your Name _____

Age _____ Email _____



“Trash Talkin” -Trustee John Grothendick, Health & Safety Committee

Welcome to “Trash Talkin”; a series of articles written to raise awareness of the need for all of us to minimize our disposable and maximize our reusable everyday products. We want to provide information on what can be recycled, how, and where, along with how and where to dispose of products that are hazardous to the environment. We’d also like to call your attention to upcoming local events that promote this type of activity along with updates on what we in Port Barrington are doing. By doing this, we hope to turn these actions into practice, making our village a cleaner and safer place to live.



Why should we care? There are a number of reasons; some more immediate than others. What follows are just a few of them.



The Bad

- Space. According to the Illinois EPA, we have 2 remaining landfill sites in our serving area. One is located in Zion, the other in Grayslake. The last IEAP Landfill Capacity Report shows these landfills at about 90% capacity as of July 2017. There are no other future landfill sites in the area. We are running out of space for trash.
- Time. In this report, the IEPA projects the average remaining lifespan of these sites to be around 8.4 years. We are running out of time.
- Money. When the 2 sites reach capacity, our local waste haulers will be forced to drive to other more remote sites or pay higher rates for loads delivered to transfer stations, which in turn haul combined truckloads to these remote sites. All this will cost them... and us more money.

The Good

- Money. Port Barrington, along with other local communities, gets reimbursed a percentage of revenue derived from the recycled items and materials that are collected by our waste hauler. Prairieland reports the weight of the recyclables they take through SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) and they in turn, give money back to the village. We make money that we can apply to services and improvements. The more we recycle, the more money we make.
- More money. Indirectly, we save money in the long run by purchasing recycled products. Energy and resource savings affect overall product pricing on the store shelves. Speaking of stores, more and more communities and counties are looking at or putting in place, surcharges on plastic bags for groceries. Using reusable tote bags saves money as well.
- Tangible Intangibles. It may not be right in our faces, but the more we recycle and use recycled products, the better our water and air becomes. Natural resources are conserved and energy is saved.

COMING NEXT ISSUE – Recycling: What, where, how...and some things you may not be aware of.

For police emergencies, DIAL 9-1-1. For other police matters call:
McHenry County Sheriff 815-338-2144
Lake County Sheriff 847-549-5200
For Code Enforcement: Call Wauconda PD and ask for the Port Barrington Code Enforcement Officer 847-2421, x 8152 or Port Barrington Building Department at 847-639-0498.

Leash Law....Every so often we are asked to remind folks to keep their pets on a leash. By Village Ordinance, all animals must be controlled by a leash or tether when outdoors. Owners must also clean up after their animals for obvious health reasons as well as to keep our ground water pure and our waterways free from green! Run off from pet waste makes water impure and adds fertilizer to runoff, spurring algae growth in our channels and ponds.

Please be considerate pet owners!

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Annual Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 31st -11AM
Hermann Park.

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4PB Seniors Club

Thursday April 5th trip to Brunch Café
in Fox River Grove

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Arbor Day Planting

Friday, April 27th

Contact the Village Hall to help

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Neighborhood Breakfast Walk

Saturday, April 28th, 9AM

Meet at the Village Hall to walk to the Broken Oar for breakfast!

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Annual Community Garage Sales

May 11th & 12th

8AM-3PM

Call the Village Hall to Register—Free-will \$5 donation helps with advertising.

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Annual Village Clean Up

& Adopt-a-Highway

Saturday, May 19th, 8AM-Noon

Volunteers needed!

TNR Update The Port Barrington Trap, Neuter, Release Program began in response to the gaining numbers of **feral (wild) cats** in the neighborhood at that time. Its goal: to reduce and someday eliminate feral cat overpopulation and to educate the public on feral cat issues and prevention. In the TNR program, cats are trapped, taken to a vet for a health check, sterilization and vaccination, and then returned to the point of capture. Kittens or tame-able adult cats are placed in foster homes to be socialized and are adopted out to good homes. Its goal has been reached but must be ongoing. The TNR program is desperately in need of volunteers to transport or foster animals & to raise funds to help keep the program going. Please call the Village Hall if you are interested in helping



Looking for a little homework help or just a friendly place to settle in and get it all done?

STOP BY THE HOMEWORK CLUB!

We'll bring the supplies and snacks, you bring the school work.

Get help from local volunteers, guest tutors, and educators.

Students must be signed in and out.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 4:30PM-5:30PM

CONTINUES WEDNESDAYS 4/18/18, 5/2/18, 5/16/18

Blue Heron Community Room

69 S. Circle Avenue, Port Barrington

Free! Open to Port Barrington residents only.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PORT BARRINGTON R.E.C. COMMITTEE

Rating May Reduce Insurance Costs

The Wauconda Fire district received an improved rating in fire suppression, fire prevention, training, dispatch services and water systems last summer. The rating scale goes from 1 to 10, with a rating of 1 being the best rating that can be achieved. The Fire District was previously rated as a 5 in non-hydranted areas and a 4 in areas with hydrants. The new rating is a 3 in all areas, placing the District in the top 6% of fire departments in Illinois. Residents and businesses should reach out to their insurance companies to see if any discounts are available based upon this new rating. Thank you to Wauconda Fire District, Public Works Department and Lake Zurich Dispatch. These agencies work very hard to continue improving safety throughout our Fire District.

the Arbor Day Foundation

The Village of Port Barrington has earned recognition as a 2017 Tree City USA and for receiving a Growth Award. "Residents of Port Barrington should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority" improving our air, water and quality of life. Thank you, especially, to Trustees Dave Corrigan and Keith Vogeler for their work in achieving this honor for the fourth year in a row.



Hoppy Times Ahead!
Details inside!