

# 2018 Holiday Newsletter

## Village Tree Lighting, Bon Fire & Craft Fair!!

**On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, light up the holiday season at Hermann Park as the REC Committee holds a tree-lighting party! **Shop local art and goodies inside the Blue Heron Community Room from 5:00-8:00PM!** A **bonfire** will be lit at **6:00PM** We'll have popcorn, how **FREE** hot chocolate & s'mores for all and a small gift for kids! **The Village Tree will be lit at 7:00PM** amid cheers from all!

### *A Letter from the President:*

It's been a busy year here in Port Barrington. We finished a badly needed road project, remodeled the outside of both the Village Hall and the Community Center, picked up through tax sales several new properties to help mitigate flood waters, and expanded our parks and open spaces.

Another area that we have seen real progress in this year was our relationship with the Village of Wauconda and more specifically, the Wauconda Police Department. For the past twenty plus years, ordinance enforcement has been inconsistent and lacked follow-through. The code enforcement officers of Wauconda have been able to give an objective, consistent view of ordinance enforcement that does not rely on personal relationships, how long a person has lived in Port Barrington, or if they have "friends". To these officers, everyone is equal under the law – as it should be.

The process of ordinance enforcement is simple: Code enforcement comes out and writes a 7-day warning ticket that the resident is not in compliance with an ordinance. That resident is told what they need to do to correct the issue to be in compliance (sometimes it means a trip in to see Frank at building and zoning). After the seven days, if the issue has not been corrected a citation will be issued. This citation will give the resident a date and time to appear before the adjudication hearing officer in Wauconda. At the hearing, if the issue is still not resolved, the resident and "plead" their case to the judge directly, ask for more time or explain why they believe they are in compliance and were given a citation in error.

This process of ordinance enforcement benefits everyone. The median market price for a home in Port Barrington is \$289,000. We would like this trend to continue and hopefully expand. This is a municipality, not unincorporated McHenry County. Rules and regulations govern all of us within the Village limits, and these ordinances are not new.

In the coming months the village newsletters will give updates on common ordinance violations. The complete list of ordinances can be found at [www.portbarrington.net](http://www.portbarrington.net). Village meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7PM and past meeting minutes can be found on-line. I encourage all residents to visit the website and review the ordinances. Specific questions regarding a particular property can be emailed to the trustee in charge of code enforcement, Dan Herstedt, [trusteeherstedt@portbarrington.net](mailto:trusteeherstedt@portbarrington.net) or to Frank Desort in Building and Zoning, [bz@portbarrington.net](mailto:bz@portbarrington.net)  
Thank you, and have a wonderful holiday season!

The Village of  
**Port Barrington**

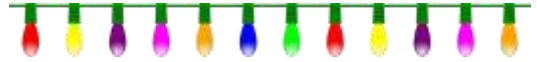
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### **Little Free Library**

#### **Coming Soon.....**

**Little Free Library** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization <sup>[1]</sup> that aims to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. More than 75,000 public book exchanges are registered with the organization and branded as Little Free Libraries. Port Barrington residents Zak Koziak and his daughter Autumn took on the request of building a Little Free Library for Port Barrington using scrap materials from our Village Hall renovation! It will soon be registered as an official Little Free Library and installed in front of the Village Hall. Like other public book exchanges, a passerby can take a book to read or leave one for someone else to find. THANK YOU so much, Zak and Autumn, for your gifts of caring and sharing!

**The Village Hall and Blue Heron Room were recently given a "facelift" with new roofs & siding. It was long over-due since its construction in 1976 when it was originally built with all volunteer labor! Thank you, Trustee Vogeler, for heading up this much needed project!**

**Happy Holidays  
and Peace to all!**



**Christmas Tree Pick-up**

Christmas trees can be set out by your curb for pick up by our waste hauler, Prairieland Recycling & Disposal Services, on regularly scheduled pick up days the first two weeks in January for no additional charge. Trees must be free of decorations and must not be bagged. Or, you may recycle your tree by taking it to:



- Lake Co. Forest Preserve District at Lakewood Forest Preserve on Rte.176 in Wauconda from 12/26/18 thru 2/1/19. Trees are chipped and used for trail maintenance.
- McHenry Co. Conservation District at the Algonquin Township building on Rte. 14 in Cary from 12/26/18 thru 1/15/19. Trees are processed into mulch that will be available free of charge at a later date.

**Holiday Lights Recycling**

Right outside the Village Hall is a bin for your fried-out holiday lights and extension cords. Make Santa happy and keep them out of the landfills!

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**The Village Hall is a  
Toys for Tots   
drop box location!**

New, unwrapped toys will continue to be collected thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember those in need this holiday season! **Wauconda Food Pantry donations accepted, too!**

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Stop by the Homework Club!  
**1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 4:30PM**  
We'll bring the supplies and snacks, you bring the school work.  
Get FREE help from local volunteers, guest tutors, and educators.

Blue Heron Community Room  
Open to Port Barrington residents only.

Brought to you by the REC Committee  
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:  
[GLAMB4@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GLAMB4@GMAIL.COM)

Thank you to *Mathnasium* of Wauconda

**Offices for three Village Trustee positions are up for Election in April 2019.**

If you are interested, petition packets are available at the Village Hall and on county and state websites. The filing period for petitions to run for office is

**December 10<sup>th</sup>--December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact the Village Hall for hours.

Incumbent Trustees Dawn Cillo, Ryan Thomasson and Keith Vogeler plan to run for re-election at this time. For more information reference the

Candidate Guide at

[www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)

**Chili Cook-off Results**



There was a chill in the air and chili with the Bears!! Our local Pro Judges volunteered their discriminating taste buds to determine the best of 18 entered chilies! Thank you, Rob Wojcicki from the Broken Oar, Angie Krcmar representing Hermann's Rest-a-While, and Eric Gomez from No Wake Bar & Grill for the following consensus:

**Best Judged Chili**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Chili.....Rich Aylward
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chili..... Dan Disclafani
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chili.....Cindy Waltenspiel

**People's Choice Best Chili Award**

Dan Disclafani

**People's Choice Apple Dessert Contest**

Taylor Tryba

Food donations were collected to support Wauconda Food Pantry at the event. Thank you to all who participated and to all the REC Committee volunteers, especially to Co-Chairs Suzi Gammon & Jen Jurkowski!

**When the Snow Flies.....**

Snow is part of winter (and sometimes, Fall!) Our Village plow-team has been repeatedly commended over the years. You cooperation has helped! Please be aware that our ordinances prohibit parking on any Village road overnight, parking on cul-de-sacs *at any time* and parking along Village roads after snowfall accumulation of 2 inches or more. Please be sure to remove any decorative items from near the edge of the roadway, such as planters or decorative rock. **To ensure safe driving conditions, please make sure that the snow removed from your driveway isn't shoveled, pushed, or blown into the roadway.** The obstruction this snow creates might lead to an accident. Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from in front of your mailbox so that mail carriers have clear access.



Since all streets can't be plowed at the same time after it snows, there is a priority schedule that generally applies to all Village maintained roads. School bus routed roads and intersections are cleared first, primary collector streets are next, followed by cul-de-sacs and dead-ends. Please be patient! Public Works continues to use the latest technology in the application of brine solution to minimize and make the most out of road salt use.

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*Sleigh bells Ring*  .....*Please listen:*

**Village Tree Lighting:** Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Come to Hermann Park—5-8PM Craft Sale, 6PM Bonfire, 7:00PM Tree lighting. *Free* hot chocolate & s'mores and glow sticks for kids! More info inside this newsletter....

**Annual Village Santa Parade & Party** is on Sunday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The parade starts from Fox Trail Park at 12:30PM. **Village Santa Party** following the parade at the Village Hall!! Parade route map inside this flyer! **Santa is looking for a lucky child to ride along in his sleigh for the Parade again this year. Color the parade map and flyer in this newsletter and get it to the Village Hall to be entered in the drawing by December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon!** The winner may choose a parent or friend to ride along with them in Santa's sleigh!

Calling all Businesses, HOAs, & Residents! Please consider having an entry in the Parade! Decorate a vehicle or add a festive sign –it's great fun to ride and good PR! Contact the Village Hall for info!



**17<sup>th</sup> Annual House Lighting Contest**-Deck those halls and a winner will be declared in each neighborhood during the week of **December 17<sup>th</sup>!!!** Winners will be announced at the 12/23 Santa Party.



**Holiday surprises for senior residents** will be given by the REC Committee Carolers. *Please help Santa by contacting the Village Hall prior to December 14<sup>th</sup> if you know of someone who should be on the list to receive a surprise gift & cheer!* Thank you to REC Committee member Patty Bryant for making this possible.

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**Annual Snowman Contest** will run the entire winter season (ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, if not before! With the early start to winter, maybe we'll have an early Spring!?) Make a snow sculpture in your front yard and contact the Village Hall with your address—or submit a picture of your creation with your address attached to [villagehall@portbarrington.net](mailto:villagehall@portbarrington.net)



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**Santa is coming to our town!**

