



Draining a Swimming Pool or Spa

Hard to believe, but the change of seasons is already just ahead of us. With that comes seasonal maintenance. According to the Lake County Health Department, draining your swimming pool or spa—whether for maintenance, repair, or seasonal purposes—can affect area bodies of water and their ecosystems. “To maintain the integrity of our streams, ponds, lakes or even your own yard, it’s important to deal with the (pool) chemicals responsibly.” They recommend the following steps when draining your pool/spa:

First use a de-chlorinating product (i.e., sodium thiosulfate, calcium thiosulfate), which can be purchased where pool supplies are sold. Always follow the product label for instructions on how much to use for your pool volume.

- Discontinue adding pool chemicals for at least 3 days before draining a pool, but continue to run the filtration system. This will allow some of the chemicals to degrade or evaporate before draining.
- Test for the chlorine or other sanitizer level before draining. The test should indicate no chlorine or other sanitizer in the drainage water.
- Drain onto a grassy surface where water can be filtered as it trickles through the soil/gravel. **DO NOT DRAIN INTO WATERWAYS OR STORM DRAINS!**

Also, keep in mind when planning for next season, that Village permits are required for *all* pools with a depth of 24 inches or more.

Native Plants: Clean water and help prevent flooding!

Without plants or spongy surfaces to soak up water, rain quickly runs across lawns and landscaping. As a result, the water simply runs off, carrying pesticides and sediment and often polluting water sources, along with causing flooding to your property. Planting native plants with their long root systems not only helps filter out pollutants, but can help draw water into the ground more quickly, dispersing floodwaters more quickly. Low lying areas on your property are perfect for “bioswales” or rain gardens to accomplish this. Reduce turf grass that takes time and energy and fuel to maintain! Plant beautiful natives, especially near water, and enjoy colorful maintenance. Depending on your landscaping taste, natives can be incorporated into wild, free-form gardens or a more traditional, tailored garden. Drive by 209 Eastwood Court for a great example of a wonderful, certified, native landscape that is helping reduce flooding and standing water as well as providing good wildlife habitat and beauty!



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 Closed for lunch, Noon-1PM

Village Vehicle Tax

Annual Vehicle Tax is now past due. Please submit any outstanding balances to the online payment site or Village Hall as soon as possible. This added revenue helps maintain roadways, parkways, easements, crosswalks, etc. To be fair to those who diligently pay the Vehicle Tax each year, any outstanding balances will soon be sent to a collection service. Thank you!

Mark your calendars....

Saturday, September 7th
Village Garden Party
Celebrating 50 Years of Village
Incorporation
 See attached flyer

Sunday, October 27th
Halloween Fest
 Halloween Party at the Village
 Hall, 11:30-1PM
 Village Trick-or-Treating,
 1PM-4PM

Saturday, November 9th
Adopt-a-Highway

Sunday, November 10th
Chili Cook-off

Monday, October 28th and
November 18th
Village Leaf pick up by
PrairieLand

Restrictions for Open Burning

McHenry Co. Department of Health (MCDH) reminds residents that burning restrictions are in effect to properly dispose of landscape waste on your property. Landscape waste consists of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves and tree limbs.

WHEN GREATER THAN 100' FROM A HABITABLE STRUCTURE AND 50' FROM A NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURE, BURNING IS ALLOWED WITH THESE RESTRICTIONS:

- Only landscape waste and only on the property where the landscape waste was generated
- Only during the months of April, May, October and November (weekends only)
- Only between dawn and dusk
- Only when the winds are less than 10 mph
- Must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age
- A fire extinguisher, garden hose, or water source must be available by the burning sit



Recreational fires, not larger than 3'x3'x3', and excluding leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings are exempt.

See www.mchenrycountyil.gov or www.lakecountyil.gov and search "open burning"

In areas where there is not a ban or more restrictive ordinance, the County ordinance must be followed. These environmentally sound options are encouraged instead of burning yard waste in any case:

- Reduce/Reuse - Use a mulching mower for grass and leaves or a chipper for branches. Native landscaping will also reduce the need for yard waste.
- Recycle - Composting landscape waste can reduce material volume by 70 - 80% and act as a soil conditioner to improve plant growth
- **Landscape waste** subscriptions for weekly pick up are available through Prairieland and must be renewed annually. If you prefer to pay per-bag, per-can, or per-bundle, stickers are available through Prairieland by phone and they will be mailed to you. They are also available at the Village Hall and LB Mart in Lake Barrington Shores. \$11.25 per sheet of 5.
- Take advantage of the opportunity that Prairieland provides at no extra cost by having leaves vacuumed up and hauled away! There are two opportunities for this: Monday, October 28th and Monday November 18th. For more info see www.prairielanddisposal



Leash Law

We have received many complaints about dogs running at large. 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 keeping our groundwater pure. Fines may be given for non-compliance. PLEASE be considerate pet owners.



Geocaching: Outdoor Scavenger Hunting Coming to Port Barrington

Did you know that millions of treasures are hidden around the world, and only your smartphone (or other gps device) can help you find them? Soon, we'll have some of our own in Port Barrington, recognizing our history as a part of our 50th Anniversary of Incorporation celebrations. Getting active and discovering new places has never been so fun...and it's **free**. Simply download the Geocaching app from the Apple or Google Play store to get started, and watch for our series to become available this fall. You'll discover some of our local parks and a little about our Village history. Happy hunting!



Village Scholarship Awarded

The FY2020 Village Scholarship has been awarded to Emma Vogeler. Applicants were rated on ambition and self-drive evidenced by achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. Congrats and good luck, Emma! Thank you to all who applied! There were fantastic applicants from almost all subdivisions, making the award decision challenging. This annual Village Scholarship will be offered again next spring.

R.E.C. COMMITTEE MAKES A SPLASH WITH SPLASH DAY

As a kid, what's better than cooling off on a hot summer day in your own community park full of sprinklers, pools, giant water slides and water games? Nothin'!! Kids' Splash Day a blast, with over 60 kids in attendance. Thank you, McDonalds in Island Lake, for the discounted burgers enabling the REC Committee to provide a free lunch to keep up the energy levels of those in attendance! Thank you to those bringing in food donations to support the Wauconda Food Pantry and for the monetary donations to the R.E.C. Committee! Splash Day continues to provide summer memories to last a lifetime!

REMINDER TO FLOOD PRONE PROPERTIES:

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers reasonably priced flood insurance to people in flood-prone areas and is administered by FEMA. There are strict rules that must be followed to be in good standing with the NFIP. ANY type of construction, alteration or storage in the floodplain and floodway areas (including, by not limited to, driveways, patios, wood piles, play equipment, and sheds) requires review by state agencies and a watershed development permit from the Village of Port Barrington. Please understand that not doing so can jeopardize insurance rates and availability *for the entire community*.

IN ADDITION:

- No excavating of any type in floodway properties
- No dirt, sand, mulch or fill of any kind is allowed in flood prone properties without approved permits.

For more information, contact the Village Hall or www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/Pages/nfip.aspx

In an emergency, Dial 911

Non-Emergency Contacts:

McHenry County Sheriff: 815-338-2144 Lake

County Sheriff: 847-549-5200

Wauconda Code Enforcement: 847-2421, x 8152

*Port Barrington Building & Zoning Officer
847-639-0498*

SANDBAG DEMO AT

THE VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY!

Meteorologists predict increases in rainfall over the next decade. If you live in a flood-prone area, be proactive and learn how to *correctly* sandbag against potential floodwaters. Trustees John Grothendick and Keith Vogeler will hold a demonstration at this year's annual Garden Party on September 7th where you can get hands-on how-to techniques to protect your property using as little resources as possible.



**Happy 50th Anniversary of Village Incorporation!
Garden Party Celebration September 7th!**