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## **SPRING 2020 VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

### **Breaking News from the Village President's Home**

By Sara Bernabe

Due to recent events, Santa has ordered all magical creatures to report to the North Pole. Mrs. Claus has a recurring cough, causing Santa to put a stay home order into place. Because of this, The Easter Bunny will be unable to make an appearance this year, because he's currently in quarantine with the Tooth Fairy to protect Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, the internet cut out when Santa issued the order, so please tell any neighboring gnomes and trolls to report to the North Pole as soon as possible. (Sara's coloring page below can be downloaded full-sized on the Village website [www.portbarrington.net](http://www.portbarrington.net))



#### **Neighborhood Assistance**

The Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry serves our Village. The Food Pantry's purpose is to help local families and individuals in times of emergency or unusual hardship and, in some cases, to help sustain low income families and people who are ill or elderly. Visit the Wauconda Township Office at 505 East Bonner Road, Wauconda with a photo I.D. and utility bill to receive a Food Pantry I.D. card.

**If you or anyone you know needs assistance in these critical times, please contact the Village Hall. Your neighbors are willing to help you out!**



Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: Notify the operator that you have or think you might have COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before medical help arrives.

Practice the 3 C's - Clean, Cover, Contain



#### **Clean**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.



#### **Cover**

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- If no tissue is available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.



#### **Contain**

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

### **Village Vehicle Tax**

Letters will soon be in the mail to you for payment of this fiscal year's vehicle tax. The new \$30 fee applies to each house, no matter how many vehicles you own! This small amount helps to fund roadway and parkway maintenance. Mail in and online payment options are available.

### **Every Person Counts!**

A complete and accurate count is critical for you and our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, services and more. Please be sure to participate if you haven't already!!!

<https://2020census.gov>

### **Village Meeting Schedule**

**Regular Committee of the Whole**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00PM (except 7/1)

**Regular Village Board**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00PM

**Planning Commission**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 8:00PM

**R.E.C. Committee**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:00PM

See updates and agendas at [www.portbarrington.net](http://www.portbarrington.net)

Love Our Earth...  
Love Each Other  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Think picking up poop is unpleasant? Try drinking it...**

Pet waste washes into our storm sewers & through our lawns, polluting our water.

**PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG** with biodegradable bags and dispose of properly. **IT'S THE LAW!**

Search Eco-friendly pet waste disposal

## Prepare to be Prepared – Home Disaster Plans

*From Trustee John Grothendick*

Most of us would agree that, over the last couple decades, the world has become much more volatile, especially in the last two months! Weather, political, and social extremes, coupled with population and technology growth, have increased the odds of experiencing a disaster event in our lifetimes. It now becomes even more important for us and for our families to have a plan in place to deal with such a situation. This series of articles will outline some of the thought processes, actions, and items that should be included in a disaster plan. All of this will improve the odds of a safe and positive personal outcome should one or more of these events arise.

### Types of Disasters

There are three categories of disasters. First would be natural disasters – in our case, flooding, tornados/storms, etc. The second category would be technological – hazardous material spills or leakage, power outages, facility disasters, etc. The third would be intentional – facilities sabotage, arson, terrorism. Each household should assess their potential vulnerabilities as related to any of these. Assessment questions to answer should include the following: 1. What disasters would be most likely to occur locally? 2. What hazards could those create and what are the most severe? 3. What is our local disaster history and what was the impact? 4. What locations in the village or the home could present potential hazards? 5. What could be expected from a disruption of vital services? Each household's answers to these questions can differ as to their location in the neighborhood and the home structure itself. Your responses to the questions above will help build your household's disaster plan.

### Disaster Alerts

As part of a household disaster plan, family members should be able to identify all available warning systems and know how to use them. This includes any broadband, off air, satellite, or fixed line communications network that utilizes the Emergency Alert System (EAS) as well as mobile devices that are Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) capable. Local warning sirens, social media, and websites are also included. Be sure to list any emergency broadcast frequencies, channels, site addresses, and the like as needed for reference. Home fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors should be deployed and maintained. For more information, please refer to the site [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Any advance notice from these or other sources buys time to react to an emergency situation.

### Escape Routes/Utility Shut Offs

All homes should have an escape route plan in case the structure must be vacated immediately. Drawings with the quickest and safest routes should be made and reviewed by the building residents. Included in this, or in a separate drawing would be the location of utility shut offs and breaker boxes. This includes water, natural gas, and electricity. Instructions should be given as to their operation.

*Next Issue – Assessing the Situation - Leave or Stay? Also, Emergency Items/Kits*

### School Scholarship Opportunity

The Village of Port Barrington announces its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual \$500-Scholarship Grant to be awarded this spring. Applicants must be a resident of the Village and be a current high school senior or college student attending an accredited two or four-year college/university or technical/vocation program for the entire 2020-2021 academic year. Demonstrated ambition and self-drive must be evidenced by achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. Applications may be retrieved on the Village website homepage posts or by request from the Village Hall and are due by May 15, 2020.

Looking for someone to monitor our bluebird trail in Fox Trail Park. If interested or for more information, email [villagehall@portbarrington.net](mailto:villagehall@portbarrington.net)



### Restrictions for Open Burning

In areas where there is not a ban or more restrictive ordinance, the County ordinance must be followed. See [www.mchenrycountyil.gov](http://www.mchenrycountyil.gov) or [www.lakecountyil.gov](http://www.lakecountyil.gov) and search "open burning"

McHenry Co. Department of Health (MCDH) reminds residents that burning restrictions are in effect to properly dispose of landscape waste on generated on your property.

**ONLY when greater than 100' from a habitable structure and 50' from a non-habitable structure**, burning is allowed with these further 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.

## THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

### RECYCLE MORE OF THESE:

#### PAPER

Newspaper, Magazines, Mail, and Cardboard Boxes



#### PLASTICS

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers



#### METAL

Aluminum and Steel

#### GLASS

Bottles and Jars



### DO NOT RECYCLE:



### CALENDAR REMINDERS:

#### AT HOME Egg Hunt!

Color egg flyer in this newsletter and post in your window

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**Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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#### Arbor Day Celebration

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Love your trees at home! Prune, spruce up, hug trees in your own yard. Send a picture to the Village Hall and post on Port Barrington Chat

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#### Annual Community Garage Sales

**Postponed until further notice**

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#### Annual Village Clean Up

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8AM-Noon**

Put your household debris out by the curb by 7AM for pick up. No hazardous waste please! Bring your documents to the Village Hall during this time for while-you-wait shredding services.

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#### Adopt-a-Highway: Roberts Road Clean Up

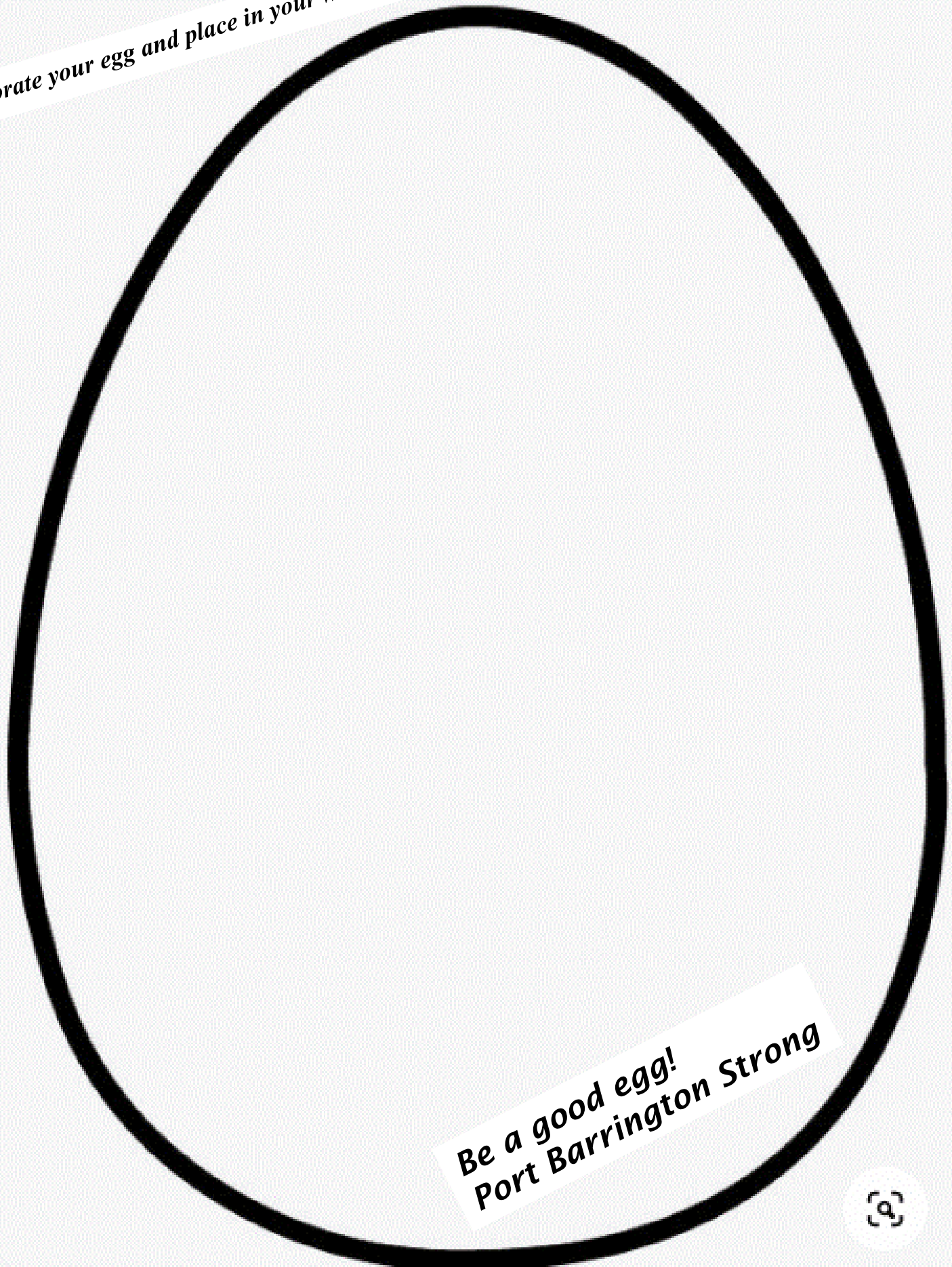
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**"Port Barrington Strong"**  
Stay safe and healthy!

*Decorate your egg and place in your window...*



*Be a good egg!  
Port Barrington Strong*



