

# Village of Port Barrington Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2020



## Village Hall Hours:

Monday: by appointment  
Tuesday-Thursday: 8AM to 4PM  
Friday: 8AM-Noon  
Closed for the lunch hour  
Noon-1PM

## REGISTER TO VOTE!

You can register to vote at the Hall in person at the Village Hall, by mail or online! For more information, including early voting sites, go to your specific county website:

LAKE COUNTY

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/161/County-Clerk>

MCHENRY COUNTY

<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-and-county-clerk/elections>

Federal Election-Tuesday,  
November 3, 2020

Local Municipal Election-  
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS!!**

**SO DOES YOUR COUNT!**

Answer your 2020 Census to ensure our state & community receives deserved funds.

[www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)

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

847-639-0498

69 South Circle Avenue, Port Barrington, IL 60010

847-639-7595, [villagehall@portbarrington.net](mailto:villagehall@portbarrington.net), [www.portbarrington.net](http://www.portbarrington.net)

## “It’s Our Fox River Day” September 19

The Village Board passed a resolution in March proclaiming the third Saturday in September as “It’s Our Fox River Day” This is meant to be a day of celebrating the place the Fox River has in our lives and our community. This year it falls on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Originally, we were going to have “It’s Our Fox River Day” as this year’s Garden Party theme--but current times have changed all that as we cannot hold our Garden Party within COVID-19 guidelines. We are, however, organizing a few ways to honor our Fox with social distancing flair!

- ❖ Join in a **KAYAK CLEAN UP** of the Nielsen Channels starting at 1PM from Hermann’s boat launch. BYO kayak or canoe or Hermann’s has graciously offered free kayak rentals on a first-come / first-served basis. Please call the Village Hall to register by Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Life jackets required. There will be prizes for unique things found and “find the rubber fish” prizes. You are welcome to just enjoy exploring the outdoors by paddling the channels as well!
- ❖ For your paddling pleasure, background **MUSIC** will be provided from Hermann Park by the “Hillbilly Liars” at 2PM followed by “The Leftovers Band” until 6PM
- ❖ An **EDUCATION TABLE** in front of the Village Hall will have with giveaways and information on: organizations, native plants, invasive species, and....
- ❖ As part of this educational piece, we will be launching our participation in “**BE A HERO—TRANSPORT ZERO**”---an initiative reminding boaters and fishermen to clean off their equipment when leaving the water so as not to transport invasive weeds, zebra mussels and other species that endanger our waterways. <http://www.transportzero.org/transport-zero-ndash-aquatic.html>
- ❖ A **SANDBAGGING INFORMATION**. Learn how to properly sandbag in case of flooding in a way that conserves energy and resources. A must for those in repetitive flood areas or for those who pitch in to help a neighbor!
- ❖ Signature drink “**RIVER WATER**” is available this day at the Broken Oar, Hermann’s Rest-a-While, No Wake Bar & Grille will include a bobber promoting the “Transport Zero” program and a donation to promote the health of the Fox River! **Please support ALL our local businesses!**
- ❖ REC Committee **RAFFLE**: Support the River and the Committee’s efforts by purchasing raffle tickets from members, at the Village Hall or on the 19<sup>th</sup>! **YETI COOLER** with some goodies inside - 2 fold-out camp chairs:

**A \$350+ VALUE!**

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or an arm’s length for \$20. You need not be present to win, as long as you fill in your contact info on tickets!



## Help Needed: Village Officials Vacancies

### Village Trustee-

Trustee Ryan Thomasson recently resigned as Village Board Trustee to relocate in Idaho. We thank Ryan for his service as Streets & Roads Trustee, seeing us through a repaving project and inspections. We wish Ryan and his wife Christi well on their new adventures. The resulting vacancy can be filled through appointment by the Village President and approved by the Village Board. Should you be interested in serving your community as Village Trustee for *Health & Safety Committee*, representing your community in policy and procedure, please send a letter of intent and short resume to the Village Hall. The Village Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

### Planning Commission Vacancy

There is an opening on our Village Planning Commission/Zoning Board of appeals! The PC/ZBA hears variance requests, holds public hearings for input from residents, and advises the Village Board accordingly. If you would be interested in serving our community in this manner, please send a letter of intent to the Village Hall. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00PM and receives a small, annual stipend for service.

### ERT Chair--

The Port Barrington **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eam is a commission that works to coordinate volunteers to aid in Village emergency services. Assistance with downed trees, flooding, extreme weather, wellness checks, etc. are some of the areas addressed.

The Village is seeking a volunteer chairperson and co-chair to “re-boot” this much needed service to aid our neighbors in times of need. For further information and a more detailed job description, please email the Village Hall. The ERT meetings dates will be determined once a chair is in place. In the past, meetings were held quarterly with Village Board Meeting attendance requested twice a year.

### **Mailbox Check!** *Shared from Cuba Township Newsletter*

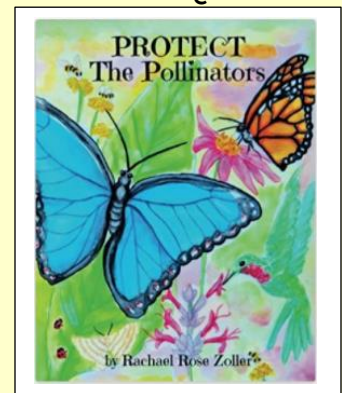
Before the snow begins to fly, please check your mailbox to ensure its stability. When we receive phone calls “The snowplow hit my mailbox”, more than likely it’s not the actual snowplow hitting the mailbox but the force of the snow being thrown off the plow. Many times the wood post is rotted or metal is weak. Now is the time to check to see if your mailbox is sturdy and is installed properly. The Village will evaluate a downed mailbox and use its discretion as to whether we will replace it.



**Leaves are falling already!** Please not to rake leaves into the street or curb—this backs up the storm drains and could cause flooding. Prairieland leaf vacuuming is *one way* to help remove fallen leaves. Leaf vac days are October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Please rake your leaves curbside about six inches from the street. You can also mulch or compost leaves and yard waste. For questions or information, please call Prairieland at 847-381-9300 or visit [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com) Prairieland is again placing a marked dumpster at the Village Hall to recycle *organic* fall décor. It will be in the parking lot from late October through November. There will be a SEPARATE BIN for HOLIDAY LIGHTS recycling!!

### **Bee Happy....read a book!**

In honor of National Reading Day, our Village becoming a certified “Bee City USA” and for the love of our Free Little Library, several books have been ordered about beloved pollinators for different age groups—preschool to adult! These books are identified by a bee sticker and notation inside -we hope you look for them to read and enjoy! Titles include *The Queen Who Banished Bugs*, *Nature’s Best Hope*, and *Protect the Pollinators*. When you are finished with them, please return for others to read and spread the joy of helping to pollinate our world with kindness!



### **CRS Certification Leads to Flood Insurance**

**Discount!** The Village worked diligently to meet certain benchmarks, many to mitigate area flooding, and become certified in the Community Rating System program. This certification has earned those with flood insurance through **The National Flood Insurance Program** (administered by FEMA) a 15% discount. This discount should be shown on your invoices that you receive this fall. If you have flood insurance through another carrier, discounts may also be available by making your agent aware of our participation in this program.

## **PREPARE TO BE PREPARED - LEAVE OR STAY?**

*Submitted by Trustee John Grothendick*

In the last article on disaster planning, we outlined the ways to deal with the natural disaster we are currently experiencing - COVID-19. Hopefully, we are all doing our best to follow the recommended practices and laws designed to protect us from infecting ourselves and others.

Unfortunately, Covid will not be our last disaster. Floods and other weather disasters, human caused accidents, and other in-kind events are a high probability somewhere in the future. As we are seeing now, a lack of preparation is costing us dearly. We need to be vigilant and ready to act with a plan for whatever comes our way.

Once you have been alerted to a disaster or potential catastrophe, you should immediately assess the situation and take protective action. Does the situation call for leaving your residence or sheltering in place? Again, communications media - radio, TV, etc. can help you decide. If you decide to "hunker down", you and your family should know where the safest, most protected areas are in your home. In violent weather, this could be your basement, or an inside room without windows, on the lowest floor. In the case of a chemical or airborne spread, choose a room that is sealable, where you may be able to stay for several hours. If the situation requires extended sheltering for several days, food, water, and emergency supplies should be stored and available. The contents and quantities of those items will be in the next and last article on disaster planning.

### **Village Losses.....**

#### **Anthony Chrusciel, 88**

Tony passed away in February surrounded by family. He was followed a few months later by his wife, Peggy. Tony & Peggy resided on Park Dr. for decades where they raised their family and were kind neighbors. Tony served our well as Village Board Trustee, Finance Committee, with his career experience as a Business Analyst at First National Bank in Chicago. Tony always listened to other's opinions and over the years he was proudly instrumental in many infrastructure improvements in our Village. We remain grateful.

#### **Lynne Mohr, 66**

Lynne, a soft-spoken, neighbor and friend, passed away after a brave fight with illness on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She and her husband Ken raised their family in the Village. Lynne, who was always willing to lend a hand, served as Village Trustee on two different occasions and as a member of the Planning Commission where she helped revise the Village Comprehensive Plan. She and Ken offered a youth scholarship for several years-- supporting those going students going into a skilled trade or technical program. Lynne's positivity will be a lesson to all who knew her and she will be missed.

#### **Max Mattaliano, 24**

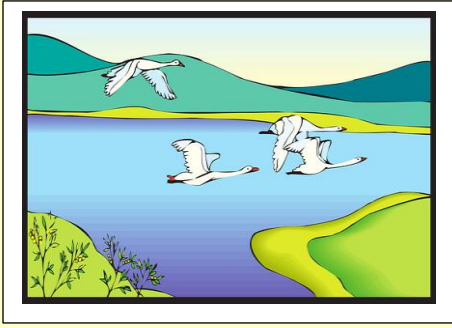
We sadly share that Max passed away on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Max was third generation growing up on Park Drive and his strong work ethic was proven over and over as he jumped in frequently to help sandbag for neighbors at a very young age. Max was employed by the Village for many summers, several of which he worked two jobs to help pay for college along with his tennis scholarship. He was a Motley Crue fan with great sense of humor and a big smile and heart that will not be forgotten. We will miss him so much.

If you decide to leave the premises, there are a number of things your disaster plan should include. Among them are the following. 1. Identify escape routes inside your home that everyone is aware of in case of a fire, flood, or the like. Know the escape routes for your workplace, school, or place of worship. 2. Make sure you have an escape route with an alternative planned to evacuate your neighborhood. 3. Make sure you have transportation. If you have a ready vehicle, keep at least half a tank of gas in it at all times. In a disaster, gas will be in high demand and wait times may be impossible. 4. ALWAYS keep cash on hand - several hundred dollars minimum. Credit cards don't work when power and communications are out. Dollars do. 5. Have emergency food, water, and clothing available in your vehicle and bring communications devices with chargers and backup. 6. Identify and secure a preplanned spot/location where all family members can rendezvous or meet. All should be aware of this place. 7. Have an out-of-state "check-in" contact.

Both of these plans should be reviewed on a regular basis by you and your family. Safety is a discipline that is the most boring thing to learn and practice, but yet it can become the most life - critical thing to know in a matter of seconds.

*Next Issue - "Emergency supplies - What to Include"*





## Village Events:

As it seems with the whole world, the Port Barrington REC Committee has had to play things by ear with regard to events, adjusting to ever-changing rules to keep COVID-19 numbers from spiking and committing to community safety. Our beloved Garden Party has taken a year off, but “It’s Our Fox River Day” will perhaps provide incentive to be outside, social distance and enjoy some new views from a kayak. (see article inside this newsletter.) The Halloween Party’s costume contest will be virtual this year, but so far Trick-or-Treating will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 1-4PM according to guidelines set forth closer to that time. Look for an orange October flyer with details and check the website for current updates. Of course, you must decide what is best for you and your family. Our Chili Cook-off will have to be nixed, but we are hopeful to have it come back **HOT** next year! And there **will** be a Santa Parade! We will also have a Santa photo op open in the Community Room for families to capture holiday smiles. Hang in there! Enjoy the little things! And during these stressful times, let us make an extra special effort to be kind to each other.

## Village Scholarship Awarded

The 2020 Village Scholarship has been awarded to Paige Richardson of Brighton Circle. Applicants were rated on ambition and self-drive evidenced by achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. Congrats and good luck, Paige! 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.



### WEAR

a cloth mask over  
your nose and mouth.



### WAIT

6 feet apart. Avoid  
close contact.



### WASH

your hands or  
use hand sanitizer.

*Keep our numbers down and our businesses open!*

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Show Fox River L♥ve!  
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