

Village of Port Barrington Newsletter

February 2021

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Village Hall Hours:

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

Building Department

Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday:
8AM – 2PM
Or by appointment



Local Village Elections April 6th

Municipal Elections will be held April 6, 2021. Our Candidates are as follows in order they will appear on the ballot:

For Village President

(vote for one)

Shannon R. Yeaton (incumbent)
Keith D. Vogeler

Village Trustee, 4 year term

(vote for three)

David Corrigan (incumbent)
John Grothendick (incumbent)
Daniel A. Herstedt (incumbent)

Robert M. Tuke

Village Trustee, unexpired 2 year term

(vote for one)

Kevin Fecske (incumbent)

Look for candidate bios in the Spring newsletter coming to you mid-March.

Be sure you are registered at your current address. You can register to vote at County Clerk's, Township and Village Offices as well as libraries and schools. Call ahead to see if appointments are needed for in-person registration during the pandemic. You can also register online at

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

BE SURE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE, a true gift of our Democracy!

SSA3 for Phase I Sewer in Final Year!

Construction activity for Phase I of a sewer system to replace outdated septic fields was started way back in August of 2006—and the fish in our channels were jumping for joy! This project involved residences on Eastwood, Oak, Evergreen, North Circle Avenue and Center Street up to the bridge and came along with a Special Service Area to pay for it. The final payment toward this low-interest IEPA loan will be made in 2022. Homeowners on these streets should see the SSA line on their tax bills decrease as the SSA phases out. **A job well done!** (If you are wondering, the Phase II of the sewer project for the remaining homes in the FRVG subdivision has its last payment in 2025—right around the corner!)



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb 20- Ice Skating Party at Hermann Park, 12-4PM
- ◆ April 3- Drive-thru Bunny visit & Great Egg Give-Away Time-TBD
- ◆ April Scavenger Hunt Details coming soon!
- ◆ May 7 & 8- Village Garage Sales (pending)
- ◆ May 15- Village Clean Up 8AM - Noon **FREE paper shredding** to Village Residents

Some Snow Etiquette for Safety & Well-being!!

Please be cautious when driving, walking or playing around snow piles and our snowplows as they clear snow—and we've had plenty of it this season! Large snow piles can be dangerous to play on and snow falling from them into the street can cause icy patches—a danger to all. Same goes for shoveling/snow-blowing snow into the street—please deposit snow to the sides of your driveway! Snowmobilers--please be courteous to neighbors by not crossing onto private property or making excessive noise late at night. Same goes for ice fishing augers at 5AM! Everyone can enjoy the snow season in different ways if we remain mindful of others.



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

PREPARE TO BE PREPARED.....EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Submitted by Trustee John Grothendick... *Formerly Health & Safety Trustee, John submits this final article in a series to help you and your family keep safe and healthy. John currently serves the Village Board on the Finance Committee.*

The last article on disaster planning for you and your family had to do with developing a plan of action in the event of a catastrophe. This final article focuses on the items every household should have on hand to deal with a critical situation.

Your family should have an emergency kit designed to last a least 3 days. All should know the location. The kits should be easily accessible as you may need to get to them with little or no visibility. Emergency kits should be assembled or available for your home and your car.

Home emergency supply kits should include the following:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation (remember other sources of water)
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food (calories count)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio /charger/NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle/air horn to signal for help
- Dust masks, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, sanitizer (disinfectant & sensitive)
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

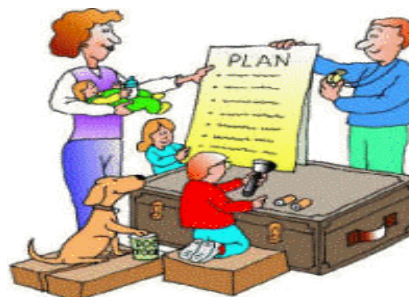


Additional items can include:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers if needed
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information on www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
 - When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. In an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 8 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water, stir or shake, let stand 30 minutes. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
 - Water can also be purified for drinking by boiling for 1 minute
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container/lighter
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil Books, games, cards, puzzles or other activities for children

Items to have in your vehicle include the following:

- Flashlight
- Phone charger
- First aid kit
- Rain gear
- Cold weather kit



Spending a bit of time preparing in advance can keep you and your family calm and safe should an unforeseen problem arise.

Thank you, REC Committee & Village for Keeping Cheer in our Holidays!

While the **COVID-Grinch** threatened to steal our fun, the Port Barrington REC Committee and Village Board had other ideas! "The show must go on!" Santa said! So, a 'masked-parade' was organized, winding through Village streets lined with kids, families and neighbors. Santa invited his Bunny friend to join in, who we had missed last spring! More parade entries than ever joined the entourage...Air Solutions, Broken Oar, Lake Co. Queens, Hermann's Rest-a-While, and more! Along with Mike "Santa" Grap and Elfin Kala Issleb... **Thank you** for bringing so much excitement and smiles and shouts of joy!

Meanwhile, the Village organized a "photo-op" for families to take holiday photos, one family at a time, throughout the week. And the REC Committee delivered surprise gifts around town to share the love! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ Thank you to those generously donating to our community assistance campaign and to Crossroads Church for adopting a couple of our families! Your generosity and, more importantly, your caring ways greatly touched those going through a difficulty spot in their lives.

Village homes shown extra bright this year, it seemed, with so many adding extra bright lights to break through the darkness. The annual REC Committee Lighting Contest was held with the following house decorations taking the Traveling Tree Trophies:



- DG/DGN—2711 Wisteria Way
- FRVG—37 North Circle Avenue
- Moorings—26536 Wakeview
- RiverWalk—732 Brighton Circle

Of course our beloved Manchester Lane neighbors go above and beyond to warm our hearts with lights set to music—always a joy to behold and we continue to be grateful for your efforts!

New this year was a "People's Choice" lighting award that went to:
407 Farnsworth
Voted on by residents, truly an honor!



The Village is pleased to announce that Jen Jurkowski has agreed continue to be the REC Committee Chair for 2021! Other "true blue" REC Committee Members and contributors are Patty Bryant, Dawn Cillo, Lori Corrigan, Donna Erfort, Lyn Fosco, Kristin Kowynia, Angie Krcmar, Georgina Lamb and Cindy Waltenspiel. Please consider volunteering to help this Committee continue to make our Village so special!

Without being able to hold our annual appreciation gathering due to pandemic restrictions--commemorative ornaments and gift coupons to support local businesses were given to thank the **many** Port Barrington Volunteers.

Volunteerism is the backbone of our Village—from pitching in to plant a tree, to organizing and implementing Village family events, to cleaning up roadway trash, to serving on a committee or commission—our Volunteers are appreciated from the bottom of our hearts! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Pooch Perfect.....



Many of us love our canines so much as family members that we may not notice they might be disturbing our neighbors...Continuously barking dogs can be annoying (not to mention straining doggie vocal chords!) and some folks are nervous around an unleashed animal as they take walks. Help to keep the attitudes towards Village pups 'perfect' by being **considerate pet owners**. If you are still troubled by a neighboring pooch after you have voiced your concern to its owner, please call County Animal Control and they will help train the owner! In the case of a vicious animal, call 9-1-1

Our Little Free Library Awaits



Through rain or snow or sleet or hail, it is here for you! Thank you to the many who have visited this little gem this season—keeping new arrivals available! Nothing better than a good book inside on a frosty day with a warm drink! Please remember that the Little Free Library is a book exchange, not a depository. Take one, leave one! If you have large quantities of books to donate, contact the Village Hall for options.



Ice Skating at Hermann Park

Time to get out and cure “cabin fever”! If this letter gets to you in time, The Village REC Committee will be hosting an impromptu skating party on Saturday, February 20th from 12-4PM. Gotta take advantage of this ice-making weather! BYO skates for swirling fun and a bit of a curling experience! Don’t have skates? Snow boots are fine for sliding about! Hot chocolate and s’mores will be

available that day, along with an outdoor bonfire to warm your toes and toast your marshmallows!

The Hermann Park ice rink is open every day until 10PM. Please note that there is no supervision and you must skate (or sometimes shovel!) at your own risk. Snow shovel is available at the side door of the Village Hall. Please return it when done!

New Planning Commission Member

The newest member of the Port Barrington Planning Commission was sworn in recently, rounding out a full commission. Welcome Tom Fleissner! Tom is a long-time resident of the RiverWalk neighborhood and brings experience and enthusiasm to this position. We thank Tom for his willingness to serve our Village in this capacity. The Planning Commission is currently working to update the Village Comprehensive Plan.



President Yeaton Appointed to IML Health & Safety Committee

Village President Shannon Yeaton has been recruited to the Illinois Municipal League Board and has volunteered to serve on its Health & Safety Committee this year. By attending meetings in Springfield, it will be great to have this opportunity to have input on policy at the State level and promote the needs of our Village!



It's not too late to enter the Village Snowman Contest--You have until March 30th! Submit a photo of your snow creation to the Village Hall at villagehall@portbarrington.net Or let us know your address to enter! You may get to claim bragging rights for best frosty effigy of the season while bringing smiles to the neighborhood!



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The Village of Port Barrington  s its businesses

Please continue to shop and dine locally!