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2021 Village Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- ◆ July 21s-(rain date 7/28)
Kids' Splash Day
Herman Park
11am-2pm
- ◆ Saturday, September 11
Village Garden Party
Patriotic theme with live music by "Top Dog Band"
Hermann Park
Noon-10pm
- ◆ Saturday, September 19
It's Our Fox River Day
- ◆ Sunday, October 31st
Village Halloween Fest
- ◆ **Village Meetings: UPDATE**
Board of Trustees
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm
R.E.C. Committee
2nd Wednesday, 6pm
Planning Commission/ZBA
2nd Tuesday, 7PM



*Village Scholarship Award
Recipient: Caitlin Hriljac
and Trustee John Grothendick*

A Message from Village President Keith Vogeler...

Hello Neighbors! This is our first newsletter since the swearing in of newly elected Village Officials. First, I want to thank all of you that turned out and voted! It was a record turnout and, whether your candidate won or lost, you need to be proud that you were part of the process. I am excited about the team we currently have in place and we are all energized by your support. We are taking that energy and using it to work towards a better community for all to enjoy and feel safe in.

My transition from Trustee to President leaves a vacant Trustee position—that of Building and Zoning Trustee. The Board has set a deadline for accepting resumes until **8/1/2021**. After that date, the Board will be vetting and voting on the replacement.

One of the first changes that you will notice is that Village Board meetings have been changed back to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Also, with the state transitioning back to normal in regards to pandemic restrictions, our meetings will no longer be available for dial-in listening and commenting. **Instead, we welcome all to attend in person.** In addition, "Open to the Floor" has returned to the end of every meeting. This will give residents a chance to comment on topics discussed at the meeting without having to wait.

We also have a list of trustee assignments and titles...

- Police is now combined with Health and Safety and run by Trustee Kevin Fecske.
- Trustee Bob Tuke is running the newly formed Community Relations Committee.
- Trustees John Grothendick and Dave Corrigan will remain head of Finance and Streets & Roads, respectively
- Trustee Dawn Cillo stays in what was formerly known as Parks & Beaches. It will now be called Parks and Recreation to reflect her as liaison to the R.E.C. Committee (and to add a touch of humor!)

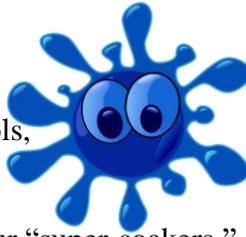
We are all looking forward to making an impact on our little corner of the world and are anxious to begin a great four years of serving all of you!

The 2021 Village Scholarship has been awarded to Caitlin Hriljac of RiverWalk! Applicants were rated on ambition and self-drive evidenced by achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. Caitlin and her parents attended the July Village Board Meeting to receive her \$500 Scholarship! Congratulations and good luck, Caitlin!

Thank you to all who applied! The award process is always a challenging decision. This annual Village Scholarship will be offered again next spring!

Make a SPLASH in the Neighborhood !!!

Fun will bubble up again in Hermann Park at the R.E.C. Committee's annual *Splash Day* from **11:00AM to 2:00PM on Wednesday, July 21st** (rain date: July 28th). GIANT, inflatable slides, pools, sprinklers, bubbles and water games will have kids DRENCHED in fun! A FREE burger lunch will be served to participants in between splashes! Bring your "super-soakers," squirt bottles and pool toys! Please remember that children age 7 and under must be chaperoned. *All* participants must be signed in with a contact name and phone # for emergency purposes. Adult chaperones needed! This event is



FREE to those who bring a non-perishable food item or paper product to donate to the Wauconda Food Pantry. Cash donations to the R.E.C. Committee are always appreciated, too! Come join us---bring family and friends.....it's the coolest! Don't forget to wear sunscreen!



Free Vacation Bible School at Hermann Park

CROSSROADS CHURCH will hold their vacation Bible School at Hermann Park July 19-23 from 5:30PM-7:00PM each evening for kids going into 1st thru 6th grades. Each night will include music, games & crafts..



Parks Restoration & Shore Stabilization

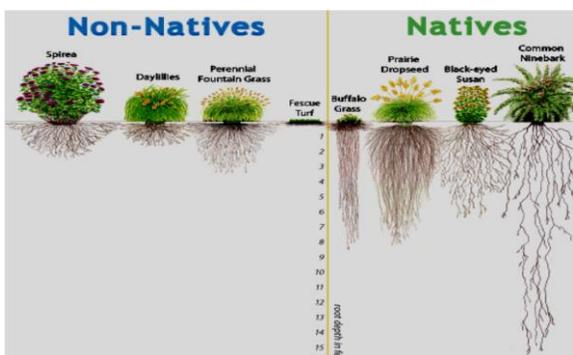
--Dawn Cillo, Parks & Recreation Trustee

The past year, as our parks were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Village Board took that time to assess our shorelines. We have been busy restoring and stabilizing our park shorelines to make them safe and beautiful again. Shore stabilization concentrates on establishing native plants that have long root systems to help hold the soil in place, keeping it from eroding and being washed away. Long root systems also help filter out pollutants before they reach the waterway or the aquifers we drink from.

As you come back to enjoy the parks in our Community, we ask that you please watch for signs and/or fencing posted around those areas so that the plantings have a chance to take hold and grow. This may take some time, but we have laid flagstone pathways at Friendship and Nichols Parks and cleaned up the sandy beach at Pregenzer "Beach" Park for your access so you can still enjoy fishing and being close to the water. So please enjoy the parks being reopened with your friends and families while being careful not to disturb the restoration work that is being done.

Coming Soon.....

- ❖ A Little Free Library addition to Fox Trail Park
- ❖ An Exercise Station Trail



More about our water.....Aside from shoreline native plantings to filter runoff, there are many other things we as homeowners can do to ensure clean water in our waterways and in the aquifers from which we draw our potable water through our wells.

- ❖ Be careful how you treat your lawn! Phosphorus is banned by Village Ordinance. Be sure to notify any lawn service company of this! But any unnecessary fertilizers or pesticides may make their way through to our ground water. Yuck! Turf grass can be over-rated!
- ❖ Cleanup pet waste immediately and dispose of it in the trash or through Prairieland's compost program. Not only do we *not* want *that* in our aquifer, but it is another "natural" fertilizer, that runs off and feeds aquatic weeds!
- ❖ Observe our water protection area and report any spills or dumping immediately!!

Check our Village Code of Ordinances at www.portbarrington.net for more info. (Chapters 50 & 54 are good starting points! 😊)

Fight the Bite.....



Weather conditions play a big role in mosquito population counts. So far, our very dry weather has helped us out this season. But all it takes is a little rain to make those suckers emerge! The Village of Port Barrington applies larvicides regularly to storm sewers and catch basins as recommended by McHenry Co. Health Department. Floodwater areas are also treated as needed. Retention ponds are monitored and treated if mosquito larva are present. Barrier sprays are done prior to Village events as they are temporary—lasting only a day or two depending on wind and rain conditions. **Do you know what has an even greater effect on numbers of mosquitoes in our space?? WE DO! MOSQUITO CONTROL STARTS AT HOME!**

You can control your local mosquito population and their bites by limiting their habitat and using the right barriers and repellents.



KEEP MOSQUITOES FROM BREEDING

Mosquitoes require water to breed. Adult mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, or on moist soil or leaf litter in areas likely to collect water. By eliminating these water sources, you can keep new generations of mosquitoes from taking up residence in your yard.

Follow these tips to prevent mosquitoes from breeding around your home:

1. Make sure garbage or recycling containers have lids that fit tightly. Make sure to use them!
2. Keep gutters clean and unclogged and downspouts drain properly – no puddles. You may need to reroute your downspouts or add extensions to carry water away.
3. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use.
4. If you find puddles on your property that remain for four or more days after a rain, regrade the area, if permitted or use bti mosquito “dunks” available at hardware stores.
5. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving to discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs.
6. Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. This includes birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, footbaths, garbage can lids, and pottery. Remember to empty the saucers under your flower pots, and don't leave water in pet bowls for more than two days.
7. Keep your property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans, tires and toys.



DON'T LET MOSQUITOES FIND YOU

Even with all the precautions taken above to, some mosquitoes will still be around to spoil your fun. You can limit exposure to those that remain by using effective repellents and barriers.

1. Window and door screens should be 16-18 size mesh and fit snugly, without edge gaps.
2. Replace outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. Mosquitoes and other pests are less likely to find them attractive and invade your yard.
3. When outdoors, apply a DEET-based insect repellent according to the directions on the label. Reapply in 4-6 hours.
4. Treat clothing, sunshades, and screen houses with a permethrin-based product, such as Permanone. Permethrin repels both mosquitoes and ticks, and will last through several washes on your clothing.
5. Use only EPA-approved insecticide products registered as effective against adult and larval mosquitoes. A light spray application around buildings and vegetation will keep adults from resting in these areas.
6. Citronella candles and mosquito coils, may also be effective if used in windless conditions. Some concerns about mosquito coils.



BOGUS MOSQUITO PRODUCTS

1. Bug zappers. Biting insects (including mosquitoes) generally make up less than 1% of the bugs zapped in these devices. Many beneficial insects, on the other hand, do get electrocuted.
2. Citrosa plants. Test have shown that subjects were bitten as often while surrounded by the Citrosa plants as without them.
3. Electronic devices that transmit sounds to mimic male mosquitoes or dragonflies do not work.



Work to make summer comfortable and safe for all!!!

Thank you, Volunteers!! It takes a Village.....

So many volunteers have come forward recently to help with various Village projects! From organizing back-up shelves of books, to Little Free Library stewardship, to planting, watering & weeding! A special thank you to new volunteers Amber and Tessa who have spent hours weeding and mulching Village gardens. If you would like to lend some time to keep our Village great, let us know! Whether it be donating a few hours of time or committing to a regular schedule the community would be grateful! We need & ❤️ you!!



Amber & Tessa after great work at the Blue Heron Community Room

Thank you, R.E.C. Committee, for a great Movie Night Under the Stars.....

Thanks to the efforts of chair Georgina Lamb and Family, a lovely night was spent in Hermann Park with gymnasts, a juggler and movie “The Greatest Showman” The bouncy-house added to the circus! Thank you to those who came out to enjoy the show!



Did you know what “R.E.C.” stands for? **R**ecreation, **E**nvironment, **C**ommunity! The R.E.C. Committee hosts great recreational events for our kids and families! They share & care about our environment by holding Adopt-a-Highway road clean up, “It’s Our Fox River Day” event to honor our River and clean up our channels. And they are Community based—this group of local volunteers care deeply about our Village and the people and creatures who live there!

Kids Outdoor Summer Art Camp is currently running on Wednesday mornings. It is sponsored by the R.E.C. Committee and supported by the Broken Oar and Hermann’s Rest-a-While! We thank these local businesses whole-heartedly!



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