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Autumn Newsletter 2025

Port Barrington ROCKS RiverFest

Port Barrington's annual RiverFest again coincided with *Friends of the Fox River's* "It's Our Fox River Day" to honor and promote our river and community! *Port Barrington's Annual Riverfest* ROCKED again this year, bringing neighbors and friends together for a day of music, food and fun! In keeping with a river-like theme, a **rockin'** bike parade was led by McHenry County Sheriff, TWO bands that **rocked** live music, and a 25-foot **rock** climbing wall gave a thrill, whether climbing or watching! For the kiddos, there were pony rides, lizard-y face painting, a bounce house, "tot lot" and a train tootin' around Hermann Park Pond. Wauconda Area Fire District brought one of their finest firetrucks for the kids to explore. Lynn Dahl, BHHS/Stark Realty donated materials and her talent for kids' **rock** painting! Evelyn Grothendick, Grozei, gave free art lessons. Wauconda Area Library was there to share information and led a special onstage story time! Elisa Fisher from Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, Sharene Gould Dulabaum from Lake County Stormwater Management and iLumen Solar shared useful information and comradery with our attendees. Jake Kueker & John Grothendick put together officiated over the River Bags Tournament. Thank you, Dan Frano and family for braving your way to call BINGO again for us! ***This event could not have taken place without you all!!!!***

Thank you, Village Board and REC Committee, for putting on an event that **ROCKED!** Too many folks to mention here—***It takes a Village!*** Please consider volunteering for events throughout the year. The REC Committee meets the second Monday of each month at the Village Hall at 6PM! Or jump in when/where you can! And most importantly, **THANK YOU to those who came to enjoy the day! You ROCK!**

4th ANNUAL HOMETOWN HERO AWARD: Wayne Krcmar

At this year's RiverFest, Village Officials honored our 4th annual Hometown Hero--Wayne Krcmar! From brave acts as a soldier during the Vietnam War to continuing as proprietor of our historic Hermann's Rest-a-While (est. 1927 with Wayne taking the helm in the 1980s) Wayne's support of our community has been steadfast. Wayne received a certificate of appreciation and gifts from the community. You can read the speech from RiverFest honoring Wayne in its entirety on the homepage posts of our Village Website.

www.portbarrington.net

THANK YOU, Wayne, for always holding down the fort!

THANK YOU
TO ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND
INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE 2025 RIVERFEST &
THE VILLAGE REC COMMITTEE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

EVENT SPONSOR AND DONORS:

BROKEN OAR, PB

LYNN DAHL, BHHS / STARK REALTY

GROZEI, LLC - EVELYN GROTHENDICK, PB

HERMANN'S, PB

LAKEHORE RECYCLING SERVICES & WASTE MANAGEMENT (LRB)

NO WALK BAR & GRILL, PB, EVENT SPONSOR!

DONORS & EVENT SUPPORT

AT THE GREEN BENCH, WAUCONDA

AWESOME NAILS BRA, ISLAND LAKE

BEATS PLASTIC REFILLERY, WAUCONDA

BENTLEY'S PET FOOD, CRYSTAL LAKE

BRUNCH CAFE, FOX RIVER GROVE

BUNGALOW PRINTING, WAUCONDA

CARRIE MCHUE, PB

CHI-TOWN DOGS, ISLAND LAKE

CULIER'S, ISLAND LAKE

DADDY O'S ROCK SHOP, WAUCONDA

DAWN CILLO, PB REC COMMITTEE

DOCK'S BAR & GRILL, WAUCONDA

DR. F CHIROPRACTIC, ISLAND LAKE

DUNKIN DONUTS, ISLAND LAKE

EL NORTENO, ISLAND LAKE

FOX CREEK STABLES, WAUCONDA

GABBY JOHNSON, PB REC COMMITTEE

GREEN REAPER FARM, WAUCONDA

HONEY BELLA, WAUCONDA

HONEY HILL COFFEE CO.

HUMAN GOURMET, ISLAND LAKE

ISLAND LIQUORS, ISLAND LAKE

JENNIFER JURKOWSKI, PB REC COMMITTEE

JEWEL, WAUCONDA

LA PEQUEÑA MARIPOSA, ISLAND LAKE

LOTS-A-KNOTS ITALIAN BAKERY, WAUCONDA

MAIN STREET OUTFITTERS, WAUCONDA

MAIN STREET TACOS, WAUCONDA

MATHNARIUM, WAUCONDA

McHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

MIS PLANTITAS HOUSE PLANTS & DECOR, WAUCONDA

MUTTS & CUTS, ISLAND LAKE

MY FAVORITE PLACE, WAUCONDA

NANCY'S PIZZA, ISLAND LAKE

O'REILLY'S AUTO PARTS, WAUCONDA

PANHANDLER'S PIZZA, WAUCONDA

PATTY BRYANT, PB REC COMMITTEE

PEDRO BIKES, WAUCONDA

PET SUPPLIES PLUS, WAUCONDA

POOP HAPPENS, WONDER LAKE

PORT BARRINGTON REC COMMITTEE

PORT BARRINGTON VILLAGE BOARD

ROGATI'S PIZZA, LAKEBROOK

ROGATI'S PIZZA, WAUCONDA

SALON COCCOLE, LAKE ZURICH

SARAH'S ESSENTIALS AROMA

SEDELOTS BREWERY, WAUCONDA

SIDE CUTS / S-O BOWL, ISLAND LAKE

SLYCE PIZZA, WAUCONDA

SOPHIE ON MAIN, WAUCONDA

SPLENDID NAILS, ISLAND LAKE

SPIRIT NAILS, ISLAND LAKE

SWIFT CAR CARE

THREADS, WAUCONDA

VICKIE'S PERSONAL TOUCH SALON, WAUCONDA

WAUCONDA AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT

WAUCONDA CAR WASH, WAUCONDA

WHISK BAKERY, WAUCONDA

PARDON ANY OMISSIONS OR ERRORS—WE ARE JUST AS GRATEFUL!



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: CLEAN UP OF ROBERTS ROAD! Saturday, November 8th Participants--
please meet at the Village Hall at 9AM before heading out to the road to pick up trash. People ages 12 and
up can participate. Those ages 12-18 must be chaperoned. Coffee & donuts provided! 😊

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30th Annual

Chili Cookoff

Sunday, November 9th
Clara Hermann Park

Competitor Check-in: 10:30-11am
Chili Tasting: 12pm



Chef Judging: 11:15am
Winners Announced: 1:30pm

Taste the best chilis and apple desserts in the neighborhood, and vote for your favorite to win People's Choice! "Celebrity" judges from Hermann's Rest-a-While, The Broken Oar, and No Wake Bar & Grill will award cash prizes. Refreshments--including famous grilled cheese--will be available for sale! Apple desserts will be judged by People's Choice and the winner will receive the first ever Suzi Gammon Best Apple Dessert Award, in memory of long-time REC Committee Member, Chili Cook-off Chair and great Apple Dessert Baker!



Family Fun

Food...Friends...Firepit...Refreshments...Bags...Wheel-of-Fortune...Football...Raffles...And More

Prizes for Chili

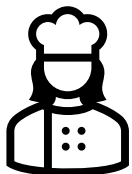
1 st Place	\$35
2 nd Place	\$25
3 rd Place	\$20
People's Choice	Traveling Trophy



Chicago Bears vs. Giants

12pm – 3pm CT

Game will be aired in the Pavilion



Cooks & Bakers

Chili and fall desserts must be checked in 10:30 and 11:00am. Label any allergen ingredients and indicate spiciness. Bring necessary serving utensils and equipment for maintaining serving temperatures, such as a crock pot. Chili condiments are provided by the Village REC Committee. You can only be judged until your supply runs out—so make a bunch!



Judging

Entries are anonymously judged. Cash chili prizes are judged on taste, texture, and appearance, as evaluated by esteemed judges from local, Port Barrington businesses. People's choice awards are evaluated by ballots for chili & dessert. Winners receive bragging rights and traveling trophies!



Guests

\$7 to sample chili & apple desserts. \$5 with a donation of non-perishable food or paper goods for the Wauconda Food Pantry. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Each guest receives 1 ballot for chili, and 1 ballot for dessert. All votes must be submitted by 1:20pm.



Port Barrington R.E.C. Committee presents



Halloween Fest 2025



Halloween Party & Costume Contest

Sunday, October 26th

Village Hall, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Pizza and refreshments Served 11-Noon

** Pet Parade with costume judging at 11:30AM!**

Children ages 0-12 costume contests start at High Noon



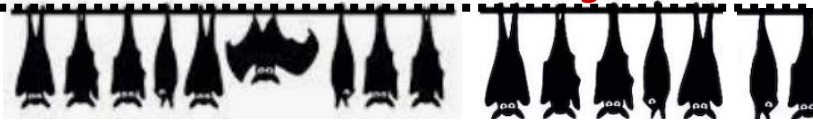
Prizes also awarded to the best family or group theme costumes!

Bring your carved jack-o-lantern to the party for judging & prizes!

Incredible Bats are back with.....**BATS!**

www.incrediblebats.com

In the Blue Heron Room next to the Village Hall, 12:00-1:00PM



This is a free event, thanks to the Village R.E.C. Committee and those who support it! Nonperishable food items will be collected for the Wauconda Food Pantry



Don't forget to shake hands with our long, tall guest....! Other photo-ops, too!

Village Trick-or-Treating

From 1:00-4:00PM



Ghouls will prowl to find the best decorated house—will it be yours? Submit your address to be sure to be included or nominate your neighbor.....villagehall@portbarrington.net

Please note that Village Streets have a 20mph speed limit—now also including *a//* of Center Street. This applies to all motorized vehicles--golf carts, electric bikes and scooters included!





What is autumn without leaves! A reminder that you can place leaves in your landscape waste containers that are picked up weekly! As another alternative, you can mulch or compost your leaves, it's great for your lawn! Also, LRS will provide **leaf vacuuming on October 28th and November 18th, weather permitting.** This service continues to be included in our waste-hauling contract! If you use this option for leaf disposal, please rake your leaves to the edge of the street. *Please do not rake leaves **into** the street* or block any storm drains or culverts. Please **DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET ON LEAF PICK UP DAYS.**

LRS 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. Pumpkins, cornstalks, gourds and mums must be from residential sources within our Village only and must be free of candles, glow sticks, lights and artificial fasteners. No other waste will be accepted at this station. There will also be a **SEPARATE BIN for HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING!** Thanks, LRS!

Village Welcomes a New Planning Commission Member!

The last vacancy on the Planning Commission was recently filled with the appointment of Vincent Russo. Vincent recently moved into the Deer Grove subdivision. Almost immediately, he and his wife Christine wanted to become part of our Port Barrington Community. Vince has over 30 years of experience as an engineering and project manager—a great fit for our Planning Commission and its mission! We welcome Vince and Christine to the Village and thank them for wasting no time in jumping in to fill a need! Congratulations, Vince!



Santa Parade & Party is Sunday
December 21st--Winter Solstice!

