



# Village of Port Barrington Newsletter

Early Spring 2026

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## Village Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:AM-4:30PM  
Closed for the lunch hour  
Noon-1PM

## Building Department Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:  
8AM – 2PM  
Or by appointment  
Inspections by appointment with 48hour  
notice. 847-639-0498

## Upcoming Events

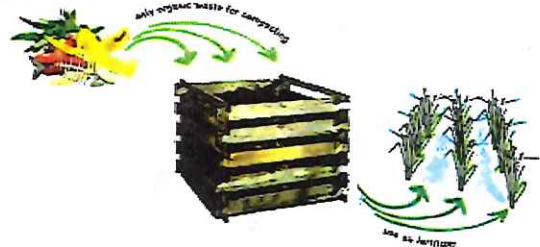
Please check website calendar for updates

- ◆ April 4- Saturday, 11AM  
Spring Egg Hunt
- ◆ April 18 - Saturday  
Touch-a-Truck in Broken Oar Parking lot!
- ◆ April 24 - Friday, 4PM  
Arbor Day Celebration
- ◆ May 8 & 9- Fri & Sat  
8AM-3PM  
Village Garage Sales -sign up at the Village Hall to participate.
- ◆ May 9- Saturday  
Compost Give-away at the Village Hall
- ◆ May 16- Saturday  
Village Clean Up with FREE paper shredding  
8AM - Noon  
Adopt-a-Highway road clean up: 8AM
- ◆ June 6 - Saturday  
Movie Night with feature film: **Minecraft**
- ◆ June 20-26  
National Pollinator Week!



## Soil Loves Compost....Feed the Soil That Feeds Us!

Celebrate International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> by stopping by the Village Hall to learn more about the many benefits of this naturally produced soil amendment. Get FREE information and swag! Then, on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8AM - 3PM we're giving away a truckload of locally made, nutrient-rich compost to residents to help spread the love in your vegetable gardens, flowerbeds, planters and lawns. Your soil will love you for it! **BYOB! -Bring Your Own Bucket** to the Village Hall, sign the "Compost Pledge", and fill your bucket with soil-loving compost! Shovels will be provided! **20 gallons maximum per household!** This Give-Away will continue all week as supply allows, ending on Village Clean-Up Day, May 16<sup>th</sup>! This FREE event is held in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO). Don't forget that our waste hauling contract with LRS, includes weekly pick up of compostables. Set it out in your landscape waste container to help regenerate a fabulous, fertile soil mix!



## Village Photo Contest

Calling all amateur photographers! Share what you love about in Port Barrington in a photograph!! Enter by September 1<sup>st</sup> in any or all of these three categories:

1. Port Barrington nature: (animals, plants, insects, etc.)
2. Port Barrington water scenes
3. Port Barrington people.

Please Submit photographs prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> to the Village Hall in person or via email [villagehall@portbarrington.net](mailto:villagehall@portbarrington.net) Don't forget to include your name, contact information, chosen category, and title of your photograph. For further qualifications see the Village website. Winners will be revealed and displayed at RiverFest on September 19<sup>th</sup>!



Port Barrington PRESENTS...

# TOUCH A TRUCK

A FAMILY EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH**

**10AM - 1PM @ BROKEN OAR**

CHECK OUT A FIRE TRUCK, POLICE CAR, CONCRETE TRUCK AND MORE!!!

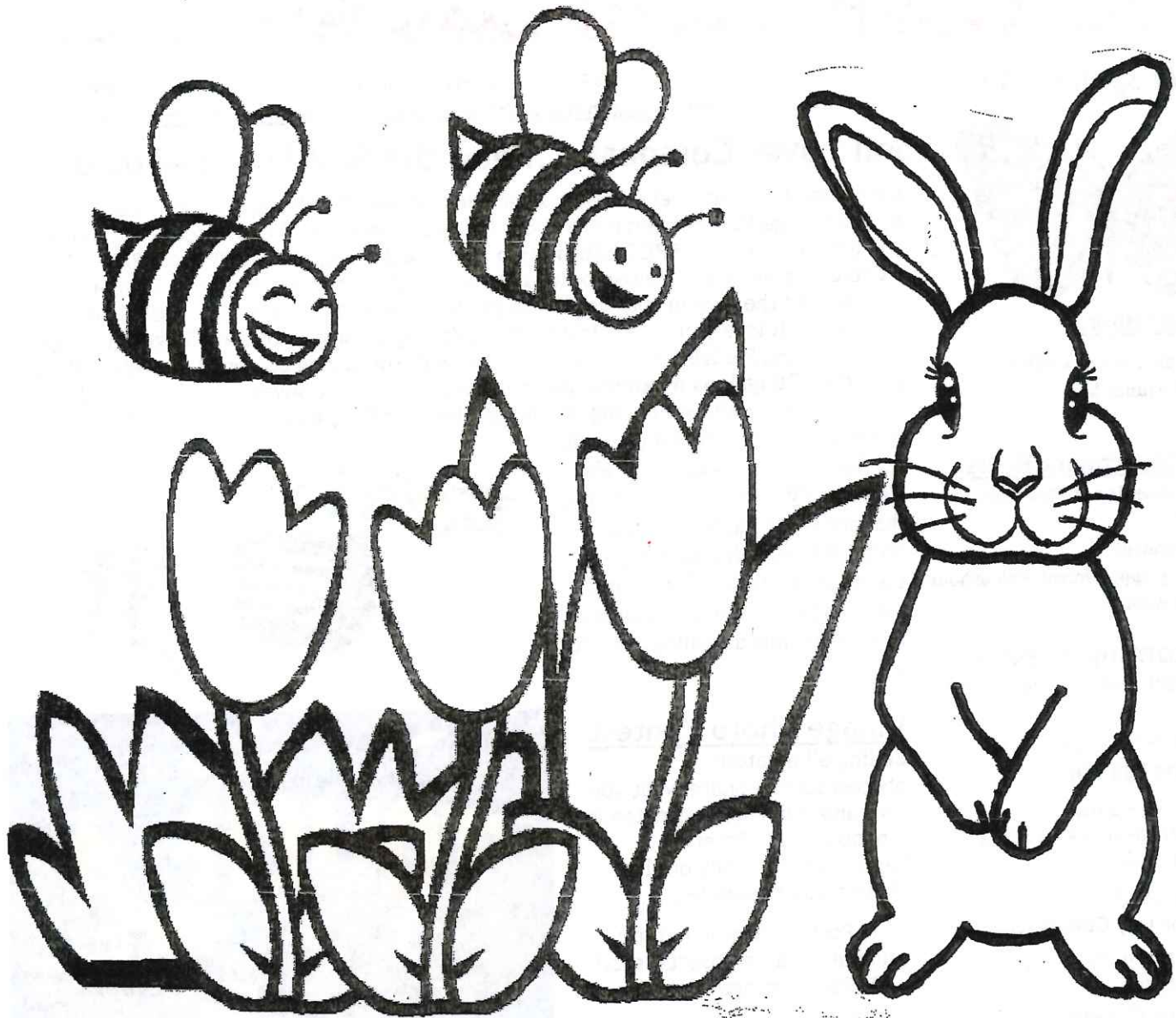
OPEN FOR BREAKFAST UPSTAIRS AT 9AM!

MUSIC BY **BROKEN OAR BAND** AT 2PM

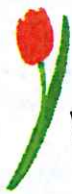
[WWW.BROKENOAR.COM](http://WWW.BROKENOAR.COM)

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Garbage truck, fire truck, police car, backhoe, plow, concrete mixer and more--all staged in the Broken Oar parking lot for you to explore! Great photo op for those kiddos obsessed with-all-things trucks! Great breakfast! See you there!



*Hey Kids! Decorate our bunny and his pollinator friends with your coloring skills! Give it some zip! Or zing! Drop your completed amazing artwork off or send it to the Village Hall where it will be displayed and then entered into a drawing for prizes at the Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please include your phone number and/or e-mail! then buzz on over to Celebrate Spring at the.....*



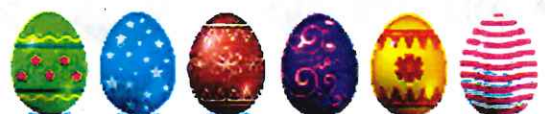
## Annual Village Egg Hunt

Where: Hermann Park, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

When: 11:00 AM



Spring Egg Hunt events begin at 11:00 AM, sharp! **Kids ages 10 and under**--bring a basket or bag to collect as many eggs as you can at Hermann Park (behind the Village Hall.) Guess how many total eggs are hidden and win a prize. Guess the number of jellybeans that are in the jar & they are yours! Wear a hat or bonnet for a chance to win a BOOK. Other games and raffles, too! **Bring your camera** and take a picture with our famous Bunny! Welcome Spring! Be FREE to Bunny Hop in celebration of this FREE event, thanks to the Village REC Committee! **Donations of non-perishable food items or paper products for the Wauconda Food Pantry will be collected.** ❤️



## Arbor Day Celebration—Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4PM

It has been a banner year for trees planted in our Village! County grant money allowed the planting of 75 trees last Arbor Day in the Deer Grove property lying in that Lake County. Not long after, they again bestowed grant money to plant 67 trees between the Roberts Road commercial property and RiverWalk in Lake County! This year, Port Barrington will be celebrating Arbor Day 2026 with the addition of a tree at the newly established Eastwood Park! Meet at the Village Hall at 4PM on April 24<sup>th</sup> to join in the planting of a tree native to our area. Attendees will receive a small gift in honor of Arbor Day! Remember that you can learn what you might like to add to your own yard by taking a walk around our “Ring of Trees” around Hermann Park Pond. It’s a great chance to see a variety of *native* trees up close and personal through the seasons.

The Audubon Society gives us a few of the reasons to plant *native* trees (and plants!):

- **Low maintenance:** Once established, native plants generally require little maintenance.
- **Beauty:** Enough said! Just visit our “Circle of Native Trees” to see!
- **Healthy Places for People:** Lawns and the ubiquitous bark-mulched landscapes are notorious for requiring profuse amounts of artificial fertilizers and synthetic chemical pesticides and herbicides. The traditional suburban lawn, on average, has 10x more chemical pesticides per acre than farmland. By choosing native plants for your landscaping, you are not only helping wildlife, but you are creating a healthier place for you, your family, and your community.
- **Helping the Climate:** Landscaping with native plants can combat climate change. In addition to the reduced noise and carbon pollution from lawn mower exhaust, many native plants, especially long-living trees like oaks and maples, are effective at storing the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide.
- **Conserving Water:** *Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they need far less water, saving time, money, and perhaps the most valuable natural resource, water.*
- **Wildlife:** In addition to providing vital habitat for birds, many other species of wildlife benefits as well. Native plants provide nectar for pollinators including hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, moths, and bats. They provide protective shelter for many mammals. The native nuts, seeds, and fruits produced by these plants offer essential foods for all forms of wildlife.



Visit [www.Audubon.org](http://www.Audubon.org) and search “Why Native Plants Matter” where you can find great info, astounding facts and a handy database of native plants for your own backyard-- just enter your zip code! Reminder: you do need a permit from the Village to cut down a tree greater than 4 inches in diameter. There is no fee for this permit.

Thank you, Forestry Committee member Trustee Dave Corrigan for your continuing efforts in maintaining Port Barrington’s “Tree City” status.



### **HOT TOPIC! Restrictions for Open Burning**

County Health Departments reminds residents That open burning restrictions are in effect to properly dispose of landscape waste....

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

- Only landscape waste that is generated on the property where the burning takes place. **NO LEAVES!**
- 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 site

Recreational fires, not larger than 3'x3'x3' are exempt if they **EXCLUDE LEAVES, GRASS OR SHRUBBERY CLIPPINGS.** PLEASE, ALWAYS BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS who may suffer from breathing conditions worsened by open fires.

### **Textile Recycling Made Easy!**

Aside from the much-used textile recycling bin located at Fox Trail Park at the end of Willow Road, SWALCO has supplied us with a second bin at the Village Hall (69 South Circle Avenue.) Look for the beautifully painted bin in the parking lot! Help divert items from the landfills and aid our local community. Donated new and gently used items will be reused/re-worn. Much of the worn, torn, stained items will be recycled into secondary products! See more details as to what items are accepted on our Village website home page

[www.portbarrington.net](http://www.portbarrington.net)

PLEASE NOTE:

**No Shoes in These bins, please! Shoes are collected separately** through SWALCO's

**Reuse-a-Shoe** Program and must be brought to the Village Hall during office hours.



## Port Barrington Veterans Honor Coin Program

The Village of Port Barrington is proud to announce the launch of our Veterans Honor Coin Program! This program was created by Health & Safety Trustee Brian Lawrence and Community Relations Trustee Bob Tuke to recognize and thank the men and women in our community who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Their service and sacrifice deserve to be honored — not just once a year — always. S this year, the Village will award Honor Coins quarterly to Port Barrington residents who have served.

**We are asking for your help!**



**If you:**

- Are a veteran living in Port Barrington
- Have a family member in your household who served
- Know a neighbor in our community who is a veteran

**Please submit a nomination so we can recognize them!**



Nominations are open year-round. Nomination applications are found on the Village website home page. Recipients will be recognized quarterly at a Village Board meeting or other designated Village event. **Let's make sure every veteran in our community knows that Port Barrington is grateful for their service!**

### **Reminder: School Scholarship Applications Due March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM**

The Village of Port Barrington is awarding **TWO** Scholarships this spring. Applications may now be found on the Village website homepage or by request from the Village Hall. Applicants must be a resident of the Village and be a current high school senior or college/vocational program student. **The Port Barrington Educational Scholarship** applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college/university for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. **The Paar Family Vocational Scholarship for the Trades** applicants must attend or plan to attend a technical/vocational program.

Demonstrated ambition and self-drive must be evidenced by achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. **Completed application and all required supporting documents are due by Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 4:00PM.** Best wishes!



The Village Hall will again be a location for:

### **Operation Dropbox**

May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>

Operation Dropbox benefits Veterans Path to Hope. Donate canned goods, household items, pantry goods and personal items--please check the Village website for specifically requested items.

Small things can change  
the world.....



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