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MAY/JUNE 2026
VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Reminder: Arbor Day Celebration

On **Friday, April 24th**, we will gather at the Village Hall at 4PM before we head out to the newly established Eastwood Park to plant and dedicate a tree that is native to our area.

Those attending will receive a small gift in honor of Arbor Day!
Celebrate our planet Earth! Plant a tree!



**REC Committee Brings “Hoppy-ness”
To Hermann Park!**

Thank you to all those who came out to enjoy our annual harbinger of Spring: The Village **Egg Hunt!** Kids of all ages enjoyed a lovely egg-venture at Hermann Park where volunteers had helped our Bunny hide SO MANY eggs! Ages 10 and under hopped to it, searching for those few eggs amongst thousands that held “golden tickets”. Those tickets could be turned in for a prize! But really, what could top a basket of candy-filled eggs after all?! Our Bunny handed out gifts and hugs as photos were snapped. Gifts were also given to the coloring contest participants! **THANK YOU REC Committee** for this fun springtime tradition! & especially to Jen Jurkowski for chairing it.

Port Barrington Community Garage Sales

Friday, May 8th & Saturday, May 9th 8AM to 3PM

It's time for our annual Village-wide garage sales! **Sellers:** If you would like to have a garage sale at your home that weekend, the Village waives the permit fees for those who register. However, a free will donation of \$5 is suggested to help defray the cost of advertising and signage provided. If you are having a sale, please consider this donation – you need only to place signs from the closest major intersection to your particular sale—all other newspaper/online ads and signage are placed for you by the R.E.C. Committee! *Please call or email the Village Hall to register by May 1st to be included on the map.* **Relator Jackie Wendt** is helping to sponsor this event and will be giving registered Garage Sale participants “starter kits” along with signs that she will deliver to your door. **Shoppers:** Stop by the Village Hall or visit www.portbarrington.net after May 5th to get a map that shows locations and what's for sale at the many **Community Garage Sales** in our Village. Have some fun planning your hunt for treasures! Happy Shopping and thank you for supporting the Village R.E.C. Committee!!



Some Spring Cleaning!

for our River Channels--

Help to cleanup our Nielsen Channels on Sunday, April 26th!
Hosted by **Hermann's Rest-a-While**, they will be offering **free kayak rentals** for those who participate. This is a great chance to cruise the channels that are truly magical this time of year with the birdies migrating back our way. Also, a great chance to do some good in the “hood”! Meet at Hermann's at 11AM



& for our Roads--

Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of Roberts Rd on Saturday, May 16th!
Meet at the Village Hall at 8:00AM!



EWWW....Waste from your pet contains fecal coliform bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli. Water that contacts waste before entering the ground from storms, snowmelt, and irrigation systems can bring these bacteria into the water we drink. Animals, humans, and objects may also contact these bacteria in areas where waste is left on the ground. Runoff that enters the wastewater system can also carry pet waste into local watersheds. When pet waste is decomposed, oxygen is removed from the water and harms aquatic life. It also greatly contributes to aquatic weed growth, algae and duckweed bloom in our channels, ponds & other waterways!

KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN! CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS!



Neighborhood Walk

Our recent “meet & eat” event had neighbors bearing frigid weather for a walk about the neighborhood and/or meeting at Hermann’s Rest-a-While for sustenance afterwards! The REC Committee’s Cindy Waltenspeil enjoys spearheading this event, recognizing the importance of opportunities for healthy activities and supporting our local businesses! The venue for this event is rotated between our local Establishments- this time, Hermann’s did a great job hosting! A couple of dozen people and 6 dogs participated in all. Some just walked, some just ate. Most did both! **Look for a similar event this fall!**



Mosquito season will soon be upon us. Now is a good time to make sure there is no standing water in and around your property— low areas, toys & planters, bird baths, tire swings, tarps, clogged gutters & tree rot holes are all things that can hold enough water to breed thousands of mosquitoes! Get rid of ‘em! It is the best way to thwart mosquito infestations that could be coming soon if we don’t!



VILLAGE PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your photos in any or all of the following categories to the Village Hall by September 1st!

1. Port Barrington nature (animals, plants, insects, etc.)
2. Port Barrington water scenes
3. Port Barrington people (with permission, please!) Please include your name, contact info, chosen category and title of your photo/s. Photos to be displayed at RiverFest with winners revealed!



The Port Barrington R.E.C. Committee Presents:

A MINECRAFT MOVIE

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 6th, 2026
THE FUN STARTS @630PM
MOVIE@8:15PM

Clara Hermann Park
69 S. Circle Ave.
Port Barrington

CONCESSIONS* *GAMES
PRIZES* *BOUNCE HOUSES





BYO lawn chair or blanket and join us for a FREE movie under the stars!



*Find a *GOLDEN TICKET* and win a PRIZE!*



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

PORT BARRINGTON RESIDENTS' ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEAN-UP AND RECYCLING DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 16th

CURBSIDE: 7:00AM>>>>

Village Cleanup is an annual community-wide event done in cooperation with LRS Disposal & Recycling Services who will haul away any unwanted debris that you place **at your curb** by **7:00AM**.

You may also put ELECTRONICS at your curb by 7AM for pick up!

ITEMS NOT OUT BY 7AM WILL NOT BE REMOVED

Please call the Village Hall with questionable items, or if you need assistance in moving items to your curb.

Accepted Electronics Include: Personal Computers (including tablets)*, Monitors*, Electronic Keyboards*, Mice*, Small Scale Servers*, Printers*, Scanners*, Copiers, Fax Machines*, Digital Converter Boxes*, Cable Receivers*, Satellite Receivers*, VCRs*, DVRs*, DVD Players*, Televisions*, Stereos, Radios, Microwaves, Small Household Appliances, Video Game Consoles* and Accessories, Portable Digital Music Players*

Items should be unboxed.

* Indicates electronics *banned* from Illinois landfills

NOTE: EACH HOUSEHOLD IS LIMITED TO 1 (ONE) TV/MONITOR ONLY!!

Not Accepted: No commercial or business materials will be accepted.

No dehumidifiers, air conditioners, large appliances. No landscape waste or logs

WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS.

See the SWALCO website (www.swalco.org) for disposal of these materials.

For other recycling tips see McHenry County's Green Guide at www.mchenry.edu/green/green-guide.pdf

AT THE VILLAGE HALL: 8:00 AM to NOON >>>>

- ♦ ***Veterans Path to Hope: Collecting food / houseware donations.***
Bring donation items to Village Hall parking lot!
See accepted donation list on the Village Website... www.portbarrington.net
Alternately, use the Dropbox located at the Village Hall through May 31st.
- ♦ **FREE Document Shredding Services:** bring documents to the Village Hall for onsite shredding from **8:30AM to 11:30AM**
- ♦ **FREE Recycling Services for drive through drop off including:**
 - Battery Disposal (please place tape over ends of small batteries to avoid sparking)
 - Shoes (please tie or rubber band in pairs)
 - Motor Oil Disposal Cell phones Holiday Lights
- ♦ **Compost— your soil will love you for it!!** Pick up information and give away! Take home garden compost **IF** supply still remains. **BYO** Bucket— 20 gallon limit! For questions, please contact the Village Hall.
- ♦ **Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers: Meet at Village Hall at 8:00 AM prior to heading out to pick up trash on Roberts Road!**

EVENT REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Annual Community Garage Sales
May 8th & 9th
8AM-3PM

Call the Village Hall to Register—Free-will \$5 donation helps with advertising that the REC Committee takes care of!

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May 9th- Compost give-away!

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**Annual Village Clean Up
& Adopt-a-Highway**
Saturday, May 16th, 8AM-Noon

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Family Movie Night
Saturday, June 6th, FUN starts at 6:30PM
At Hermann Park

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**Celebrate our BEE CITY with
National Pollinator Week**
June 22-28th

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Splash Day
Wednesday, July 15th

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RiverFest
“This Land is Our Land” & River!
250th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, September 19th

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Visit www.portbarrington.net > Calendar
or posts for more info and updates

It's the bees knees...to protect our pollinators!

Pollination is so important for the trees and plants of our community--enhancing our quality of life, creating recreational and economic development opportunities and providing significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in our towns and cities.

The creatures that do the “heavy lifting” of pollination are bumble bees, honeybees, butterflies, moths, beetles, dragonflies, hummingbirds and many others. They are responsible for the production of almost **90%** of the world's flowering plant species and **one in every three bites of food we consume! Startling!**

As a certified Bee City USA, the Village of Port Barrington is proud to provide and maintain native gardens and follow an Integrative Pest Management Plan (available on our website), supporting the mission to increase our pollinator population. The Village is also committed to public education. Celebrate National Pollinator Week, June 22 - 28th! **Stop by the Village Hall for a free gift** and learn some native landscape ideas for your own backyard. You don't have to **HUG A BEE**, just support and appreciate all they do for us!

www.nwf.org/Native-Plant-Habitats

www.beecityusa.org

www.xerces.org

www.pollinator.org



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