

The Village of Port Barrington

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Upcoming Events

July 15 -(rain date 7/22):

Kids' Splash Day 10am-2pm

Saturday, September 19:

Village RiverFest Noon-10pm

"This Land is Our Land"& River!

Celebrate our Fox River & the birth of
the U.S.A.! Baggo Tournament!

Live music by *Mid-Atlantic & Soda!*

Traveling World of Reptiles interactive
show, rock climbing wall, train & more

GET YOUR PHOTOS IN FOR THE CONTEST!

Saturday, October 31:

Village Halloween Fest 11am-1pm

Sunday, November 15:

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, December 20:

Santa Parade & Party

Village Meetings:

Board of Trustees

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm

Planning Commission/ZBA

2nd Tuesday, 7PM

R.E.C. Committee

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Village Scholarships

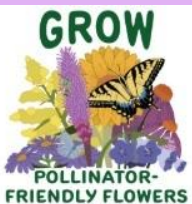
This year, the Village offered two scholarships! For each, applicants were rated on ambition as well as achievement in school, community, charity and/or work. The **Port Barrington Educational Scholarship** supports future education at the college level, and it was awarded to Rocco Garcia of RiverWalk. Rocco plans to attend Samford University in Alabama in the fall.

The additional scholarship added this year is encouraging those in technical/vocational programs. This **Port Barrington Vocational Scholarship** went to Ally Frano of RiverWalk. Ally is aspiring to be a Firefighter Paramedic and just completed her Emergency Medical Technician training. This fall she will begin her fire science training. Rocco and Ally attended the May Village Board Meeting to each receive their \$1000 Scholarship! (pictured below) Congratulations and best wishes to each of them for a bright future!!

Thank you to all who applied! Look for more Village Scholarship opportunities again next spring! Reapplying is welcomed & encouraged!



It's HERE! Pollinator Week June 22 – 28: Stop by Village Hall!



Grow Pollinator-Friendly Flowers

Flowers provide the nectar and pollen resources that pollinators feed on. Growing the right flowers, shrubs, and trees with overlapping bloom times will support pollinators from spring through fall.



Provide Nest Sites

It is important to support all pollinator life stages, including eggs and larvae! For bees, leave patches of bare ground and brush piles, have plants and shrubs with hollow or pithy stems, or install nesting blocks. For butterflies and moths, plant their caterpillar host plants.



Avoid Pesticides

Pesticides, especially insecticides, are harmful to pollinators. Herbicides reduce food sources by removing flowers from the landscape. Fungicides can also have negative effects on bees. There are safer ways to manage issues!



**Find everything you
need to get started**

We care about pollinators because they are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat. Without them, many of our favorite fruits, vegetables, and nuts—like apples, almonds, coffee, and chocolate—would vanish.

Beyond our dinner plates, pollinators are crucial for the environment and the global economy. Here is a quick breakdown of why they are so vital:

- **Global Food Security:** Animal pollinators are necessary for the reproduction of over 75% of the world's food crops.
- **Economic Value:** Pollinators add hundreds of billions of dollars to the global agricultural economy annually.
- **Ecosystem Stability:** They sustain the native plants and flowers that stabilize soils, filter the air, and provide habitats for other wildlife.
- **Biodiversity:** Over 85% of all flowering plants on Earth rely on animals and insects to carry pollen.

Compost Giveaway! Thank you SWALCO and Midwest Organics for collaborating with the Village to provide 20 cubic yards of primo organic compost to our residents. That's approximately 24,000 pounds!

Information about composting and giveaways were also shared with eager participants who filled their buckets with this "black gold". Thank you Planning Commission members Pam Hallett and Vince Russo (pictured below) and Waterway Commissioner Emily Projansky for helping at the info table! We hope the compost will give a boost to the plantings that beautify your yards and our Village and/or provide wonderful healthy food to feed to families and friends!



Our **Planning Commission Chair**, Pam Hallett, has resigned as she is relocating to Colorado! Pam breathed new life into the Commission when she joined a couple of years ago and was appointed as Chair early in 2025. We thank Pam for her service to our Village and wish her well in this next exciting chapter of her life! PC member Vince Russo will soon be appointed to the chairperson role. Vince, has served on the Planning Commission since he and his wife Christine moved into the Deer Grove subdivision last year.

These new developments have left an opening to serve on the Planning Commission! Planning Commission members hear and research all variance requests, hold public hearings for public input, and advise the Village Board in its decision-making regarding building & zoning issues. If you are interested in serving our community in this manner, please send a letter of intent to the Village Hall. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM and receives a small, annual stipend for service.

Thank you to the Village Clean Up and Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers! This successful day left our Village spruced up and ready for summer.



Be Aware... and slow down!!!

It's summer! With it brings a flurry of activity—It's a super dangerous time for active wildlife crossing our streets. Whether to get something to eat (some lured to roadways by trash thrown from car windows—don't do it!) or to find a nesting site or just to visit friends, animals are going back & forth & back! Most scurry—like deer, fox and squirrels. Turtles, not so much. If you decide you want to help a turtle to get off the road, please direct it in the way it was going. Otherwise, it will simply try that path again! Please be mindful of all wildlife creatures and their safety (including children! 😊)

Speaking of slowing down....Let's keep our Golf Cart Privileges!

Sadly, we've had numerous complaints about ATVs, minibikes & electric scooters not paying attention to traffic safety or being courteous to neighbors. Some complaints have come from as far away as Porten's, with people zipping through Fox Trail Park and on to the roads there. A reminder that Fox Trail Park does not allow for motorized vehicles on its trails. And that ATVs are not golf carts. Please be respectful all neighbors and travel!

Annual Channel Clean Up!

THANK YOU to **Hermann's Rest-a-While** for hosting a 'kayak cleanup' of our Neilsen Channels! And a big thank you to all the participants who kayaked or canoed our waterways to help clear them of trash! It takes a Village!



Remember: when looking for some relaxing quiet time in the shade this summer there are TWO Little Free Libraries

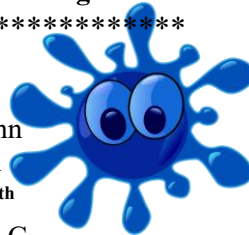


available to you! One is in front of the Village Hall and another is located in Fox Trail Park! These Libraries operate as “give a book, take a book” but you may also take one for free! Just

“pay it forward” one day! 😊 **Happy reading!**

Kids Splash Day!

Fun will bubble up again in Hermann Park at the R.E.C. Committee’s annual **Splash Day** on **Wednesday, July 15th** from **10:00AM to 2:00PM!** The R.E.C. Committee has rented the GIANT inflatable slide & pools, sprinklers, bubbles and water games are sure to have kids **DRENCHED** in fun! Bring your own ‘super soakers’, squirt bottles and pool toys and don’t forget to wear sunscreen!! A burger lunch will be served to the kiddos between splash times. Children age 7 and under *must be chaperoned*. **All** participants must be signed in by an adult with a contact name and phone number for emergency purposes. This event is **FREE** with a donation of a non-perishable food item or paper product donation for the Wauconda Food Pantry!! Monetary donations to the R.E.C. Committee are also accepted to make more events like this possible!!! **Rain date is July 22nd**



The Best way to avoid the bite of a mosquito...

Pesky mosquitoes can really throw a kink in plans to enjoy the outdoors. While it may be tempting to hire companies offering pest control, caution is advised. Much of Port Barrington is under a water protection area by ordinance and certain chemicals are prohibited. Remember, chemicals sprayed in the air or on land and shrubbery can make their way into our waterways! Many pest control chemicals are toxic to fish and other wildlife. Ask questions about products used on your property!

YOU CAN TAKE ACTION to reduce the mosquito population around your home without chemicals!. The best thing you can do is **eliminate all places where water may accumulate in your yard**. Since mosquitos breed in any standing water that is present for more than five days, here are some prime spots to get rid of before those little buggers use them as a nursery!

- Birdbath (clean weekly) and ornamental ponds (aerate and/or stock with fish)
- Any toy, garden equipment or container that can hold water
- Clogged rain gutters or a flat roof without adequate drainage
- Tree rot hole or hollow stump (fill with sand)
- Leaky faucet or outdoor pet bowl (change water daily)
- Pier bumpers (especially tires) Make sure they have holes drilled in them for drainage
- Drainage saucers under potted plants
- Sandboxes—make sure they drain well
- Fence or pier poles that are open at the top.
- Leaky faucet or outdoor pet bowl (change water daily)
- Tire swings or pier bumpers (Drill holes in them to allow water to drain)
- Pool, boat cover or any tarp that collects water



And protect yourselves!

- Avoid being outside during peak mosquito feeding times—just before and after dusk and just before dawn
- Wear light colored, tightly woven clothing and keep trouser legs tucked into boots or socks.
- 00Use mosquito netting to protect young infants
- Apply mosquito repellent to clothes and always follow label directions. Wash your hands after applying repellent.

Movie Night – Built for Success!

Amidst the feature film **Minecraft**, a “digital Lego”-type adventure with a group of misfits being pulled through a portal into the cubic Overworld, families enjoyed a night under the stars in Hermann Park! Attendees could choose from a variety arcade-type games to play, along with concessions and raffles. Prime seating and Minecraft licensed items were raffled off. Attendees could choose from several arcade-type games, and a self-serve photo booth added to the fun!

A huge THANK YOU to Georgina and Ken Lamb and family for all the work they put in to make the Movie Night event happen year after year. And thank you to the Village R.E.C. Committee volunteers.



After the Flood

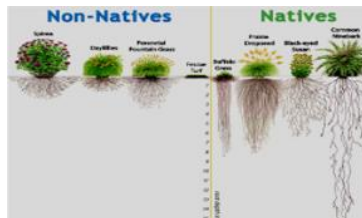
This Spring, our meandering Fox River showed its strength with the help of Mother Nature bringing in some record water levels. A sandbag station was quickly set up at the Village Hall and as the Fox overflowed its banks, volunteers got to work filling bags and helping to place them where needed. Quick work by residents with volunteer support kept much of the damage to a minimum, although Park Drive, Rawson Bridge Road and the end of Eastwood Avenue were closed for several days. As the water receded, we are thankful for a community that once again pulled together in a time of need. A heart-felt thank you to all the Village, volunteers, our four townships, and residents who sandbagged, brought food to feed volunteers and sent good thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Algonquin and Nunda Townships for removing used sandbags free of charge after the storm. **Now it's time to enjoy summer!**



Help clear our channels of **GREEN**.....Limit use of fertilizers and clean up after your pets and dispose of waste properly!

Innovative Stormwater Management – Ideas to manage water around your home !

There are many systems in place around the Village that help to capture some of that stormwater to mitigate flooding and help filter out pollutants. In and around the Village Hall, for example, there are raingardens, rain barrels, bioswales, a StormGUARDEN*, and many native plantings whose roots draw water back into the ground instead of running off to find trouble! Come investigate how you can help reduce flooding around your house and beautify it at the same time!



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