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2026 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



RiverFest 2026 Celebrates

Happy Birthday, America!



This year's annual "RiverFest" celebrated "*This Land is Our Land*".....and River! in honor of the **250th Birthday** of our Country AND in appreciation of the river on which we reside. Held on Friends of the Fox River's "**It's Our Fox River Day**," the party kicked off with red, white and blue decorated bikes parading behind a McHenry County Sheriff Squad! The 5th annual "**River Bags**" Tournament followed, moving inside the Public Works building due to a bit of inclement weather. But weather did not dull spirits and the rain cooperated by staying away though most of the day!

We are thankful for all the support from community businesses and individuals who gave generously to help make this event a success (see list on back page.) Face painting, pony rides, train, cake walk, rock wall and a painting craft & more all made for a busy afternoon! The Traveling World of Reptiles *live* animal show fostered appreciation of our river creatures! Anna from **Lake County Stormwater Management** set up an interactive table-top model demonstrating the effects of stormwater on differing landscapes. Her demo was continuously visited by curious adults and kids! (photo on back page.) Our "**Ring of Native Trees**" around Hermann Park Pond was dedicated with



new signage and a tree planted honoring Arbor Day. "The Ring" provides information on the value of native trees, both aesthetically and in the roles of habitat support, comfort and stormwater management. Help stop a flood! Plant a native tree!

Nancy Bachal, our former Village Clerk, was named this year's

Hometown Hero for her many years of service to our Village—above and beyond! Also to her credit is our Village motto: "*Friendly by Nature*". Thank you for all you've done for Port Barrington, Nancy!

Maggie's Mutts were again welcome guests at RiverFest and assisted in adoption opportunities for our canine friends!

MidAtlantic provided live afternoon music and the evening was capped off with more live jams by **SODA**.

Thank you to our Village Board, Public Works, REC Committee members and all the volunteers that worked so hard for so many days to put RiverFest together! And thank you to all the folks that attended! If you missed this wonderful event, mark your calendar NOW for next year---always on the 3rd Saturday in September:

"It's Our Fox River Day!"

Vote!

General Consolidated Election is November 3rd!

Your vote makes a difference!! Use these links to check on voter registration, precincts, early voting locations, and sample ballots!

[McHenry County](#) [Lake County](#)

Electronic links are available in the digital version of this newsletter at www.portbarrington.net

Local Consolidation Election is

April 6, 2027



Offices for three full-term (4 years) Village Trustee positions are up for Election in April 2027. As of this writing, it is believed that Village Board incumbents will all be running again for their positions. If you are interested in running for a Trustee position, petition packets are available as a courtesy at the Village Hall and on the Village website www.portbarrington.net as well as on county and state websites. Petitions can be circulated for signatures until the filing period begins on November 16th. The Village Board meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7PM to review Village policies, procedures, and other Village business, helping to keep our Village "Friendly by Nature" and a joy to live in! These are volunteer positions with a small stipend awarded quarterly for service.

Our **Village Waterway Commission** is amped up! The dynamic duo of Emily Projansky and Lindsey Becker are liaisons to the Village Board with info about all things water—which is a lot here in Port Barrington! If you should have any questions, concerns or ideas about our channels, river, flooding or our water sources in general, please contact them at their new email, waterwaycommission@portbarrington.net



Leaves are suddenly everywhere!

A reminder that you can place leaves in your landscape waste containers that are picked up weekly by LRS! As another alternative, you can mulch or compost your leaves, it's great for your lawn! Also, LRS will provide **leaf vacuuming on October 27th and November 17th, weather permitting**. Check the Village website for any changes.

What are those surveyors doing?

Roberts & Darrell Roads fall under the jurisdiction of Lake County DOT who is planning installation of improvements at that intersection several years from now. Please see <https://lcdot.ecointeractive.com/projects> for info.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: CLEAN UP OF ROBERTS ROAD! Saturday, November 7th 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 prior to hittin' the road!

Don't forget to donate your clean used shoes to the Village Reuse-a-Shoe SWALCO program!

31st Annual



Sunday, November 8th
Clara Hermann Park

Competitor Check-in: 10:30-11am

Chef Judging: 11:15am

Chili Tasting: 12pm

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 Port Barrington area businesses will award cash prizes. Refreshments-- including Rusty's famous grilled cheese--will be available for sale! Apple desserts will be judged by People's Choice and the winner will receive the

2nd annual *Suzi Gammon Best Apple Dessert Award!*



Family Fun

Football...Food...Friends...Firepit!! Refreshment...Raffles...Wheel-of-Fortune and More!

Prizes for Chili

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

Football Game (TBD)

12pm - 3pm CT

Game will be aired in the Pavilion



Cooks & Bakers

Chili and apple desserts must be checked in between **10:30 and 11:00am**. Label any allergen ingredients and indicate chili 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.

Reminder: you can only be judged until your supply runs out--so make a big batch!



Judging

Entries are anonymously judged. Chili for cash prizes are judged on taste, texture, and appearance, as evaluated by esteemed judges from local Port Barrington businesses starting at **11:00am**. People's Choice entries are evaluated by ballots for chili & dessert that are submitted no later than **1:20pm**. Winners announced at 1:30pm and 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**. **Happy Tasting!**

Recycle Your Organic Fall Décor! A marked dumpster will be at the Village Hall all of November for your mums, gourds, cornstalks, pumpkins and! Please remove all non-compostable decorations. A bin will also be available for your spent holiday lights!

Port Barrington R.E.C. Committee presents another FREE event..

Who is Batty? for Halloween Fest 2026

Halloween Party & Costume Contest

Saturday, October 31st

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 serpents and spiders and **BATS**

www.incrediblebats.com

in the Blue Heron Room next to the Village Hall, 11:00-1:00PM

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

Village Trick-or-Treating

From 1:00-4:00PM

Best Spooky House Contest!! 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! We love our spooks! Drive Carefully!

OR ELSE!!!!!!



Oh
my!



Slow
Down

AWD.....Jack is Back!
Shake hands and get a PIC
With this tall, handsome
STRANGER!

**Thank you.....to all the local businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated items to
The Village of Port Barrington & R.E.C Committee Raffle Fundraiser at RiverFest!!! And to our event sponsors!***

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