

NEW PUBLICATION FOR JOHNSBURG

Many of you may have already received the Richmond, Spring Grove, Johnsburg Report in the mail. This is a new publication by Southern Lakes Newspapers, LLC that is published weekly. They cover community events in the three towns and did a wonderful job reporting on this year's Saufen und Spiel and Johnsburg High School Homecoming. They are offering discounted subscription rates to Johnsburg residents for a limited time. For more information, please contact them at 262-763-3511.

Q: WHAT IS WALLA-PA-LOOZA?

A: Walla-Pa-Looza is an organization that organizes and participates in events to raise money to assist cancer patients and cancer research. The monies raised are distributed both locally and nationally.

Q: WHAT EVENTS DOES WALLA-PA-LOOZA HOLD?

A: In August 2009 we held our first event. It was an outdoor event that included food, music, raffles, and family friendly activities throughout the day. This event raised over \$15,000.00. In December we are holding an indoor event that will also include food, music and raffles.

Q: WHY ALL THE PURPLE?

A: Every one is familiar with pink being the color for Breast Cancer support. We decided that we wanted to be able to assist as many people as possible and found that purple is the color that signifies support for all cancers.

Q: WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE MAKE UP THE WALLA-PA-LOOZA ORGANIZATION?

A: The people involved in Walla-Pa-Looza come from various backgrounds, but all have one thing in common, they shared the vision of its founder Craig Wallace, a guy that saw a need to raise some money and have some fun. He recruited friends and family to help and that has ballooned into something much bigger.

Q: CAN ANYONE HELP WALLA-PA-LOOZA?

A: Yes, if you want to help us in our various fundraising efforts send us an e-mail at craig@Walla-Pa-Looza.org and we will be happy to have your assistance.

Q: WHAT IF I JUST WANT TO DONATE?

A: The best way to make a donation is to send a check to Walla-Pa-Looza c/o Craig Wallace 4000 Cedar Creek Drive, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051. You can donate to our organization by simply going to www.walla-pa-looza.org

Q: ARE YOU RECOGNIZED AS A 503C?

A: We are currently in the process of applying for becoming a 503c Non-Profit organization. We are working with our lawyer and filing the paperwork and will hopefully be one soon.

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE AN IDEA FOR WALLA-PA-LOOZA

A: You can contact us via e-mail (see above) or leave us a voice mail at 815-363-1189.

VILLAGE REVENUES TO DEPEND ON ACCURATE CENSUS IN APRIL 2010

In April, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting its regular 10 year survey to find out just how many Americans there really are. The census count is extremely important to us as a Village. We receive state and federal funds based on our population. A short count means we won't get our fair share of those funds. In addition, population determines state and federal legislative boundaries. After the census is concluded, our Congressional, State Senate and State House districts will be redrawn. For this census, the form is going to be much shorter and must less intrusive than in 2000.

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There will only be 10 questions on the form that you'll be asked to fill out. The information is absolutely confidential. None of the information that you provide as part of this census through the Census Bureau is shared with any Federal, State or Local government agency. We at the Village level only get a broad analysis of the data. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. Please take the few minutes to fill out the census form completely so the Village is assured of getting our fair share of funds.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS: SNOWPLOWING

It's that time of year again to remind everyone about snowplowing. We ask that if you have any hazards at the roadside, such as boulders or driveway markers that may interfere with the plows to please remove them before the first snowfall. In bigger storms it is really difficult for our drivers to see where the edge of the road is. Major roads and bus routes are plowed first, followed by secondary subdivision streets and finally cul de sacs and private roads. Please adhere to the "No Parking" rule on days when a 2 inch snowfall has occurred or is being forecasted. Also, check your mailbox post to make sure it is sturdy enough to withstand snow being rolled off from the plow. We will repair mailboxes only if they come in direct contact with the snowplow and will not repair them if the force of the snow knocks them down. Please make sure the area around your mailbox is shoveled so mail can be delivered and around any fire hydrant that may be on your property. Also, please increase the following distance when behind a snowplow. It is very difficult for the drivers to see most cars behind them and this will only increase awareness for our drivers. With your help and patience, this year's snow removal should run smoothly.