



Fall/Winter 2020

# HEBRON NEWS

*Honoring our past, moving toward the future...*

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Happy Autumn!*



*Hello everyone!*

Welcome to Autumn and the beautiful colors of the season. It has been a challenging year to say the least but we have all persevered like champs. The thoughtfulness of our neighbors, helping each other, supporting one another and still moving forward is heart-warming and inspiring!

Trunk or Treat will take place in the municipal lot on Sunday, October 25th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please social distance, wear your masks, come out with the kiddies and have a terrific time! Many thanks to April Steele for her organization of this event each year.

Halloween is officially on Saturday, October 31st and Trick-or-Treating hours are from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are asking those homes participating to turn on their porch lights (yes, even during the daylight hours) so those parents and children wishing to participate know which residents are also participating. Please don't forget to wear those masks!

Our annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27th at 5:00 pm. Resident, Tammy Lillie is always so generous with her time in decorating and securing donations for those decorations. Thank you, Tammy. Please watch our Facebook Page and Website for information as the date comes closer.

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We will also still have our annual Christmas Lights contest for residents and businesses, alike. Judging will take place the evenings of December 17th, 18th and 19th. Winners will be announced at our December 28th meeting. Thank you in advance to all who participate making our Village even more charming than it already is and spreading joy throughout this holiday season!

With all the struggles happening throughout the country, many municipalities have had to cut back employee hours, lay off employees and are still having issues with their budgets from this unexpected pandemic the world finds itself in. I am proud to say that the Village of Hebron has had to do NONE of this. Our exemplary staff is adhering to their budgets while working hard and smart to keep everything running and business as usual. Thank you to our amazing staffers and let's not forget our Village Board who helps make this possible!

***Wishing you all health, safety and a beautiful holiday season!***

Respectfully yours in service,

*Kimmy*





## FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

It's really hard to believe summer is over and fall is upon us! Where does the time go?!

Halloween is coming and our *Trick or Treat Hours* are on **Saturday, October 31 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** We realize this year presents some challenges. If you want to receive little goblins at your door, please leave the porch light on. If not, please turn it off. Drive carefully and watch out for children!!!



*Have a Howling good time!!!*

It is hard to believe that winter (bad word, I know) is just around the corner. But, with winter brings some fun activities in the Village like our Hebron's 4th Annual Christmas Lights Contest in December and our Annual Snowman Building Contest. These are the things that can help get us through! **More information to come as we get closer; please check our Village Website in "Notifications" for new information.**

*Have a joyous and safe Holiday Season!!!*

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## NEWS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Woodland Meadows has sold six new homes. Welcome to all the new residents!

KLM also has a model home that is open to the view on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or anytime, by appointment.

**Thank you to those who take pride in maintaining their property and a BIG shout out to those helping their neighbors in doing so!**





## ***Dollars and Sense — From the Treasurer's Office***

Currently, the Village is awaiting a response for approval of two very important grants for our water/sewer project and our road project. They were submitted earlier this summer. And, once again the Senior Bus Grant from McHenry County has been approved. This is great news as this helps many of our senior residents!

There are several smaller grants in progress as well. We will keep you informed of these grant possibilities via the newsletter and at the monthly Village Board meetings. Keep your fingers crossed that we receive these much-needed funds!!!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

~ Sue

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Second Leaf pickup Friday, November 16 - Prairieland Disposal Fall Leaf Pickup

Tuesday, January 5 and Tuesday, January 12 - Prairieland Disposal Live Christmas Tree Pickup

*\*\*\* For both of these events, please contact Prairieland Disposal Services, Inc. at 847-381-9300 with questions.\*\*\**

In addition, the Village Christmas Light Contest will be in December and we will also hold our Snowman Contest once again. Our entries last year were stellar! There will be information to follow regarding both these events.

***\*\*\*PLEASE get in the habit of checking our Village website ([www.villageofhebron.org](http://www.villageofhebron.org)) under "The Village" at the top and then find "Notifications" for this type of information as well as alerts regarding the Village.\*\*\****

## Believe it or not, it is that time of year again...Time to think about snow removal!

Per Village Ordinance 216-17-920, Title 6B-1, Chapter 4 regarding snow removal, the person occupying the ground floor of any building, the owner/user of any lot without a structure thereon, and the owner of any vacant building or other premises shall use reasonable efforts to remove the snow and ice accumulating on the abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow or ice cannot be removed, the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

Title 6B-2, Chapter 4: Any person violating Section 6B-1 shall be fined \$25.00 for each offense.



### FROM OUR PD



### \*\*\*Warning\*\*\*

Remember to lock your vehicles when parked overnight! There has been a high frequency of auto thefts from Milwaukee to the North Shore.

As a courtesy reminder that Winter Parking Restrictions (Ordinance 9-2-5B) will begin November 1 through April 1 between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., there is **NO PARKING** on Main Street (Rt. 47) and the north side of Prairie Street between Main Street and Illinois Street.

Any vehicle found in violation of this ordinance can be ticketed and/or towed. If you need to leave your car overnight, please call 815-648-2351 and leave a message with your vehicle's make, model, license plate number, and a contact phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As always, please *drive carefully* on the Village side streets. Use extra caution on Halloween, **October 31, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.**; remember that kids will be paying attention to costumes and candy bars, not cars!!!

~ Hebron Police Department



VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
K-9 DONATION FUND

**HEBRON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

12007 PRAIRIE AVENUE P.O. BOX 112

Hebron, IL 60034

Phone: (815) 648-2351 Fax: (815) 648-2771

Welcome Officer K-9 ODIN – German Shephard -14 Months  
Donated by: K-9s 4 U Island Lake. IL.



A K-9 trained for both patrol and narcotics: Average cost **\$8,000–\$10,000**. Odin will be trained as a law enforcement officer who handles and uses his skills to assist in the execution of drug detection, possible cadaver location, pursuit and apprehension of suspects and possible explosive identification.

**DONATION OPTIONS**

Mail or in Person (Cash, Check, or Money Order)

Hebron Police Department

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Any Questions call 815-648-2351

Adopt Your New Best Friend. (n.d.). Retrieved September 30, 2020, from <https://k9s4u.org/>

Basich, M. (2003, February 01). The Cost of Starting a K-9 Unit. Retrieved September 30, 2020, from <https://www.policemag.com/338994/the-cost-of-starting-a-k-9-unit>

# Trunk or Treat

**Where: The Hebron Municipal Parking Lot**

**When: Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

This is an event for the whole family! Come out dressed in your favorite costume and Trick or Treat from the line of decorated cars. This event is FREE!

\*\*\*Trunks are needed.\*\*\* Decorate your trunk and have fun passing out candy! Please RSVP April Steele at 224-545-7785 or aprilsteelegs1@hotmail.com.



## Village of Hebron Senior Bus

The Village of Hebron Senior Bus runs every Tuesday, weather permitting, leaving from the Village Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returning to the same location at 1:30 p.m. If you live in within the Village limits and a special pick up is needed, we will try to accommodate the needs of those who cannot get to the central location. This program is flexible as to where we will go each week and what stops we will make. This is a rider's program and will be designed to meet the rider's needs as much as possible. If the majority want to stop for lunch, we will try to work out affordable and convenient stops that the bus can pull into.

The Village applies yearly for grant funds through McHenry County which pays for this free service. The bus is an Alden-Hebron School District bus and is driven by a certified bus driver. The current driver is Gary Norton and he is a great guy! It is wonderful to have inter-governmental cooperation with the school district to be able to provide a much-needed service to our residents. The bus visits neighboring towns to access retail establishments, businesses and offices.



Please contact the Village Treasurer, Sue Fotland, at 815-648-2353 (Extension 12) with questions. You will find a registration form on our Village website or please stop in the Village Hall and we would be happy to give you one.  
*Thank you and happy riding!*

## Notes from public works:

### STREETS:

The Village of Hebron Public Works department will be picking up brush the 1st and the 3rd Mondays in October. Please do not leave brush on the side of the streets until these days. Leaf pick up will be October until first snow. Do not mix leaves with brush. The Village does not pick up yard waste such as clippings and weeds. Prairie Land disposal picks up yard waste. To contact Prairie Land Disposal Services, Inc., please call 1-847-381-9300.

*NOTE: Brush pick up is being provided for larger branches generated from tree trimming or storm damage and is not intended for disposal of whole trees that have been removed.*



***Happy Fall!!!!***

*~ Superintendent Dan Nelson*



### **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

Please be aware and do a household check... A water tip, a leaky faucet, or running toilet can lead to higher water and sewer bill.

***Just a small leak can create a higher water and sewer bill!***

### **Water:**

Thank you for your patience during the fall fire hydrant flushing! This is very important to make sure the hydrants are working and to flush the distribution system. This helps to bring quality water to your home and business. Also, a reminder as the colder weather approaches, please make sure that you have the heat on to prevent frozen pipes. If you are closing up a home or business for the winter, please make sure to winterize it!

### **Sewer:**

Please **DO NOT** flush any hazardous chemicals down the sewer. Also, pouring grease down your drains can cause your drains back up! Grease is also hard on Village equipment in the sewer system.

*~ Frank Michalczyk, Jr.*



## Water/Sewer Billing:

### Final reading requests

If you are selling your home, please contact the water department at least 5 business days in advance of your closing. Those final readings are scheduled, and we need time to process the paperwork that you will need at your closing. Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.

### Buying a home or renting in the Village of Hebron?

Please contact the water department at (815) 648-2335 X20. If after hours or I do not answer the phone, I may have stepped away from my desk or possibly busy helping someone. Please leave a brief message including your name and phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

### In need of assistance?

Below are some organizations that are willing to help with utility bills! They assist people who are unemployed or underemployed by providing possible aid with rent, food and utility bills. Just contact them and they will advise you what the process is.

- United Way- Call 211 or 1-888-865-9903
- St. Vincent De Paul Society – St. Mary Catholic Church 1-815-334-7711
- Catholic Charities Assistance 1-815-344-6956 for (English X305) (Spanish X306)
- Hebron Township 1-815-648-2994
- Salvation Army 1-815-455-2769
- Consumer Credit Counseling Service 1-815-338-5757
- McHenry County Housing Authority 1-815-338-7752
- Village of Hebron Benevolent Fund – applications on website [Villageofhebron.org](http://Villageofhebron.org) (under forms)

The Village of Hebron also offers a short-term payment program call 1-815-648-2335 X20 for more information.

### Ways to make a payment

For your convenience, there is a gray payment drop box out in the front of the village hall that is accessible 24 hours a day. Forms of payments accepted are Cash, Checks, Money-orders, and E-Pay.

You can make a payment in person at the water department, located in the back of the village hall. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 9AM – 3PM and Tuesday from 10:30AM – 3PM. For your safety and the safety of our staff; a mask is required for entry into the Village Hall and social distancing is being practiced. We appreciate your understanding on this important matter. Electronic payments (E-Pay) can be made online at the [Villageofhebron.org](http://Villageofhebron.org) and follow the prompts for Bill Pay. A small convenience fee is charged by the state. If you require further assistance, please call 1-(815) 648-2335 X20 during regular business hours.





## What is MCRide?

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. Whether you need transportation for work, school, shopping, medical appointments or just to visit a friend, MCRide provides an affordable and flexible way to travel!

As a **dial-a-ride** program, MCRide service is "on-demand" and vehicles do not travel in a fixed route each day. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and drop-off destinations. MCRide is a shared-ride service, so vehicles may make stops for other passengers.

When MCRide began, multiple local dial-a-ride services were combined to form one coordinated program. This has made it easier and more efficient for suburban commuters, seniors and persons with disabilities to schedule and use dial-a-ride services in McHenry County. MCRide has improved access to jobs and schools and has provided greater mobility to all individuals. This program receives a portion of its funding from the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation through grants administered by the Regional Transportation Authority (Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities).

For more detailed program information, check out the [MCRide Brochure \(.pdf\)](#) and [Rider's Guide \(.pdf\)](#). Para Información de MCRide: [Folleto de MCRide](#) on the McHenry County website ([www.mchenrycountyillinois.gov](http://www.mchenrycountyillinois.gov)) under transportation, Transit Services.

