

# HEBRON NEWS

Honoring our past, moving toward the future

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello everyone,

We have much happening in the village starting with our new parking lot on Rt. 173 just east of Rt. 47 under construction and soon to be usable! Public Works has begun this preparing the lot, then having it graveled. The gravel needs to settle for several months, then the lot will be asphalted and striped. In order to be a good neighbor, we are leaving a berm for planting trees to allow for a more pleasant view. The entrance to the lot will be on Illinois and the exit directly onto Rt. 173.

How did we come upon this terrific opportunity? The village received a generous donation of the property! Next, we filed for a grant, many thanks to Larry Smith, which covered the property's demolition and clean-up. Our board voted on a resolution for MFT funds to gravel, and the asphalt will complete the process this spring. Good things take time, but this is how we get the job done!

Next, we have received another grant for \$120,000 to work on our infrastructure, specifically Prairie Avenue! We are awaiting an environmental study, provided via the grant and to be completed by McHenry County. As soon as this is addressed and finished, let the shovels hit the ground!

On other grant notes, we are awaiting decisions for our parks, more infrastructure and lighting. Keep watching for updates. I'd like to personally thank our staff, specifically, Susan Fotland our Treasurer, Dan Nelson our Public Works Superintendent as well as Dick Ackerman our Building Inspector who are all instrumental in the process of these grants! Patience, paperwork and progress = all good for Hebron!

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## VILLAGE CLERK

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT Continued . . .

The Village is happy to announce we were able to bring some relief to residents in the form of a 5%, unprecedented permanent water billing reduction. After much number crunching including checks, double checks and checking yet again, it was determined to be fiscally feasible and the Village Board passed this reduction in rates. This will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Since 2007, our residents have seen a steady increase in rates, and this is the first time we have been able to offer any relief. This administration is determined to continue being fiscally responsible and still maintain good standing with the IEPA.

Back in fall of 2017 at a Village meeting, we asked anyone who knew of sidewalks and streets in need of repairs to please contact the Village. We heard from only a couple people. Along with Public Works priority locations, here are our numbers to date: Sidewalks – 458 linear feet; Roads (Portion/full Replacement or Repair) – McKinley Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Illinois Street, Harrison Avenue, Union Street, Prairie Avenue. All of these repairs have come from MFT funds and not the Village's general fund.

Our annual Snowman Building Contest is in full swing! We ask residents to send your pictures to [Clerk@VillageOfHebron.org](mailto:Clerk@VillageOfHebron.org) through March 31<sup>st</sup> and look forward to seeing your creativity.

*Wishing you all a beautiful winter season!*

All the best,

*Kimmy*





## OUR POLICE NEWS...

**Remember to lock you 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 begun 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!*

### Scam Alert!!!

Although there are many scam artists out there, there is a new scam regarding **unemployment insurance identity theft fraud**. It is the fastest growing scam of late. Anyone can become a victim of this and it is wise to educate yourselves. The Village offers a free pamphlet regarding scams and is located in our Village foyer. Please help yourselves!

**Officer Garrett Schmoeller** received a Commendation Certificate presented to him by President Martinez at the Village Board meeting on October 26, 2020. This commendation was awarded to him for his response to a medical issue during a routine traffic stop. Officer Schmoeller received a heartfelt letter of thanks from the gentleman that he stopped. President Martinez commended him for using compassion while performing his official duties as an officer. She thanked him for representing the Village in such a positive manner!

*A HUGE thank you to Officer Schmoeller for a job well done!!!*

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## FROM OUR TREASURER

Currently, the Village is awaiting a response for approval of several grants that have been submitted for approval. In addition, the Village continues to search for grants that we may be able to apply for in hope of securing much-needed funds.

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.

Hope that you all stay warm this winter!

*~ Sue Fotland Treasurer*



**Dollar and Sense**

## Dear Residents...

Just a reminder that when there is news that I would like to send to you, I will post it on our Village website at [www.villageofhebron.org](http://www.villageofhebron.org) under "The Village" at the top of the website and then in "Announcements." Important notifications, as well as helpful solutions regarding the Village, are always posted here. This is a good place to find out things such as boil orders, upcoming events, office closings, notices from our utilities and much more! Try to find time to check this frequently to stay informed.

Please be a good neighbor and shovel the sidewalks in front of your homes. If it is not possible for you to do so, perhaps find a youngster that would like to make a few extra dollars and are willing to help you out. During the cold season, many are still out using them and they would greatly appreciate your efforts. We have been lucky so far this winter, but it is long from over, I'm afraid!

*Until Spring, stay warm and cozy!!! ~ Jean Attermeier*

### VILLAGE CLERK

### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

815-648-2353 EXT. 10

[clerk@villageofhebron.org](mailto:clerk@villageofhebron.org)





## What is MCRide?

**MCRide Dial-a- Ride** 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.

## How Do I Reserve a Trip?

- Call **1-800-451-4599** (or use 711 for the Illinois Relay Service) to schedule a ride. Select "McHenry County" from the automated prompt and a live person will help you to schedule a ride.
- Spanish speaking call takers are available.

Reservation hours are Monday-Friday from 5:30 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. On the weekends, because of low staff levels, call takers only make same-day reservations. Trips for Saturday, Sunday or Monday can be reserved on the preceding Friday. The Call Center is also open (to take trip reservations) on Holidays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Seniors and individuals with a disability can reserve their trips up to seven (7) days in advance. The general public (all riders) can reserve their trips 2 days in advance (starting January 1, 2020). If you are using MCRide for both legs of a trip (going and coming), remember to make both trip reservations at the same time!

## When Can I Ride?

MCRide operates according to the schedule shown below. Observed Holidays include: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Monday - Friday	6:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Holidays	No Service

## ***Police News Continued:***

It is a pleasure to announce that Officer Garrett Schmoeller has been promoted to Sergeant. Many in the Village know him as a very dedicated, kind and helpful member of the Village of Hebron Police Department. Please do not hesitate to congratulate him the next time you see him!

*The Village appreciates the conscientious work that Sergeant Schmoeller does and wishes to congratulate him!!!*



Pictured Chief Donlea and Sergeant Schmoeller

## **WATER DEPARTMENT:**



***Just a friendly reminder...***if you are closing your house for the winter, please make sure that you winterize it before you leave. It is recommended that you call a licensed plumber to do the work.

Be aware that leaking house hold plumbing can lead to higher water bills!!!

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

Please ***DO NOT*** flush any hazardous chemicals down the sewer! Also, pouring grease down your drains can cause your drains to plug up and lead to costly plumbing bills!

In addition, please ***DO NOT*** put flushable wipes or rags down the sewer as this will eventually lead to sewer backups!!!

Any questions regarding sewer issues, please call or email the Sewer Department at [sewer@villageofhebron.org](mailto:sewer@villageofhebron.org).

***Thank you!***





The Village of Hebron Code Enforcement Officer is working diligently to clean up the look of our Village. We want to set a good impression to the people who visit or drive through our Village. Please be a good neighbor and check out your own property to see if there are any improvements you can make.

If you have any questions please be sure to contact our building inspector, Dick Ackerman at 815-482-4558.



### ***Village Snowman Contest 2021***

We have already received entries for the ***Village of Hebron Snowman Contest 2021***. After last year, it will be hard to beat the number of entries that we had, but we are hopeful just the same. If you made a snowman and took pictures and want to enter them into the contest, please email them to [clerk@villageofhebron.org](mailto:clerk@villageofhebron.org) along with your name, address and phone number.

***Winners will be announced at the April 26 Village Board Meeting.  
The best of luck to all!***



The Village of Hebron requires a Raffle License to hold a raffle within the Village. Please refer to the Village website ([villageofhebron.org](http://villageofhebron.org)) regarding regulations for raffles and to find an application form (also available at the Village Hall). When the form is completed, please return to the Village Clerk by email at [clerk@villageofhebron.org](mailto:clerk@villageofhebron.org) or drop it off at the Village Hall during normal Clerk hours (Mondays 1 pm to 6 pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm).

The raffle must be approved by the Village Board at a meeting, so please make sure that you give yourself plenty of time for processing. ***Thank you!!!***





***Please join the Village Board in welcoming New Trustee Tammy Lillie!***

Trustee Tammy Lillie was appointed to the Village Board to fill the vacancy left by Robert Wagner. She is pictured below being sworn in by Village Attorney, Michael Smoron.

We also have a new Water/Sewer Billing Clerk and her name is JoAnne Grumprecht. You may have already met her if you have come in with questions or to pay your monthly bill. Please contact her at 815-648-2335 (Ext. 20) or by email at [wsbilling@villageofhebron.org](mailto:wsbilling@villageofhebron.org), if needed.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COVID-19 Vaccine

McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is currently vaccinating the priority Phase 1A group.

MCDH is encouraging those identified in Phase 1B and Phase 1C to complete a COVID-19 vaccine enrollment form. Please go to <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=W9ENTNFW9> for more information.

When you have completed the enrollment form and a clinic becomes available to each group, information on how to schedule an appointment will be directly sent to those who have completed the form.



## Winners of the 2020 Christmas Light Contest:

### In the Residential Category -

**First Place** went to the Michael Olhava family of 11803 Maple Avenue.

**Second Place** went to both the Gary Norton family of 9710 Woods Lane and the Adam Mass family of 9706 Illinois Street as there was a tie for second place.

**Third Place** went to both the Rogelio Ruiz family of 9704 Illinois Street and the Michael Natschke family of 9708 Illinois Street as there was also a tie for third place.

### In the Business Category -

**First Place** went to Crandall's Restaurant.

**Second Place** went to Stateline Insurance.

**Third Place** went to The Dari.

*Thank you to all who participated in this event and a hearty  
CONGRATULATIONS to the winners.*

*The town was really lit up with good cheer!!!*



