

# HEBRON NEWS

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

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Hello, Hebron!*

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Halloween. Seeing all the costumes was certainly fun! We have many Hebron Happenings occurring between now and the end of the year, details are below.



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Our water tower has received much needed repairs, maintenance and an update. If you haven't seen it yet, come on out, take some pictures, grab a bite & beverage at one of our dining establishments and do a little shopping as well!

Speaking of dining establishments, our newest restaurant, Beaners, is tentatively scheduled to open on November 16th at the Northeast corner of Main Street & Rt. 173. Come on out for some fine Mexican American Barbecue. They will be open for breakfast, lunch & dinner, seven days a week from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Alden-Hebron District 19 is having a program in honor of our Veterans on Friday, November 9th from 8:45 am - 9:45 am in the Alden-Hebron High School gym. Also, please remember to fly your flags on Veterans Day, November 11th & on Monday, November 12th. So many men and women have served our beautiful country and sacrificed so much. Thank you to all our veterans and their families.

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Thanksgiving is almost upon us and the Village would like to remind everyone that our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, November 24th at 5:00 pm at the Hebron Community Park located off Price Road by Moraine. Come on out with the family and enjoy the beginning of our Christmas season!

Hebron Community Park will also host our Village Ice Rink for the 2nd year for additional seasonal fun!

Hebron's 3rd Annual Christmas Lights Contest will once again take place. Judging will take place Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 14th, 15th & 16th. Be sure to have your displays ready and lit as judges will be out all three evenings! 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be announced at our December 17th Village Board Meeting. Local businesses are included in a separate contest as well. Participation last year was outstanding, so let's turn on those lights, Hebron!

The Village will also be holding our 1st Annual Snowman Building Contest. Now, we realize that snow can happen anytime between now and Spring, so this will be an ongoing contest from now until March 31st. Build your snowman, take a picture and e-mail with 'Snowman Contest' in the subject line to Village Clerk, Jean Attermeier at [Clerk@VillageOfHebron.org](mailto:Clerk@VillageOfHebron.org) to enter. Please include your family name, address and telephone number. Multiple entries will be accepted. Winners will be announced at our April 15th Village Board meeting. Limited to one prize if multiple entries are sent. Let's show our creativity, Hebron!

We'd like to remind everyone that our Senior Bus rides are on Tuesdays beginning at 9:00 am until 1:30 pm. Gary Norton, our driver can pick you up at your residence if need be. Please call the Village for details.

May your days be bright and your evenings cozy as we enter this beautiful holiday season.

Wishing everyone Blessings & Peace,

*Kimmy*



## FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

Please let me introduce myself, my name is Jean Attermeier and I recently returned to the Village of Hebron as the Clerk. I live in Spring Grove with my husband, Kurt. Our three children are grown and have families of their own now, which is really fun for us! I look forward to meeting all of you, seeing old friendly faces as well as new, and working here in the Village once again! Stop in and say hello!

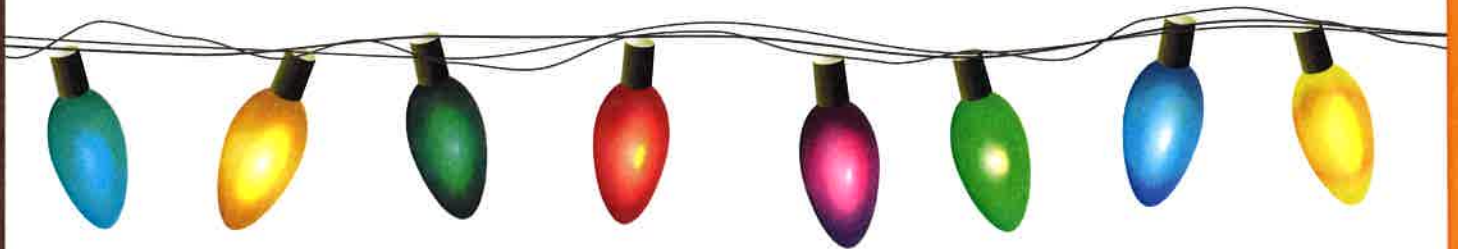
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The Village Board meets two times a month (as needed). These meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Village Hall located at 12007 Prairie Avenue at 7pm. Please see our Village website for the meeting agendas and minutes.

If you choose to comment during the public comments sections of the meeting, please be sure to sign the sheet located towards the front of the Village Board room.



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



The Village would be happy to re-home any *working* Christmas lights which can be dropped off at the Village Hall or the Police Department. We would very much appreciate the donation.

So, please keep us in mind!



## Dollars and Sense

From the Treasurer's Office

The Village's fiscal year ended April 30, 2018. Both the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were audited in accordance with Illinois State Law and current Governmental Accounting Standards by Roach and Associates. The Board received the completed audit at the October, 2018 meeting.

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights:

The General Fund revenues exceeded the estimated revenues by \$44,306.

The General Fund expenditures were less than the estimated expenditures by \$96,464.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Village. On April 30, 2018, the fund balance of the General Fund was \$541,391. This balance includes the key departments including Administration, Streets, Police and Building Department. The Proprietary Fund includes Sewer and Water. It is important to note that the General Governmental Funds and the Proprietary Fund including both Sewer and Water cannot be intermingled. They are two separate accounting entities.

This audit report reflects the new improved pay back schedule for the IEPA Loan. President Martinez successfully renegotiated the loan down to a 1% interest rate with a more favorable repayment schedule. The new schedule is on page 40 of the audit report.

No funds had expenditures that exceeded the appropriations.

### Budget Planning for next fiscal year:

The Department Heads will be giving input regarding requested priorities for their departments and the Treasurer's Office will put this in a format to be reviewed by the President and the Finance Committee to put together a balanced budget that addresses current needs, saves money set aside for future long term projects and arrive at projections of revenue for the upcoming year. This is a tedious process, but one that does pay off in the form of accomplishing the goals and staying within a balanced budget. As mentioned above, we are really working on two separate budgets. One is for the General Fund and the other for the Water and Sewer Fund. Input for Village goals and needs, to be included in the Budget, are always welcome as we work on the budget between November and March.

You can find the complete audit as well as this year's budget on the Village website. As always we encourage you to ask any questions about the finances of the Village.

## FROM OUR PD

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

As a courtesy reminder that **Winter Parking Restrictions** (Ordinance 9-2-5B) has now 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.



### 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.



# Call Before You Dig!!!



Planning a home improvement project? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT!

Call 811\* before you dig

When starting a project that involves digging, state law requires that anyone engaging in any type of excavation contact JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) by calling 811, a state-wide, toll-free number, to have utility lines professionally marked. Calling 811 is the most important step prior to starting a digging project because it alerts excavators to the presence of underground utility lines.

## Recycling Tips from Waste Management



### *Free your recyclables!*

Did you know all your good recycling work could be going to waste when you put recyclables in plastic bags in your recycling container? Free your recyclables to ensure they have a second life. Ditch the plastic bags and empty recyclable materials directly into your recycling container. If you collect recyclables in plastic bags at home in the kitchen, office, or bathrooms, just remember to empty those bags directly into your recycling container before taking it to the curb. Plastic bags wreak havoc on processing equipment and pose safety hazards to workers. Take loose plastic bags back to local retailers to recycle or check [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org). Remember the next time you recycle, free your recyclables!



Visit [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com) to learn more!



# Notes from public works:

## STREETS:

The Public Works Department has been finishing up the last of the large sidewalk repairs and will be getting ready to do some smaller repairs.

The Department would like to thank Pipeview and Matt Johnson for coming to Hebron to take pictures and video of a sewer line the Village had trouble with. Matt located the problem and we were able to fix it.

We also had the McHenry County Road District come to Hebron with their vacuum/jetter truck and we were able to clean a lot of our storm drains out. We would like to thank them and, hopefully, we can get them back to do some more cleaning!

By this time, the fall brush pickup has already happened. We hope that this went well for all. Leaf pickup will begin as needed until the first snow-fall. Happy Fall!!!



## WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT



Water and sewer bills are due the 1st of each month. Bills will go out after the 1st of each month. If you do not receive your water bill by the 15th of the month, please call **815-648-2353**, extension 20 or email [wsbilling@villageofhebron.org](mailto:wsbilling@villageofhebron.org). Also, if you are selling your home, you will need a final read to close on your home. Please contact water and sewer billing 24 hours in advance, by phone or email. You will need to pay your final bill the day of the final read.

The current water usage rate is \$.96 per 100 cubic feet; sewer usage is \$11.79 per 100 cubic feet. The water base fee is \$17.05 per month; sewer base fee is \$11.79 per month. A late fee of 10% of the balance is added on after the due date. Just a reminder, you can pay your bill in person at the Village Hall. In addition, you can pay through the U.S. Postal Service or online using E-Pay. Please keep in mind that the Village is not responsible for late payments received in the mail. Thank you!

## WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT continued...

The Sewer Department has made some sewer repairs. The McHenry County Department of Transportation has helped the Village jet out some troublesome storm drains. As a reminder, it is unsafe to flush or pour any hazardous chemicals into the sanitary system! Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.



### ***Don't let your toilet waste water!***

A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank. In addition, it will cause a higher water and sewer bill for you. Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank. If the flow dial on your water meter is spinning when you have no water running in your home, *there is a leak!*

How can you discover if your toilet leaks? Follow these easy steps:

1. Lift the lid off of your toilet tank.
2. Place 3 or 4 drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (do NOT use dye, as it may stain).
3. Wait. Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for 1 to 2 hours.
4. At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color that you placed in the tank now appears in the bowl, you have a leak!

Most frequently, defective flush valves that tend to wear out after several years cause toilet leaks. See your hardware store or plumber to obtain an inexpensive and easy to install





St. John's youth recently hosted a meal to benefit its local vacation bible school.  
Pictured from the...

Back left to right: Faith Higgins, Cadie Hallerud, Noah Higgins, Cyra Mackenzie, Madison Kastning, Dawn Higgins, Natalie Gonzales Middle left to right: Will Gardner, Joe Higgins, Dane Gardner, Adeline Haas

Front left to right: Ayanna Mackenzie, Cora Linneman, Daisy Leedle, Kyle Linneman, Kane Linneman, Beau Leedle

