

Bismarck Village News

April 2020



April 2020 Welcome

Welcome to April, It is definitely coming in very differently than we all imagined!! The Village of Bismarck Board Members would like to remind everyone to stay safe and healthy during this uncertain time that we are all facing. Starting with this newsletter we will be introducing Village Board members and Village staff. Look for the "Getting to know your Bismarck Village Board Members and Staff" section. Please remember to follow us on our facebook page @bismarckvillage and our website villageofbismarck.org. This is where we will post updates and events that may be of interest or importance to our community. Please send us any information on any events (in the future after the quarantine) you have coming up so we can promote it on our social media and in our newsletter!!!

Calendar

➤ **Wednesday**
April 8th-
Water Board
Meeting
7:00pm-8:30pm

➤ **Tuesday April 21st-**
Village of Bismarck
Meeting
6:30pm

Please look for information on possible alternatives to public meetings in person.

HOLIDAYS

April 10th- Good Friday

April 12th- Easter



Upcoming Events/News

★ The BISMARCK EASTER EGG HUNT has been POSTPONED due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We are sorry to announce that this decision had to be made, but the #1 priority is for the safety of our community.

★ Alternative EASTER EGG HUNT (OPTIONAL)

COVID-19 HELP for BISMARCK RESIDENTS in NEED

The Board would also like to encourage residents who are in need of getting supplies from the store, needing medicine picked up or in need of obtaining any necessities to PLEASE reach out to a board member, so that we can assist you with your needs. The following contact numbers are listed for your convenience President Brown @ 217-497-7802 or Village Clerk Brandye Kizer @ 217-304-9872! If you know of a neighbor who may need assistance PLEASE contact us so we can check on them and make sure they have what they need or have someone checking on them regularly.

Message from President/Mayor Mike Brown-

Hello fellow residents. This is a very uncertain time that we are all facing right now. It is encouraged for folks to please reach out for help and assistance if you are in need. If you are a neighbor and you have concerns about a neighbor or have a neighbor that you feel may need assistance, please reach out to me or to Village Clerk Kizer so that we can check and make sure that everyone is taken care of. The utmost importance right now for our community is to ensure that all of our residents are taken care of and have their needs met. Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Please follow the facebook page for updates and the Village website.

GETTING TO KNOW MEMBERS OF YOUR VILLAGE BOARD

The month of April we are getting to know Mr. Daniel (Dan) Wright. Mr. Wright is the Village of Bismarck Maintenance Technician. If you know Mr. Wright, you will know that he would probably prefer some other humorous job titles, but for this newsletter we are going to go with the "official" title. You may catch him and ask him his preferred title (laughing) in person. Mr. Wright is responsible for helping keep our village beautiful, in shape and safe for our community. He was out very early shoveling and snow blowing on several days this past winter for the kids to have a safe walk to school. This is a task he does not take lightly and he wants to see the community grow and prosper. Mr. Wright is a Bismarck native and went to Bismarck schools and to Butler University. He was an Insurance Agent for 30 years and current Vermilion County Board Member for



Members of the community may draw and create easter eggs and designs and hang in their windows and children and families may take a walk/drive around town looking for easter eggs in the windows.

Sunday April 5 - Easter Sunday April 12

Social Distancing Easter Egg Hunt

- Decorate a large paper egg
- Put it in your front window
- Take a walk and try to find all the eggs in town
- Keep your distance and wash your hands

Decorate and hang paper eggs in your window by April 5th.
Leave the eggs in your window until after Easter.

***New- Village Clerk
Office Hours:
(January 6th-April
30th, 2020)**

**Every
Tuesday:
6:30pm-8:30p**

**Every
Friday:
3:30pm-4:30p**

**Every Other
Saturday:
9am-11am**

- January 18th
- February 1st
- February 15th
- February 29th
- March 14th
(will not be in)
- March 28th
- April 11th
- April 25th

District 2. He has been an active community member for many years and has been a part of the following organizations in the community: Charter Board Member and Coach for Bismarck-Henning Football, Wrestling and Soccer programs, 30 year Bismarck Water District Board Member, Charter Member and Officer of Bismarck Men's Club, and past treasurer of Bismarck Fire District. He has a strong volunteer background as a volunteer with the following programs: Big Brother/Big Sister; Red Mask Productions; Habitat for Humanity; Crime Stoppers; and Past Newell 2 Republican Precinct Committeeman. Mr. Wright has been working diligently with President Brown to ensure that our Village is in order. He has a lot to do and he is doing a good job. Thank you Mr. Dan Wright for taking care of our Village.

Bismarck Village News and Updates

THE CENSUS IS HERE!!

In mid-March, homes across the country began receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online (<https://2020census.gov/en/census-data.htm>), by phone, or by mail. If you have not completed your census form for 2020, PLEASE do so!!

Why is this important? The results of the 2020 Census will impact funding for your community and those around you for 10 years.

Importance of the Data/Impact in Your Community

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your community every day.

The following is what to expect regarding deadlines and timeframes for the 2020 Census.

- April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers will also begin following up with households that have not yet responded in areas that include off-campus housing, where residents are not counted in groups.
- May - July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM. WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Village Board Member Sheila Switzer would like to remind everyone that **ANDI MAE'S is OFFICIALLY OPEN!!!**

It must be spring.... The weather is so unpredictable, the tulips, and other flowers (and dandelions) are emerging from the ground, flip flops and shorts are being unpacked, and **ANDI MAE'S ICE CREAM SHOPPE IS OPEN!!!!!!**

Jill King, the owner, turned on the "OPEN SIGN" on March 20th. The hours are 2pm-9pm. She would like patrons to know that due to the Coronavirus, the walk-up window is closed, HOWEVER, the drive-through window is open and operating.

Besides 35 flavors of delicious ice cream, 3+ flavors of "non-dairy"



Village Needs

We would LOVE to hear from you!! Please forward any praises, concerns or suggestions to any Board member. If your business or organization has an upcoming event and you would like it to be listed in an upcoming newsletter and on facebook, please email Village Clerk, Brandye Kizer, at bismarckclerk@gmail.com or bring to Village Office.

and “no sugar added” ice cream and Passion Fruit Italian Ice, the shoppe also features hot dogs, corn dogs, BBQs, and chips. Sundaes, Flurries, shakes, Banana Splits, ice cream sandwiches, and Root Bear Floats are also available.

See ya at Andi Mae's

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Board Member Karel Volpert shares, “Members of the Woman’s Club of Bismarck are planting pinwheels in pots, vases and yards throughout the Bismarck Community to demonstrate our committment to the prevention of child abuse.

Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. The pinwheel represents our hope that every child will be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment. It is also a call to action, encouraging people in the Bismarck community to recognize that children are our future and that we all have a role in keeping them safe. All children deserve great childhoods.

Everyone has a role to play. We must work to build a community that is committed to families and to the support and services they need to raise strong, healthy, and successful children. Every day is a call to action and an opportunity for us to recognize that we all play such an important role in children’s lives. Let each one of us be the force that keeps Pinwheels for Prevention spinning.”



Public Health- IMPORTANT NOTICES

Village Coyotes/Raccoons (Wildlife)

The Village Board would like to remind residents that as the weather warms up we will be seeing more wildlife coming into town, such as raccoons and coyotes. In order to reduce the emergence of these animals into the Village, please follow the following guidelines:

- Make sure all garbage and food waste is placed in garbage containers with lids.
 - Please ensure lids are placed tightly on the garbage containers.
 - Dogs and cats are not left outside without supervision.
 - Keep pet food/bowls in an area not in the open and left out. This is an
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attraction for animals looking for food.

- Please contact the Village office if you are seeing an abundance of wildlife so the Village can stay on top of what is happening in the Village and reach out to proper authorities for assistance if needed.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)


Questions regarding COVID-19 can be directed to the IDPH hotline, 1-800-889-3931. For additional information and Situation Summary updates regarding COVID-19, please refer to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and IL Department of Public Health (IDPH) website links below:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

IDPH:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>


OSHA: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html>




State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Guidance for Grocery Shopping


Stay home if you are sick.
Consider food or meal delivery; have family or friends shop for you.




Go shopping at a time that's less busy.




Keep social distance while in the store
(6-feet or two arms-length from other shoppers and grocery store staff).




Use sanitizing wipes to clean and disinfect carts and shopping baskets.




Bring a germicide to wipe your hands before and after shopping.




Use tap and pay or credit/debit cards for purchases to reduce the risk of transmission through money.




Use self-checkout lanes where possible to limit contact with employees.




Use curbside pickup or grocery delivery services.




Don't use reusable bags.



When you return home, wash your hands after handling packages and when finished putting items away.





IDPH
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Questions about COVID-19?
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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On April 2, Governor JB Pritzker introduced All In Illinois to unite residents across the state to continue to stay home and stay safe. Now more than ever, we all need to do our part to support our communities. We can slow the spread if we do it together. Our strongest weapon against COVID-19 is you. Join us and take the pledge to being 'All In' — for our neighbors and grandparents, our health care professionals and first responders, our grocery store workers and so many more. Thank you for committing to being All in Illinois by staying safe and staying home. Together, we are #AllinIllinois

People can also show their solidarity by updating their Facebook profile photos with the All in Illinois frame image and share messages with friends and family on social media using the #AllinIllinois hashtag. Additionally, Illinois residents can show they're committed to being part of the solution by displaying All in Illinois signage in their yard or in their window. All in Illinois signs are available to download by visiting Allin.Illinois.gov.

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