

Bismarck Village News

JUNE 2020



June 2020 Welcome

Welcome to June Village of Bismarck Residents. We have seen a lot of pools going up around the Village in preparation of some water fun this summer. We know that this summer will definitely be a change from the normal routines as we will not hear the sounds of cheering and bats swinging at our park. The Village of Bismarck Board wants to wish you all a safe and wonderful summer in whatever you choose to pass your time. Take the time to rest, relax and enjoy.

Calendar

- **Wednesday June 17th- Water Board Meeting**
7:00pm-8:30pm
(Notice change to 3rd Wednesday of the month)

- **Tuesday June 16th- Village of Bismarck Meeting**
6:30pm

****Due to Covid 19 restrictions, those wishing to join the meeting will need to do so virtually.... Please look for the virtual link on agenda that will be posted on the Village website and on the village office doors. Hopefully next month we will be able to post a link in the newsletter.**

Please follow the Village of Bismarck facebook page @bismarckvillage for updated information. This is where we will post updates and events that may be of interest or importance to our community. Reminder to also follow us on our website villageofbismarck.org. Please send us any information on any events you have coming up so we can promote it on our social media and in our newsletter!!!

Message from President/Mayor Brown-

Hello fellow residents. I want to encourage everyone to please remain safe and healthy during this time. I would like to remind residents to please lock their doors and be aware of what's going on around you, not only in your neighborhood but also when you are out and about. Please report anything suspicious to local law enforcement. Please reach out to any of the Board Members if you are in need of anything. The Village Board wants to remind all residents that the Board is here to help you in any way that we can.

The Board continues to work on ways to support a storm water drainage system and/or ways to make repairs to help with the concerns in the Village. The Village Board is excited that we are able to start working on some of the storm water concerns within the Village with a \$10,000 grant received and phase 1 has started along Prairie Dr. The Board would like the Village residents to know that the board continues to look and investigate grants and opportunities to help support this infrastructure.

GETTING TO KNOW MEMBERS OF YOUR VILLAGE BOARD- Mrs. Karel Volpert

The month of June we are getting to know Mrs. Karel Volpert. My husband Phil and I moved to Bismarck in 1973. We were buying our home when the tornado struck in Bismarck. We were concerned for a time if we even had a house, but thankfully our property suffered only minor damage.

We raised our 3 children Andy, Tim, and Mary in this community. All three attended and graduated from Bismarck-Henning Schools. I am a proud grandmother of six grandchildren-Murphy, Maya, Mia, Mavis, Brandon, and Ben.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Education degrees from Eastern Illinois University. I taught primary students in Rossville and

Danville for over 34 years. My father was a principal and teacher, my mother was a teacher, and two of my children are teachers.



HOLIDAYS

**Father's Day-
June 21st**

I am the director of Fair Hope Children's Ministry. Our mission assists those in need in Vermilion County with clothing, backpacks, school supplies, layettes, car seats, and pack 'n plays (which provide safe places for infants to sleep). I represent Fair Hope on the Vermilion County Unmet Needs Committee.

Playing the organ and piano at Bowman Avenue United Methodist Church in Danville is very inspirational. Even during the stay at home order, I was privileged to play music which was a part of our online worship service.

I am a proud member of the GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck. We support the community through our scholarships, work at the park, cap collection for benches, fireworks donations, and more. I am honored to be the Illinois General Federation of Women's Club's State Project Chairman in which members across the state work toward "Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child". During April, our club members participated in the state project by planting pinwheels throughout the community to bring attention to preventing child abuse.

I am also the Membership Chairman for the Vermilion County Retired Teachers Association. This job involves recording members' names and address as well as assisting with communication to them.

I enjoy taking my dog Cracker Jack for walks in the Village, raising plants and flowers, and working in my yard. I love to attend sporting and educational events to support my grandchildren. Volunteer work has been and continues to be very important to me.

I became a trustee for the Village of Bismarck in 2008. I enjoy my Board responsibility as a member of the Keep Bismarck Beautiful Committee. It is rewarding to honor those residents who take pride in their property and to plant flowers and place greens in the pots along Holloway Street.

I am very thankful to live in the village of Bismarck and honored to represent our citizens on the Village Board. Residents may contact me by calling 759-7667 or 497-7616 or by emailing me at karelvolpert@gmail.com. Thank you Karel for your service!

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Summer is here and with summer heat and rain, we know the grass grows faster than we would like. Please remember to keep your grass and weeds down. The Village Ordinance Code requires residents to keep grass and weeds shorter than 8 inches. This helps reduce risk of fires when the greenery starts to dry out. The Village also wants to remind residents that tall grasses and weeds are the perfect environment for insects like mosquitos to dwell and weeds are an excellent place for several different types of rodents to make a home. If this lush greenery is maintained properly, unwanted pests would be kept minimal.

According to the Village Ordinance 2002-2, residents who do not keep their property well-maintained may receive a notice of violation from the Village Board. Those who receive this notice

will have 30 days from the date the notice is received to get the violations corrected. For those who fail to do so, the Village Board will forward the violation to the Night Court unit, and the resident will be responsible for all fines and fees associated with the violation.

The Village Board does not want anyone who is struggling to correct a violation to feel they do not have options. If you are struggling with keeping up with the weeds or grass please contact the Village Office at 217-759-7984 so we can try to assist you. Please call us before it gets out of control which makes it difficult for all involved. Your Village Board is here to help.



Upcoming Events/News



Eastern Illinois Food Bank- Drive-Through Distribution

Saturday June 13th
9:30am – 10:30 AM
Carle Danville
2300 N. Vermilion St.

Saturday June 27th
9:30am-10:30am
Georgetown Fairgrounds
413 N. Seminary St.



Saturday June 20, 2020



SAT, JUN 20 AT 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Bismarck Men's Club Annual
Fireworks



**Saturday June 20,
2020**

Reminders:



**Golf Cart
Permits
\$35.00**

**Please
contact Village
Board Trustee Mary
Potter at
217-759-7592 to
purchase.**

**Village Clerk
Office Hours:
(Summer Hours
June1-July30)**

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

**Every Thursday:
8am-11am**

**Every
Saturday
(unless otherwise noted):
8am-10am**

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.

A Bismarck Resident reports the following: The "unofficial" Bismarck town rummage sale will be June 20th, rain or shine. No rain date. If you want to set up the day before, No problem. There will be No food booth or maps this year. Advertising will be done by those interested in participating on the "What's Happening in Bismarck IL" facebook page and your own facebook pages and your own signs that you put out. Please follow the Covid 19 regulations that are in force at the time that may include face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing. Please remember to be patient and be kind. Please, also remember that this event would normally be sponsored by the 4-H club, so let's not ruin their reputation. The food booth that the 4-H club normally holds and the donations they get from the participants is their only fundraiser for the year. They use the money to make fruit baskets for the elderly and donate to the local food pantry. Please help them out if you can by making a small donation to the club. I will try to come around or will post an address to send a donation to. Let's keep this simple, have a sale or not, it's up to you. No complaints, no problems, just a fun day. I am not "in charge" of anything, I am just helping to get the sale going. The rest is up to you. Thank you.

BISMARCK CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, June 27, 2020

8:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

DROP-OFF LOCATION Newell Township Maintenance Lot, 200 Illinois Street, Bismarck, IL
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES

**This event is for Village residents and residents
within a mile and a half of the Village of Bismarck**

(Those subject to zoning regulations are eligible to participate). PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED UPON REQUEST.

The Village Board will assess a fee of \$20 ea for 1 pickup bed or 1 trailer load to help offset the increasing cost of disposal.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: Large appliances including refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, air-conditioners, freezers, heaters, furnaces, de-humidifiers, rugs, household junk, metal items, etc. Materials that are illegal to burn, such as building materials WILL be accepted.

ABSOLUTELY NO: TVs, computers, electronic devices of any kind such as DVD players or VCRs, paint, household chemical/biohazard materials, yard waste, concrete, garbage or vehicle tires.
(DACC will hold a recycling event this summer for electronics.)

WE WANT TO HELP! IF YOU ARE A VILLAGE RESIDENT, AND YOU ARE UNABLE TO LOAD OR DROP OFF YOUR ITEM(S), PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 759-7984 TO SEE IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR PICKUP OF YOUR ITEM(S).

To gauge the anticipated amount of participation for this event, and to assure our recycler has ample trailer space, please let us know through our Facebook event if you plan to participate.

Keep Bismarck Beautiful-Summer Awards

Each summer the "Keep Bismarck Beautiful" committee drives around town looking for beautiful yards to recognize for Keeping Bismarck Beautiful. Every couple weeks the committee selects 4 winners recognizing the residents homes for all the time and effort toward maintaining a beautiful yard/landscape. The committee began searching for these homes the first week of June and the committee is proud to announce the first 4 winners for June 2020!!!

The first four winners for Summer of 2020 (in no particular order) are:



This beautiful front porch belongs to **Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Kate Dunavan**. Their beautiful shaded porch is located on the quiet street of Franklin. It is the perfect spot for the couple to enjoy watching the birds eat at their bird feeders. Congratulations Dan and Kate!!



This beautiful home belongs to **Ms. Amanda Potter**. After a hectic day, in the life of "being a busy mom", you can find Amanda relaxing on her screened-in porch, with family and friends, watching the "hustle and bustle" of living on Holloway, the busiest street in town. Congratulations Amanda!!



This home has a meticulously well-groomed front yard, but the "stand-out" feature of the home is the new addition of the inground pool and the "tropical island" atmosphere of **Mr. and Mrs. T.J. and Lisa Ribbe's** back yard!! Congratulations T.J. and Lisa!!

This year, the KBB committee added a new category called "Most Improved". The award recognizes the winners of this award for all their hard work and efforts toward improving the looks of their yard.



The first winner in this category for Summer 2020 goes to **Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Liz Cole**. They have spent many hours, inside and out, improving their Prairie St home. Great Job Sam and Liz. We love what you have done!!

Congratulations to all of this week's winners!!! Be sure to drive around town and "check out" these beautiful homes!!



Keep Bismarck Beautiful Village Office Summer Flowers

SUMMER IS HERE, LET'S TALK ABOUT SAFETY

Grill Safety

- Keep your grill 10 feet away from your home, garage, deck railings, & other structures
- Make sure no flammable items are near the grill
- Check gas lines for leaks
- Only use your grill outside
- Always make sure the lid is open before lighting it
- Never leave a hot grill unattended
- Clean your grill regularly
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

Lawnmower Safety

- Pick up toys, rocks, & debris from the yard before mowing
- Keep pets & children indoors
- Wear heavy shoes when mowing, not flip flops or sandals
- Don't mow a wet lawn
- Use eye & hearing protection
- Shut off the mower before removing the grass catcher
- Keep your lawnmower in good working order

Pool Safety

- Make sure everyone knows how to swim or wears a swim vest
- Never leave children unattended
- Always walk, don't run, around the pool
- Use handrails, steps or ladders for assistance
- Regularly maintain your pool
- Keep the area around the pool clear & clean
- Install a safety enclosure around the pool
- Add lighting to & around the pool for safe nighttime swimming

Fireworks Safety

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Light fireworks one at a time & quickly move away from them
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of a fire
- Douse the fireworks with plenty of water before discarding them
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your state before using them
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities
- Always use fireworks outside & in an open area
- Don't place your body directly over a firework device

Driving Safety

- Wear a seat belt
- Make sure children are properly restrained
- Get a thorough vehicle checkup & maintain your vehicle
- Obey the speed limit
- Allow extra time to get to where you need to be during peak traffic hours
- Use caution when driving in inclement weather
- Use turn signals
- Always turn on your headlights when driving at night or in rain
- Keep a safe following distance
- Avoid distracted driving & keep your attention on the road

Pedestrian Safety

- Walk on the sidewalk & not on the street
- Cross at crosswalks & avoid jaywalking
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Follow traffic laws
- Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking at night
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult

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Public Health- IMPORTANT NOTICES

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>

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