

Bismarck Village News

September 2020



September 2020 Welcome

Welcome to September... can't you feel the cool breeze and see the trees starting to turn already. Some of us will miss summer and wish it would stay around a little longer. Then there are some of us looking forward to hoodies and sweatshirts, bonfires and smores!

Calendar

➤ **Wednesday
October 21st-
Water Board
Meeting
7:00pm-8:30pm**

➤ **Tuesday September
22nd- Village of
Bismarck Meeting
6:30pm
(Please note date change)**

**Tuesday October 20th, 2020
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.**

Reminder to Village Drivers: Please remain diligent in watching out for the children walking and riding their bikes to and from school in the morning and afternoon.

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 any information/fliers on any events you have coming up to bismarckclerk@gmail.com 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 also like to remind our residents to continue following social distancing guidelines as the COVID-19 reports continue to increase in our county and Vermilion County is now in the warning range. Please continue to be diligent in taking precautions, washing hands, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing. Please reach out to any of the Board Members if you are in need of anything, such as food, pick-up medications, household supplies, etc. The Village Board wants to remind all residents that the Board is here to help you in any way that we can.

HOLIDAYS

October 12th- Columbus Day

October 31st-Halloween

November 1st- Move clocks as Daylight Savings Time Ends

Board Seats Available for April 6, 2021

The Village Board will have 3 Village Board Seats coming open April, 2021. If you are interested in picking up a packet in order to be placed on the ballot for the April 6th Election, packets will begin being disbursed September 22, 2020 at the Village Office. The filing period for the packets will be December 14, 2020-December 22, 2020. Office hours to pick up packets are as follows:

**Tuesday- 6:30pm-8:00pm
Thursday- 8am-10am**

If these times do not work for you please call Village Clerk at 217-304-9872 to arrange a time that fits your needs.



Upcoming Events/News

Please email Village Clerk at bismarckclerk@gmail.com if you would like your event announced in the monthly newsletter. Please have submitted by the 5th of each month.

GETTING TO KNOW MEMBERS OF YOUR VILLAGE BOARD- Village Board Trustee- Sheila Switzer



The month of August we are getting to know Mrs. Sheila Switzer, Bismarck Trustee. Mrs. Sheila Switzer writes:

Hi. My name is Sheila Switzer. I joined the village board, a year ago in October, and am one of the newest members.

I was born and raised in Danville, and attended Garfield Grade School, North Ridge Junior High, and Danville High School. I attended Olivet Nazarene University, where I graduated with an education degree in Family and Consumer Economics, with a special emphasis in learning disabilities.

My husband, David (Dave) Switzer, and I married in 1984. We have two children, Megan and Lucas (Luke). After our home in Danville was burglarized twice, we felt the need to leave the "big city life" and moved to "quiet little" Bismarck in 1992.

As Megan and Luke went through Bismarck's (excellent) School System, I was a substitute teacher, subbing mostly at the middle school and high school. I was also involved in their classrooms, as a room mother, going on field trips, and helping wherever I was needed. Both kids were on the track and cross country teams, where I helped with score keeping. They also played soccer for 10 years, with Dave coaching each of those years, and me being a true "soccer mom" and coach's wife, helping wherever I could.

I have attended First Church of Nazarene, in Danville, since I was five years old. I have taught Sunday school, and have helped with or directed VBS, sang in the choir, directed puppets and many other responsibilities for over 25 years.

Besides working with kids, I also love senior citizens. Until health issues of my own put a stop to my working career, I worked 10 years at Liberty Estates Retirement Center. Since then I have filled my days with three fantastic grandkids, and taking care of my mom, with the recent passing of my dad. I love to "worry and fret" over my family, friends, and those who I don't even know. I also love to cook, bake, sew, decorate and "be crafty".

From what I have told you about myself, I hope you can tell that I love "helping others". And, as one of your village board members, I am honored to represent the village, and promise to help you, and our great community, in any way that I can.

Bismarck Village News and Update

TREE LIMBS and BRUSH PICK-UP for VILLAGE RESIDENTS



The Village Board takes pride in our community and wants to make sure that all Village residents are able to help in Keep Bismarck Beautiful. The Village Board is excited to announce a new service to residents who reside inside the Village limits. If you have brush or tree limbs that you do not have a way to get rid of, you may contact the **Village Office at 217-759-7984 and leave a message**. Someone from the Village Board will call you back to set up a pick-up time to have Mr. Wright or a board member come by and assist you in loading it up on one of our trucks. The Village Board does ask that the homeowner or resident assist in placing the brush or tree limbs onto the truck with assistance from the Village Maintenance crew. We understand if you have medical concerns that would prevent you from assisting and you can let us know that when we call to schedule pick-up. The Village Board also encourages a monetary donation (suggested donation would be \$10) to help cover the cost of time and removal assistance.

Reminder: 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 mailed 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. Now that the courthouse and night court are re-opening, these ordinances **will be strictly enforced** once again in the Village.



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.

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 continues through the summer of 2020!!!

The winners for the 2nd and 3rd round of July/August 2020 (in no particular order) are:



The winner of this home belongs to **Alice and Darrel Jacobs**, at 319 Chicago ST. Just one drive by their lovely home, and you can see why it was selected. It is very obvious the many hours of “love, sweat, and tears” that they have given to their well-manicured lawn, bushes and plants.



Go north on Chicago, to the home of **Valerie Moss** and her family. Nestled in all the beautiful flowers and plants, on the front porch, you will find many antiques, momentos and “good memories”. If you happen by in the evening, you might catch Valerie and Levi, swinging on the porch swing, enjoying some “quiet time”, under the clear lights going around the ceiling.

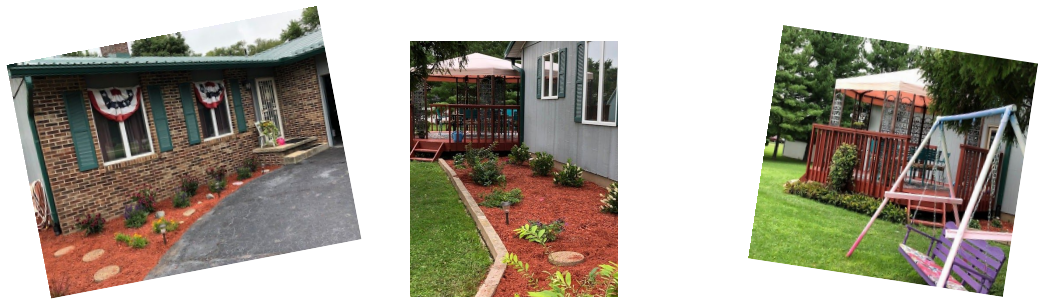


On down at 19 Franklin, after spending many hours tending to the weedless lawn, precisely trimmed bushes, and many gorgeous plants, you will find **Jack and Bonnie Luttrell**, relaxing on their spacious outdoor patio, or sitting in their year round room.

Moving on the week 4 we have encountered some wonderful homes as well as we are dwindling down our summer Keep Bismarck Beautiful Winners. Webster Dictionary states that the word "patio", is an extension of the home, generally used for dining, recreation, or relaxing purposes. It is usually an outdoor or screened in structure. When I hear the word "patio", I think of our patio, and all the good times we have had eating with and spending time with family and friends. If you combined the two thoughts, you come up with a general description of this week's winners. All four homes selected have large beautiful patios, where "good" times are had by all".



Kay and John Ronchetto on Chicago St., start each morning, enjoying their patio with a cup of coffee. Sitting there, they also enjoy each other's company, the view of their large vegetable garden and their many flowering plants and bushes.



The Burge **family, Doug and Jo**, on Prairie Drive, were not at home when the KBB team made their surprise stop, so no personal details were shared with us, but, from the looks of the large patio and gazebo, we assume that many parties and family gatherings take place there. We can imagine many quiet and relaxing evenings are shared on their purple swing.



Pulling in the driveway of this home on Franklin, the beautiful home of **Eric and Jennifer Siddens**, we found Jennifer trimming the front bushes. She told us that it was a group effort, with the whole family working together, keeping the yard and plants looking nice. Around the back of the house, you will find their large gorgeous deck/patio. Jennifer said they spend many hours with family and friends here. As we leave the Siddens home and look to your right, you will see our next and final showcase winners.



The home of **Sue and Jim Brown**. Sue shared with us that back in 1980, when they moved in, there were only two trees in the yard, and one of the trees had a chicken coop built around it. Today the yard looks much different. Many trees, shrubs and plants

have been added, along with many bird houses, feeders, a wooden wagon wheel, a display of galvanized watering cans, nostalgic Crosley Griffith metal chairs, and a little red metal table/chairs nestled in a beautiful flower garden. But the main attraction of this beautiful home is the large covered patio that was added a few years ago. Sue told us that they definitely have gotten their “money’s worth” out of it. They eat breakfast, lunch, dinner and have many family gatherings and parties. She also said it was a great place to “enjoy the grandkids, and couldn't imagine life without the patio”.

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.



Our final stop of week 3 was at **Bill and Rhonda Miller's** home at 18 Wilson Lane. Their home was chosen for the “Most Improved Winner”. Trustee Sheila Switzer states, “Living not too far from them, I have personally witnessed the hours that the whole family has spent, and is still spending, improving their yard”. Congratulations Bill and Rhonda!!

Congratulations to all these wonderful winners! So, when you are out and about, drive by these homes and you will see why we selected them as our winners for the Keep Bismarck Beautiful Summer of 2020!!!!

Are you a grandparent 60 or older raising a child under 18?



Are you a 60+ grandparent raising a relative under 18?

Let CRIS pay
\$200 OFF
your Walmart Layaway!*

If you are 60 or older and raising a child under 18, you may be eligible to receive \$200 OFF your layaway purchase of children's clothes and school supplies!

*This offer is only available during the month of September or while supplies last. You will pay the 10% to layaway the purchases and CRIS Healthy Aging Center will pay the remaining balance (up to \$200). Eligibility applies and you MUST call CRIS to register and see if you qualify for this special offer.

Eligibility:

- Must be 60 or older
- Raising a child 18 or younger
- Must be the primary caregiver for child (Cannot be the child's parent)
- Must live with the child
- Must live in Champaign or Vermilion County

To find out if you are eligible, contact Daniel Loveall at CRIS Healthy Aging Center at 217-355-1543.

Eligibility:

- **Must be 60 or older**
- **Raising a child 18 or under**
- **Must be primary caregiver for child (cannot be child's parent)**
- **Must live with the child**
- **Must live in Vermilion or Champaign County**

Call CRIS Healthy Aging Center at 217-355-1543

Two Roads Wellness Center in Danville is expanding services to offer Primary Care?



Primary Care Membership Program

Effective June 1st, 2020

Benefits:

Our goal is to provide you with the best care possible! We value you and your family and want your primary care experience to be about you, your health, and your complete wellbeing! To reach this goal, we provide the following experience:

- Longer appointment times:
 - Initial appointments are an hour to 90 minutes long
 - Follow up appointments are up to 30 minutes long if needed
- Price transparency and no hidden fees
 - Membership option available
 - If you have insurance, our staff will verify your benefits ahead of time to let you know what your copay or other fees will be.
- Integrative health approach:
 - We treat the whole person using a “whole systems” approach.
 - Your nurse practitioner works collaboratively with our team including our collaborative physician, our integrative research coordinator, the medical team, our mental health therapists, and other local providers in different speciality areas! We are looking at the “whole picture” to help you reach the healthiest you!

Cost:

- You are welcome to use your insurance. Our staff will verify your benefits prior to your session. We encourage you to also contact your insurance carrier to verify coverage.
- Primary Care Membership Option:
 - Initial consultation: \$100 (1 hour) per adult
 - Initial consultation: \$150 (90 minutes) per family
 - Membership is paid per month and requires a debit card that will be charged automatically. You can schedule with your nurse practitioner as often as needed each month.
 - Follow up:
 - \$50 per adult per month
 - \$75 per month for ages 65 and over per month
 - \$25 per child per month
 - \$10 per child after 3 kids per month (4th child and more)

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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