

Bismarck Village News



April 2021



April 2021 Welcome

Happy April!!! April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, but I hear snow is in the forecast. Let's hope it misses us and we can enjoy beautiful weather. 😲

Remember to let the Village Clerk know if there is something in particular you would like to see in future newsletters!! One recommendation has been to "Highlight Businesses in Bismarck Area".... So if you have or know of a Bismarck based business you would like featured (even if you are not the owner)small or large.... Please send Brandye Kizer, Village Clerk, a quick text or email with name and contact information so I can reach out to the business. Contact information 217-304-9872 or bismarckclerk@gmail.com.

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.

Message from President/Mayor Brown-

Hello fellow residents. I want to thank everyone who got out and voted, it was really really appreciated to see the turnout for our Village. The Village has 379 registered voters and we had 354 total votes. Thank you for voting and making your voice heard.

President Brown would also like to encourage residents to clean up their yards and homes during the nice weather. The Spring and Summer season is upon us and we want to continue to Keep Bismarck Beautiful. You may start seeing a lot of projects being done around the Village as the Village Board starts to work on cleaning some much needed areas up. The Village Board asks residents to do their part by cleaning up your yards, removing any trees or limbs, tires (mosquito haven), and non-functional automobiles. The Village Board would also like to encourage residents to look out for your neighbors and if there is someone who may be having difficulty doing some yardwork, or some painting or upkeep, think about reaching out and volunteering your time. It takes a Village and Bismarck has the BEST!!!

Please reach out to me or one of the Village Board Members if you need anything at all, including if you need assistance with something around your home, as we will see if there is anything we can do. We are here to discuss any concerns, questions, suggestions and/or praises that you may have regarding the Village of Bismarck. It takes a Village and we want our Village to flourish, and we need our residents to do that.





“Celebrating Children!”

During April, the Woman’s Club of Bismarck is “Celebrating Children!” Members have planted pinwheels in pots along Holloway Street and at churches, schools, the village office and maintenance garage, and the fire station to share the Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse message. Members have also placed pinwheels in vases at the post office, schools, churches, and Andi Mae’s Ice Cream Shop. In addition, blue ribbons representing child abuse prevention have been tied to the small trees beside the entrance to the elementary school. Pinwheels in vases have also been placed in many locations in Vermilion County to share the message that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Club members will share information about “Celebrating Children!” at the Village Board Meeting in April.

On April 8th, the club held a special event “Celebrating Children!” at the Bismarck-Henning Elementary School. Members planted pinwheels and placed a large wooden cut-out of a child in front of the school along with a banner sharing the message “Celebrating Children!” The club designated April 8th as Wear Blue Day in Bismarck. Members were encouraged to wear blue on that day. The staff and students at the elementary school were invited to wear blue and join club members in “Celebrating Children!”

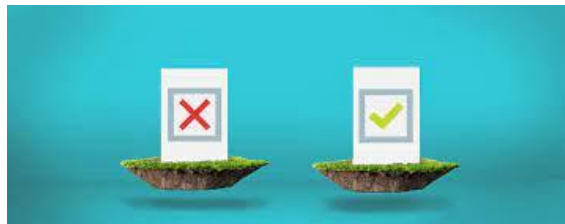


CONGRATULATIONS

WE would like to congratulate Mrs. Mary Potter and Mr, Terry Light on winning another term on the Board as they return to their Trustee seats. Congratulations to Mr. Jeff Buekelman for winning the 3rd seat being vacated by Mrs. Jane Cress, who had decided not to run again. We look forward to working with you Mr. Buekelman and are excited to have you on the Board of Trustees. We want to thank Trustee Jane Cress for her service to the Village Board, your input was valuable and you will be missed.



APRIL 6th, 2021 REFERENDUM for Alcohol Sales in the Village of Bismarck



Many have asked what the results were for the referendum as the wording was confusing. The wording on the ballot was what the State of Illinois required. The votes were as follows:

39 votes to prohibit alcohol sales in the Village.

91 votes to allow alcohol sales in the Village.

What does this mean?

At this time, the Village Board is unsure as to what the impact of this referendum means. The Village Board has been brainstorming ideas to bring in additional revenue and grants to the Village. Additional funds would allow the Village to pursue opportunities that have been unattainable in the past. The Village Board has attempted to attain recent grant funds, but have not had certain ordinances or items in place, and due to the time constraints of the grant deadlines, have not been able to move forward. President Brown and the Village Board are working tirelessly to get these items in place for future grant opportunities. The hope is to bring in revenue from other opportunities, but at this time, the Village Board needs to put some things in place, such as liquor ordinances, before any future discussions are able to take place. All residents are strongly encouraged to attend the Village Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Village Building located at 106 Holloway.

