

Bismarck Village News



November 2021



November 2021 Welcome

Some fun facts about November: Every November, it's time to begin preparation for the winter months, whether that means pulling out your winter coat, adding another blanket to your bed, or searching for the perfect pumpkin pie recipe. November is seen as the start of storing up harvest for the **winter**. It's therefore seen as the start of hibernation for humans, in a way!

Winter really starts to get going from late in the month onwards. While November is likely to be blustery and full of falling leaves in the Northern Hemisphere, countries in the Southern Hemisphere are just getting into spring! That's why things look much different in Australia this time of year – it's due to how the Earth tilts towards the Sun.

There's a date on the November calendar called 'National Men Make Dinner Day' – when, you guessed it, husbands, boyfriends, and dads are all supposed to take over in the kitchen. This might be a blessing or a curse! It is set for November 1st BUT ladies if you didn't know... go ahead and celebrate on a day in November of your choosing!!

Special things to celebrate in November and December:

November

Adopt a Senior Pet Month
Banana Pudding Lovers Month
Lung Cancer and Epilepsy Awareness Month
National Adoption Month
Family Stories Month

December

National Human Rights Month
National Spiritual Literacy Month
National Tie Month
National Safe toys and gifts month

Remember to let the Village Clerk know if there is something in particular you would like to see in future newsletters!! 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.



[Village of Bismarck Board Meetings](#)

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Next Regular Village of Bismarck Board Meeting is Tuesday **December 21st, 2021**. The Village Board would LOVE to see residents at our meetings. **PLEASE watch the facebook page for changes in meeting dates.**

[Village of Bismarck Water Board Meetings](#)

Regular Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of each month
December 15th, 2021 and January 19th, 2022.



FEDERAL HOLIDAYS 2021		
DATE	DAY	FEDERAL HOLIDAY
JAN 01, 2021	FRI	New Year's Day
JAN 18, 2021	MON	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
FEB 15, 2021	MON	Presidents' Day
MAY 31, 2021	MON	Memorial Day
JUL 04, 2021	SUN	Independence Day
JUL 05, 2021	MON	Independence Day (observed)
SEP 06, 2021	MON	Labor Day
OCT 11, 2021	MON	Columbus Day
NOV 11, 2021	THU	Veterans Day
NOV 25, 2021	THU	Thanksgiving
DEC 24, 2021	FRI	Christmas Day (observed)
DEC 25, 2021	SAT	Christmas Day
DEC 31, 2021	FRI	New Year's Day (observed)

Calendargratis.com

Message from President/Mayor Brown-

Hello fellow residents. The Village Board continues to make upgrades within the Village and looking at different funding opportunities.



Please look in your mail for an UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT for the Village regarding the Storm Water Special Service Area. The meeting will be on December 20th at 6:00pm, at the Bismarck High School Cafeteria.

If you have any suggestions on any improvements needed in the Village please join us at a meeting and let us know or call the office and leave a message. You may also reach out to one of the Board Members to let us know what your thoughts are.

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There have been reports from residents that there is a concern about the traffic in the mornings when bringing children to school. The Village would like to remind members of the community that although the speed limit is 40 mph in front of the High School and Junior High, **PLEASE BE MINDFUL** that there are children walking to and from school on school days. Although you are able to drive 40 mph it would not be a bad idea to drop your speed when driving by the school.

Also please be **VERY CAREFUL** and **LOOK** for children crossing the driveway of the High School. This is a very dangerous area for the children to be crossing and **PARENTS** please remind your high schoolers who are driving to be careful and to watch out for the younger children walking to the Junior High when turning into the high school drive.

If you also share these concerns and would like to have the speed limit reduced please contact our local State Representative for District 106, Mr. Tom Bennett, at the following to voice your concerns and requests. The Village of Bismark Board shares your concerns, but we do not have the ability to reduce the speed limit in front of the High School/Junior High School as it is a State Route.



Watseka Office
342 W. Walnut St.
Watseka, IL 60970
815-432-0106

Pontiac Office
305 W. Madison Street
Pontiac, IL 61764
815-844-9179

Springfield Office
220-N Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
217-558-1039

You may also send an a message online at:
<https://repbennett.com/about/>

IT'S THE MOST
WONDERFUL
TIME OF THE YEAR



Holiday Magic!

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

Trim & Lighting

CONTEST

Judging
December 1st - December 10th

Winners will be announced at the
Village Board Meeting on December 21st

For information, call: (217) 497-7616

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Energy Costs are set to increase. What can you do?

A perfect storm of energy shortages and high demand has made the outlook uncertain for energy prices globally. Some analysts say a cold winter could make the problems even worse.

Did you know AMEREN offers Home Efficiency Assessment for Income Qualified Customers? Visit <https://amerenillinoisavings.com/homeefficiency/> for more information and to apply online.

We offer enhanced, energy-saving opportunities for qualified households through a free energy assessment. A Home Energy Assessment identifies ways to bring your home's energy efficiency up to its highest potential and reduce energy costs. This special, free offering is available to income qualified individuals across Illinois.

The first step in determining how efficient your home is and where it might be wasting energy is through a Home Energy Assessment. An Energy Advisor will review your home's energy performance, including your home's energy features and household energy consumption patterns.

Benefits of our Home Energy Assessment include:

- Energy Usage – understand how much energy your home is using and what equipment is using the most
- Health and Safety – uncover hidden problems that could be wasting energy and making your home unsafe, like poorly insulated walls and improper ventilation
- Savings – **identify improvements** to help determine where your dollars would be best spent
- Free Energy-Saving Products – during the Home Energy Assessment, we install free, energy-efficient products in your home

A professional Program Ally Contractor will conduct an on-site or virtual assessment of your home’s energy use. The Program Ally Contractor will inspect your home for energy-saving opportunities and common health and safety improvements. This includes [insulation, air sealing](#), ventilation, and more.

The Program Ally Contractor will also install free energy-efficient LED specialty light bulbs and high-performance faucet aerators and showerheads in your home.

After, the Program Ally Contractor will provide you with a customized report documenting your home’s energy performance and what actions you can take to make your home more energy efficient.

Eligibility Guidelines

Use the chart below to determine your eligibility based on family size and household income. You must also reside in a single family dwelling and be a residential customer of Ameren Illinois, heating your home with gas or electricity.

Annual Household Income (Gross)

Family Size	Total Annual Income
1	\$38,640
2	\$52,260
3	\$65,880
4	\$79,500
5	\$93,120
6	\$106,740

[Local Activities and Events:](#)



If you haven't signed up yet and need to, there are TWO MORE days!

Town:	Date:	Location:	Time:
Oakwood	Thursday, November 4	Public Library	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ridge Farm	Thursday, November 4	Ward Park Building	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Rankin	Monday, November 8	Fire Station	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Rossville	Wednesday, November 10	Village Hall	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Henning	Wednesday, November 10	Village Hall	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Westville	Friday, November 12	Public Library	4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sidell	Tuesday, November 16	Miss Daisy's	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Potomac	Wednesday, November 17	Public Library	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Georgetown	Saturday, November 20	Masonic Lodge (across from Library)	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Catlin	Monday, November 22	Masonic Lodge (across from old IGA)	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Danville	Monday, November 30	<u>CrossRoads</u> Christian Church	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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Town:	Date:	Location:	Time:
West Lebanon	Wednesday, November 3	Public Library	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST
Veedersburg	Tuesday, November 9	City Hall/Fire Station	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. EDT
Attica	Tuesday, November 9	Public Library	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EDT
Covington	Thursday, November 18	Public Library	5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. EDT

Needed Information/Paperwork:

- 1. Photo Identification**
- 2. Proof of everyone in household with dates of birth**
- 3. Proof of Residency (Utility bill with matching address)**



FOOD PANTRIES AND LOCAL RESOURCES

St. James Food Pantry
504 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL 61832
Phone: 217.431.5100
Pantry Hours: Third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm

Salvation Army -- Family services and assistance
855 E. Fairchild Avenue
Danville, IL 61832
Phone: 217.442.5911

Love INC-Resources
533 S Bowman Ave
Danville, IL 61832
Phone: 217.442.5683

United Way
425 N Gilbert St Suite 3,
Danville, IL 61832
217-442-3512

The Dwelling Place- Hygiene products
<http://thedwellingplace2017.us/>
(217) 213-5308
thedwellingplacevc@gmail.com

Fair Hope Ministry- Clothing for Children
Please reach out to school social worker
or call Bismarck Clerk at 217-304-9872
to make referral.

Village of Bismarck Contact Information

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