



THE VILLAGE VOICE

The Village in Burns Harbor
NEWSLETTER 11/30/2023



Deck the Village 2023: (from left to right) Nathan and Bob

Good day, neighbors,

Thanks to everyone for participating in the 2023 Board of Directors Election. There were 69 votes cast in total. Your elected members to the Board of Directors are as follows:

- Melissa Hamilton
- Ty Warner

- Justin Roseberry
- Steffane Hynes
- Elected President: Melissa Hamilton

Congratulations to the winners! See below for more details about the first POA meeting of 2024.

From the Village Events and Planning Committee (VEPC):

Thank you to our Deck the Village decorators for making our community look festive for the holidays:

- Mary and Ty Warner
- Tracy Tomak
- Nathan Stokes
- Loretta and Bob Bernahl



We want to send a thank you to the neighbors who took on beautifying the northeast corner of Triangle Park and to all the neighbors who offered advice and otherwise encouraged our garden helpers as they worked.

From left to right: Jennifer Spacek and Mary Warner



Digging helpers: Ty Warner (not pictured) and Dwain (left)

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Please note that the Town offices are closed for Christmas on 12/25 and 12/26. See below for more details about news and upcoming events.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 @ 5 P.M.

CARRIAGE RIDES

The fire pit will be lit for s'mores. In addition to the s'mores ingredients, hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.

This event begins at 5 p.m. Sittings are every 15 minutes with the last slot at 7:15 p.m. The time slots for carriage rides are filled, but please contact Loretta Bernahl at 630.853.2435 or Simpletreasures57@gmail.com to go on the waiting list.



SATURDAY, DEC. 9 @ 5 P.M.

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Leave the lights on! For this year's home decorating contest, there will be awards for first, second, and third place for each of the two categories:

1. Classic or old-fashioned theme for Traditional
2. Over-the-top abundance/excessive for Griswold



When casting your vote, consider visual appeal, the use of available space, creativity and originality, and neatness and design quality.

This year voting will be done by residents with one vote per person. Children may also cast their vote. The street number and street name will be required on the ballots, which can be filled out and cast at the campfire the evening of the carriage rides. The winners will be announced on Monday, December 11.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 @ 1 P.M.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Participants must sign up to participate in this event by Dec 1. Please contact Loretta at 630.853.2435 to register your cookie. She will need to know what item you will be making in order to avoid duplicates. Loretta will let you know how many cookies you will need to provide for the exchange by Dec 2.



Cookies/bars must be homemade and not store bought. The exchange will be held at Loretta Bernahl's home at 325 Clifford way as this is not an event sponsored by the POA/VEPC. The exchange will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 16.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11 @ 7 P.M.

1st POA MEETING of 2024

The first POA meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m. The location is TBD at this point, but we'll inform you closer to the meeting date. At this meeting, the new board will discuss how often board meetings will occur, when the VARC election will be, our events during the 2024 year, and other POA business.





WHEN THERE'S 2" OF SNOW OR MORE

TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR SNOW RULE

Remember that parking in public streets and alleys is prohibited in the Town of Burns Harbor when there is 2 or more inches of snow fall.



EVERY EVENING @ 4:30 P.M.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

If you're looking for a local holiday light show that's fun for the whole family, go check out the Bozak Family Christmas Lights. This free show is located at 259 Lake Park Road, Burns Harbor, Indiana, 46304.

Visit the show:

- Sunday to Thursday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday: 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- From November 24th to January 2nd

Donations will be accepted via a secure donation box with 100% of the funds collected going to The Caring Place in Valparaiso. Tune your car to 92.5 FM as the lights are

timed to the music. If you get out of the car, make sure to press the red button near the mega tree for some music.

For updates and behind-the-scenes, follow the [Bozak Family Christmas Lights on Facebook](#).

TUESDAYS THROUGH DEC. 5

FALL LEAF PICKUP RETURNS



Residents should pile leaves in the town right-of-way along the pavement for pick up. Please do not put leaves in ditches and be sure your leaves are clear of sticks, debris, and pet waste. Leaf pick-up will continue every Tuesday through December 5, weather permitting. Note that it may take more than one day per week to collect the leaves.

In the case of inclement weather, the leaves will be picked up as soon as the weather allows.



NOW THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
DEC. 13

FIGHT HUNGER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

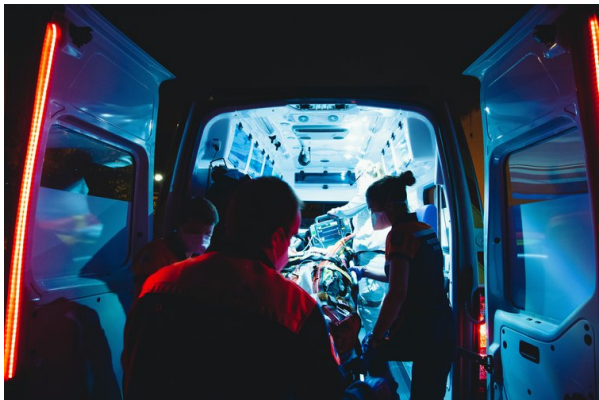
The Town of Burns Harbor is kicking off a holiday food drive to

make a difference in the Duneland Community. Let's come together and share the spirit of giving by collecting nonperishable food items for the Westchester Food Pantry and our neighbors in need.

Every can and every box makes a difference, and together we can make a big impact. You can drop off your nonperishable items through Wednesday, December 13th at the Burns Harbor Town Hall, 1240 W. North Boo Road, Burns Harbor.

The most needed items include: soups, chili beans, canned fruits, canned tuna, toilet paper, paper towels, boxed potatoes, and meal kits. All other nonperishable items are welcome too.

Spread the word! Let's make this holiday season special for everyone and show that the true magic of the holidays is in the love and care we share. For more details, please contact Roseann Bozak via email at rbozak@burnsharbor-in.gov.



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 @ 3 P.M.

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR A 2015 HORTON AMBULANCE

The Town of Burns Harbor is accepting sealed bids for a 2015 Horton Ambulance with 2015 F550

4x4 chassis and 6.7 power stroke V8 diesel engine with 62,432 miles.

Please include the following with the bid: bidder's name and contact information, and mark "sealed bid" on the front of a sealed envelope. Mail or deliver your sealed bid to the Town of Burns Harbor, Clerk-Treasurer, 1240 North Boo Road, Burns Harbor, IN 46304. Bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Bids will be opened at the December 13, 2023 Town Council meeting, starting at 7 p.m.

The ambulance can be viewed at the Burns Harbor Fire Department, which is located at 308 Navajo Trail, during business hours or you can check it out on the [Town of Burns Harbor website](#).

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 @ 7 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL

The December Town Council meeting for Burns Harbor will be held in person on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, which is located at 1240 North Boo Road, Burns Harbor, IN 46304. If you have any questions about this meeting, please call the Town Hall at 219.787.9413.





FRIDAY, DEC. 29

RECYCLING PICKUP

Reminder: Please note that due to the Christmas holiday, recycling pickup will be on Friday, December 29.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please contact the POA board or the property manager.

- President: Rob Horning at vbhpoaboard@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Jason Putman at vbhpoaboard@gmail.com
- Secretary: Luke Kosnik at vbhpoaboard@gmail.com
- Property Manager at 1st American: Robin Russell
 - Phone: 219.464.3536 x 328
 - Email: russell@1stpropertymanagers.com

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