



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

The Village in Burns Harbor  
NEWSLETTER 3/7/2023

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*Good day, neighbors,*

Thank you all for attending our POA meeting on February 23. Be sure to catch up on POA meeting minutes and previous newsletter editions on the [Newsletter & POA Meeting Minutes](#) page of the [Village in Burns Harbor](#) website.

Both Aaron McKinney and Scott MacDonald have volunteered to be nominated as Chancellor. Please note that 1st American has already sent out the ballots prior to the February 23 POA meeting without Scott included as a nominee. The Board reserves the right to elect any Chancellor(s) who is not decided by the voting process. The Chancellor mediates disputes within the community, giving neighbors a forum to work out differences and find solutions. If disputes cannot be resolved by mediation, the Chancellor makes recommendations to the Board.

Please read Tony Putman's summary below from February's Town Council meeting:

Rob (head of the Street Department) introduced me at the meeting and said I represented the VBH VARC, and we're offering our assistance with the VBH street light issue. I spoke to the Board and affirmed Rob's statement that the VARC would cooperate with the Street Department in determining the issues and pursuing a solution. I suggested we identify and order additional parts for the lights including bulbs and globes. Also, we could have an electrician diagnose any electrical issue with the lights, poles, or wiring.

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## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 8 @ 7 P.M.

### TOWN COUNCIL

The March Town Council meeting for Burns Harbor will be held in person on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. [Click here to join the Zoom Meeting.](#)

**Meeting ID:** 843 5476 4039

**Passcode:** 221058

**Dial in:** 312.626.6799



SUNDAY, MAR. 19 @ 2 P.M.

## SPECTACULAR EGG EVENT & GENERAL EGG HUNT — A HUNT FOR EVERY BUNNY!



The Spectacular Egg Event is a FREE Easter Egg Hunt for children with special needs and their families. Join us at Lakeland Park, Burns Harbor at 2 p.m. March 19th. Enjoy egg hunts that are specifically designed for your child. For more details about egg hunts for children on the Autism Spectrum, those who are visually impaired, and those with mobility restrictions, go to the town's [Facebook page](#). The general Egg Hunt will start at 2 p.m. as well for age groups 0-2, 3-5, 7-9 and 10-12. Please arrive at 1:45 p.m. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at 2 p.m.



SATURDAY, APR. 8 @ 10 A.M.

## VILLAGE IN BURNS HARBOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Let the Easter egg hunt begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8 at Triangle Park. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, juice boxes, and cookies. Kids will need to bring

their own basket for the hunt. If you want to hang around and watch the activities, please bring a chair. For questions, please contact Loretta Bernahl at [Lorettab585@comcast.net](mailto:Lorettab585@comcast.net) or 630.853.2435.

SATURDAY, APR. 22 @ NOON

## EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP AND PIZZA PARTY



Keep the Village clean and help out on Earth Day with our Neighborhood Cleanup and Pizza Party. We'll meet up at noon in Triangle Park to clean the Village of weeds and garbage. There will be pizza and pop for those who participate in this event. For questions, please contact Loretta Bernahl at [Lorettab585@comcast.net](mailto:Lorettab585@comcast.net) or 630.853.2435.



## GET YOUR PINEWOOD DERBY CAR KITS

While the Pinewood Derby isn't until August, you can get a head start on your derby car design. Car kits can be picked up at Erin Childress' house at 1152 Burns

Blvd. For more derby car details,  
please contact Erin at 765.430.3065.

## WANTED: RESIDENT VOLUNTEER FOR SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION



The Town of Burns Harbor is seeking a resident volunteer to serve on the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission. The seat must be filled by a citizen who does not serve on any other town board or work for the town.

Read more about SEAC and see the meeting schedule for 2023 at [Shared Ethics](#).

If you are interested in serving on this commission, or would like more information, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Jane Jordan, at 219.787.9413 or at [jjordan@burnsharbor-in.gov](mailto:jjordan@burnsharbor-in.gov).



# HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you believe that you have what it takes to be a Burns Harbor volunteer firefighter?



Requirements include the following:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a valid driver's license.
- Obtain all necessary certifications.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Pass a physical agility assessment.
- Pass a full background investigation.

The Burns Harbor Fire Department provides all equipment and free training.

If you are interested in obtaining an application, download one from the [link here](#) or stop by the firehouse at 308 Navajo Trail, Burns Harbor, Indiana 46304 to pick up an application today. Thank you for your interest in Burns Harbor Fire Department! For more details, please call 219.787.8591 or go to the [Burns Harbor Fire Department's Facebook page](#).

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## HELP K9 CPL ALVAREZ & FAMILY DISPLACED BY FIRE | HELP A HERO



On February 5, while he was serving his community (Schererville Police Department) on patrol, a fire started on the roof of K9 Corporal Diego Alvarez's house while his wife and two children were home. Everyone, including his two other dogs, were able to make it out safely, but they will be displaced from their home until the repairs are made.

Help a member of our community who has given so much to the community and support Corporal Alvarez and his family as they navigate this difficult time. All proceeds will go toward helping the family make the necessary repairs and ease the burden of displacement costs.

Please go to [Help A Hero](#) to donate.

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## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please contact the POA board or the property manager.

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