



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

The Village in Burns Harbor  
NEWSLETTER 10/26/2023

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*Pumpkin decorating: (from left to right) Dior, D'maria, and Pearl*

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*Good day, neighbors,*

**From the Village Events and Planning Committee (VEPC):**

Although the Fall Party was not a success (due to weather, I'm sure), we would like to thank everyone who did attend. The soup we great and much needed to warm us up. A few of the neighborhood children attended and received Halloween goodies and pumpkins.



Robb, Olivia, Cecilia, Angelo,  
Angel (hiding in the back), Loretta,  
and Pearl



Muddy boots



A spooky mini pumpkin



Julianna, Jaylen, and Jackson

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## THURSDAY, NOV. 2: ANNUAL MEETING

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THURSDAY, NOV. 2 @ 6 P.M.

### ANNUAL MEETING & CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE POA BOARD

The Annual Meeting of the Homeowner Association will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, at the [Portage Public Library, Meeting Room "A," which is located at 2665 Irving Street.](#)

The purpose of the annual meeting is to conduct all lawful business of the association, including the election of one (1) Board President for a one (1) year term (must be currently on or elected on to the Board), four (4) Board Members for

a two (2) year term, and approval of the 2024 Budget. Robin Russell has sent out the ballots, proxy forms, and a draft of the 2024 budget.

Your attendance at this meeting is important to obtain a quorum of voting members. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Robin at 219.464.3536 ext. 328.

Please note the number of votes allowed for the builders/Traditions/other entities:

- In Good Company (aka Traditions Apartment Homes): 24
- Putman Builders: 9
- Village Land Company: 2
- JPA Enterprises: 1
- JPA BH Rentals: 1
- Krzysciak Rental Investors: 3
- Regular Homeowners: 109
- **Total = 149 votes**

In the event that you cannot attend the Annual Meeting of members, please fill out the directed proxy form that has been sent out by Robin. In accordance with the Bylaws, you may appoint any other owner as your proxy to vote upon general matters that come before the Board as well as the election of officers.

To ensure that your vote is counted in the election, you must return your signed, appointed

proxy /ballot if you cannot attend.  
You may mail it in the self-addressed envelope that Robin sent out. Please send the form to 1st American Management Co., Inc. or email it to

[rrussell@1stpropertymanagers.com](mailto:rrussell@1stpropertymanagers.com).

**Mailed proxies must be received by November 2nd, prior to the meeting.**



## REMINDER: TRIM YOUR TREE BRANCHES

Please trim your tree branches along the sidewalks. Your branches need to be trimmed to a height of 7 feet to allow for pedestrian traffic and a line of sight for traffic signs.



SATURDAY, NOV. 11 @ 10 A.M.

## DECK THE VILLAGE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with setting up holiday decor around the neighborhood. We are aiming to decorate on Saturday, November 11. Many hands make light work. If you sign up, we need a firm commitment. Six to eight people would be ideal for this task.

We'll meet at the gazebo and work on this from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have lighted garlands, bows, wreaths, and Christmas lights that need placement. Pizza will be provided at Loretta Bernahl's residence after installation.

Please let Loretta Bernahl know ASAP via phone 630.853.2435 or at [Simpletreasures57@gmail.com](mailto:Simpletreasures57@gmail.com) if you plan on helping to decorate the neighborhood.

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. Many times slots are still available.

Please contact Loretta Bernahl at 630.853.2435 or [Simpletreasures57@gmail.com](mailto:Simpletreasures57@gmail.com) to select your carriage ride time slot.



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.



SATURDAY, OCT. 28 @ 5:30 P.M.

## FALL FEST AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Fall Fest activities are from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with Trunk-or-Treat from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Check back with the [Town of Burns Harbor Calendar of Events](#) or the [Burns Harbor Park Department Facebook](#) page for more information.

This event is located at at 1200 Lakeland Park Drive, Burns Harbor, IN 46304.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31 @ 5:30 P.M.

## VILLAGE TRICK OR TREATING



The Trick of Treat hours for Burns Harbor are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to mirror the other Duneland communities. The Burns Harbor Police Department will continue its tradition of having several extra patrols scheduled surrounding the Trick or Treat hours, and they look forward to seeing everyone on Halloween. Stay Safe.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 @ 7 P.M.

## TOWN COUNCIL

The November Town Council meeting for Burns Harbor will be held in person on Wednesday, November 8 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.



MONDAYS, ENDING NOV. 13

## BRUSH PICKUP CONTINUES

Tree branches are to be no longer than 6 feet long and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. Please pile



your brush so that the cut ends are in the same direction. All materials are to be placed on the Town's right-of-way, close to the edge of the pavement.

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

The Street Department cannot collect root balls, garden waste, or vines of any kind because these items can damage their equipment. You can bring these items, as well as garden waste, to the brush bin behind the Street Department, but they must be able to fit inside the bin. **Grass clippings and leaves are not accepted.** If you are unsure whether your organic material can be brought in, please call 219.787.9187.



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.*

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## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please contact the POA board or the property manager.

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

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