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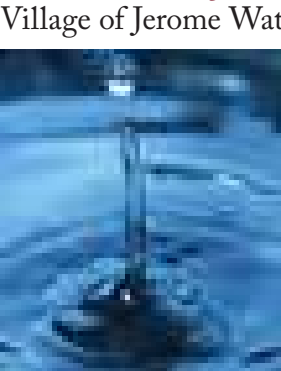
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LIMB PICKUP

Limb pickup will take place the week November 4, 2024, weather permitting. All limb piles must be placed along the street edge BEFORE 7:00 am the morning of November 4, 2024. Any piles placed after 7:00 am on November 4, 2024, WILL NOT be picked up. Piles must not be placed out any earlier than 1 WEEK prior to pick up dates. (per Ordinance) Size of pile restrictions are still in place per Ordinance. Any piles larger than 6ft wide x 4ft tall x 8ft long are considered oversize and will require a \$75.00 fee to be paid before pickup will occur. Residents who either have “Oversized” piles, or were late setting piles out will be notified via a letter stating why their pile was not removed, and any fees owed, and where to pay fees. Any questions can be directed to Public Works Supervisor David Wilken directly at 217-546-9647.

VILLAGE OF JEROME WATER CUSTOMERS



Village of Jerome Water Customers will be able to pay their water bills through three different methods, and for the first time, use a credit/debit card to do so. The first method is through a new website, where payments are on-line and allow the payment by credit card or e-check (customer's checking account). To pay your water bill on-line, a Water Customer will access the payment website through the following link: <https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/en-US/Login/village-of-jerome>. Water Customers can set up their own account to pay their bill or use the one-time payment option. The second method is for a Water Customer, who does not have an account number with a letter in it, to pay their bill through the phone. Water customers can call (217) 319-2199 to access the phone payment system.

Again, if your account number has a letter in it, you will not be able to access and pay by phone. Third is the current method of mailing payment or dropping payment off at the Village office. However, if you come into the office during business hours, you are able to pay your Water bill using a credit/debit card. For any one of these processes, if the Water Customer uses a credit/debit card, there will be a fee of 2.25% of your bill or minimum fee of \$1.00, whichever is greater. On a bill of \$100.00 for example the fee will be \$2.25. If the resident chooses to pay their bill by e-check (using your bank account information), the cost will be \$.50 per transaction. In addition, we will be collecting e-mail addresses of our Water Customers so that we can begin to send your monthly bill via e-mail rather than regular mail. If you would like to get your bill by e-mail, please complete the form that is on the Village of Jerome website. A copy of the form is also being sent to Water Customers via mail with this information attached. We hope this will assist all residents in paying their Water bills through these new resources. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at 217-546-2203 between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.



PETS

Let’s remember there is a Village Ordinance that requires you to put your pets on a leash when walking your pets off your premises. Whether you are walking down the street or walking your pet in the Village Park it is imperative that you have control of your animal. There are people that walk in our parks and roadways that are afraid of animals. Please be respectful and courteous to others. DO NOT let your dog out unattended to relieve themselves in your neighbors’ yard. Pick up your dog’s droppings. This is your responsibility!! If not picked up, you could be faced with a fine by our Village of Jerome Police Department.

HYDRANT TESTING NOTICE

Hydrant and Valve flushing and testing will start the first week of October and will continue until complete. Expect slight discoloration in the water during this time. Specific areas and dates will be posted on the Village website and on social media.



COPS CORNER

The Jerome Police Department would like to remind residents, as a motorist please be aware of pedestrians. School has started and there will be more pedestrians walking in the Village and motorists should take extra precautions. Personal Safety Tips While anyone of any age can be victimized, children, women, seniors and persons with disabilities are usually more targeted. These guidelines will help you to protect yourself and your family in reducing crime and maintaining a more secure and safer environment.

- If you live alone, use only first initials with surname on mail boxes, directories etc
- Never open your door to a stranger who does not show proper identification.
- Arrange a system so that someone has a key to your home and is aware of your whereabouts at all times especially if you live alone.
- Don't display large amounts of money in public nor keep it in the home.
- Don't leave keys hidden in obvious places.
- Walk on well lit streets near the curb and away from alleys, particularly, if you must walk alone at night.
- When in public, always beware of your surroundings. Be mindful of persons loitering or acting suspiciously.
- If you suspect you are being followed, go to the nearest well lit place or populated area, and yell if necessary to attract attention.
- Don't hitch-hike or pick up hitch-hikers. Once trapped inside the vehicle, it is difficult to escape. Pedestrians Street Precautions
- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you - especially if you are alone or it is dark.
- Whenever possible, travel with a friend.
- Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible.
- Walk close to the curb.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.

The Village of Jerome has police coverage every day and it could be from Jerome officers, Sangamon County or other Law Enforcement Agencies. If you have an emergency, please dial 911 if it is not an emergency please call the non-emergency number at 217-753-6666. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Jerome Police Department or Trustee Leigh Irons.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

To open the doors, we rely on resident volunteers to staff the library. We are looking for volunteers that can staff the library for 2 hours a week or a couple times a month. This will help so we can set our days and hours of operation and start scheduling activities. It's all open for discussion if you are interested. We are looking for evening hours also from 6 - 8 pm when families and kids are out after dinner in the summer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Trustee Katrina Christofilakos at trusteechristofilakos@villageofjerome.com email address or 217-546-2203 and leave a message. Keep an eye out for updated information on the village websites, our outdoor library sign and on Jerome IL Neighbors on Facebook.



RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS

Do You Need Them? Fences? To replace a fence or to install a new fence, a building permit is required. Are you building or remodeling? Before hiring anyone to work on your property be sure they have a contractor's permit.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

Any resident wishing to alter, in any way, the use of land or buildings in the Village, must comply with Building Codes. An application for permit is required if any construction and/or alteration on land or structures in the Village. These permits must be obtained before the work starts. A Building Permit Application form can be obtained at the Village office or online at www.villageofjerome.com and should be submitted with a plan drawing. The cost of the permit is moderate. If you have any questions, please call the Jerome office at 217-546-2203 or call Dale Lael at 217-787-8388. A list of registered contractors is available in the Village office.

HALLOWEEN

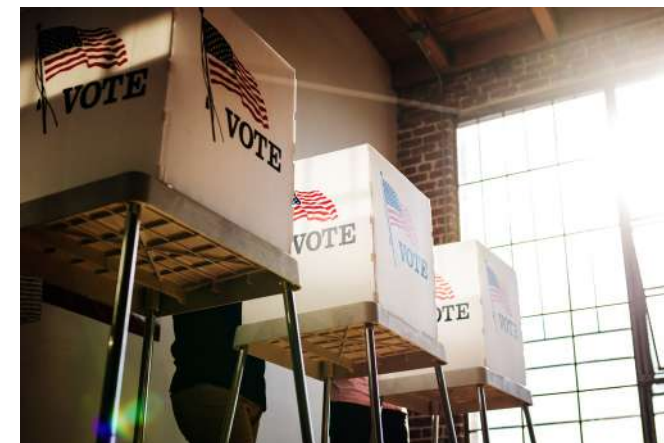
The Annual Village of Jerome Halloween Event will be held in conjunction with Jerome Methodist Church Trunk or Treat event on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31st, 2024, 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The Village of Jerome will be handing out candy outside of Jerome civic center from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. While supplies last. The Village of Jerome is asking for can food donations to be brought up to village hall on Halloween night! The Village will be donating what is collected to the less fortunate in our community! Questions, please contact the Jerome Village Office @ 217-546-2203

Remember to turn on your porch light for trick or treaters if you are passing out candy. Remind children of the Rules of Halloween: Do not go to any home that does not have their porch light on, respect personal property, only knock or ring the bell once, don't forget to use the magic words, please and thank you, and don't eat any candy until an adult has checked your treats.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A BOARD POSITION?

Details on the Consolidated Election can be found at <https://sangamonil.gov/departments/a-c/county-clerk/elections/candidates/2025-information>. The Consolidated Election is on April 1, 2025. August 20, 2024, was the first day to



circulate nomination petitions. Candidates can pick up a packet for the election at the Village Hall or online on the Sangamon County County Clerk's page above. Packets may be turned in during the week of November 12 - November 18, 2024. Packets include P-3 Petition, P-1B Statement of Candidacy, P-1C Loyalty Oath (optional), Statement of Economic Interest (filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located). Receipt for filing of the statement, or a copy thereof, must be filed with the election official who receives the nominating petitions. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day for filing the petitions.

SANGAMON ALERT MESSAGING SYSTEM (SAM)

Sangamon Alert Messaging System or SAM sends alerts to your mobile device or your landline via text message, phone call, or email if an emergency is happening in your neighborhood. Sign up to receive emergency alerts from your local Office of Emergency Management. Texting; SAM to 99411, will take you directly to the SAM Community Notification Enrollment form. Features & Benefits Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will allow County officials to be able to communicate time-sensitive messages using the SAM's robust dialing infrastructure more effectively that is entirely managed by its parent company, OnSolve. This access will allow calls to be delivered seconds after public safety officials launch a message. Also, the County can better target notifications geographically, only notifying community members impacted by an alert. Personal Contact Information Contact information accessed through Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will only be used by Public Safety Officials for emergency notification purposes your information will not be shared or sold. If you do not have a cell phone or a computer and would like notices called directly to your home phone, call the Village of Jerome Office at 217-546-2203 and we will be happy to sign you up through the internet for you!



JEROME MEMORIAL PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The Park and Playground will be open all year. The only time the park will close will be for any repair and regular maintenance.

HONOR FLIGHT
Do you know a veteran that served in World War II, Vietnam, or the Korean War that would enjoy participating in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.?

The mission of Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is to celebrate America’s World War II, Korean Era and Vietnam Era veterans by inviting them to share a day of honor at our nation’s memorials in Washington DC. This day of honor is provided absolutely free of charge to our veterans.

We offer one-day flights departing from Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (Springfield) to Reagan National Airport in Washington DC. Venues visited include the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln Memorial, the US Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), the US Air Force Memorial, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Virginia and Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight serves a territory of approximately 25,000 square miles. Included in this area are the key central and southern Illinois cities of Bloomington-Normal, Urbana-Champaign, Decatur, Alton, Carlinville, Clinton, Danville, Effingham, Havana, Jerseyville, Lincoln, Litchfield, Mattoon, Rantoul and Springfield as well as the surrounding areas.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight was established in 2009. As of the end of the 2022 flying season, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight has served 5,100 + veterans on 64 flights.

This day of honor and gratitude is completely free for our veterans. They have paid enough with their service; it is our turn to pay them back. Funding for these flights comes from the generous donations of individuals, merchandise sales and proceeds from fundraisers held by local organizations and citizens in the community who want to demonstrate their gratitude for the sacrifices made by these veterans who secured our freedom.

The costs to sponsor one veteran is around \$600.00. Volunteers to serve as guardians on a future flight are always needed. Guardians pay their own expenses to participate and ensure our veterans are comfortable and safely enjoy the day. In addition, guardians have the honor of spending the day with true American heroes.

For more information contact the website at www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org

FLU CLINIC
Sangamon County Public Health will hold its annual Flu Clinic at the Jerome Civic Center on October 22, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Acceptable insurance Aetna, Blue Cross, Cigna, Humana, Health Alliance, HFS, Meridian, Medicare, Medicaid, Molina, United Healthcare Cost without insurance is \$42 for standard and \$100 for Hi-Dose vaccine. Please bring with you your insurance cards.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT
The Jerome Police Department would like to remind all residents to always lock their doors on their residences and on their vehicles. Also do not leave any property of value or key fobs in your vehicles. Please report any crimes or suspicious activities or persons as soon as they are observed to the main radio communications line at (217) 753-6666. Please do not contact a board member or leave a message on the police voicemail or social media when reporting a crime. All emergency calls should be reported to 911.

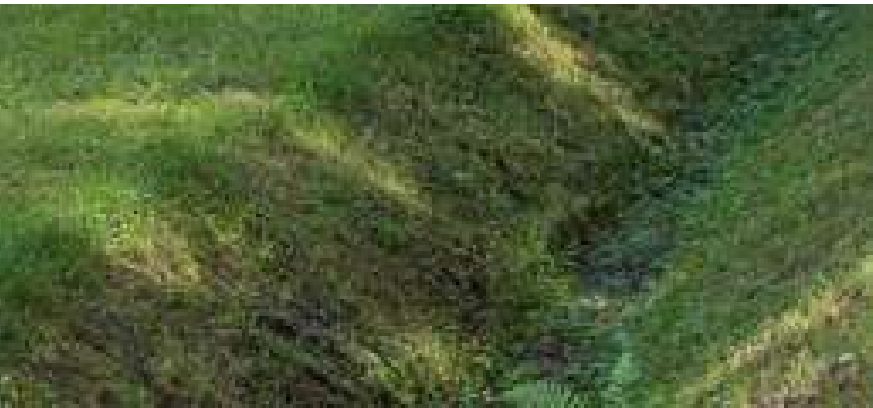
SNOW
The Village Public Works Department is responsible for clearing the streets and salting them to allow drivers access outside of the Village. A friendly reminder when there is more than 2 inches of snow predicted, we want to remind residents to move their vehicles off the street. It is a hazard for our Public Works Department to clear the street and spread salt on our roadways if there are vehicles they must avoid. If there are 2 inches or more that has fallen and there is a vehicle on the street, it will be towed, and you will be responsible for the tow fee. Please be courteous.

BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS
The Village has received many complaints of barking dogs, and Ordinance 407.1-5 prohibits owners from allowing an animal to bark or howl for 15 minutes or more that disturbs the peace. No animal shall be outside from 10 pm to 7 am without being chaperoned. Please make every effort you can to ensure that your animal is not causing issues to your neighbors. Violation of this Ordinance may result in the owners being fined.

VILLAGE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	
The Village of Jerome will be closed the following days in 2024:	
Oct. 14, 2024	Columbus Day
Nov. 5, 2024	General Election
Nov. 11, 2024	Veterans Day
Nov. 27, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving
Dec. 24, 2024	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25, 2024	Christmas Day
Dec. 31, 2024	New Years Eve
The Village of Jerome will be closed the following days in 2025:	
Jan. 1, 2025	New Years Day
Jan. 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 12, 2025	Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb. 17, 2025	Washington’s Birthday (President’s Day)
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day

VILLAGE OF JEROME BOARD MEETING
The Village of Jerome holds regular board meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to attend the meetings. If you are unable to attend residents may send an email to jeromeclerk@villageofjerome.com or drop a note in the water payment slot at the Village Hall by 6:00 pm the day of the meeting to have your comment or question addressed to the board of trustees.

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR VILLAGE
As you walk or drive through the Village, you’ll see trash, debris and litter that appears to be thrown from cars, blown around on windy days, trash bags that are not in trash cans or trash that blows out of the trash truck when emptied. This trash sometimes ends up in that area near the street in front of your house. It appears to be more common on our busier streets like Iles Avenue and Chatham Road. It is difficult to catch people fly dumping. We are asking residents to please pick up the improperly disposed trash from in front of your home and dispose of it. It’s not always possible for some residents to do that, so perhaps we can look out for our neighbors and clean up their area for them. Thank you to resident volunteers that have picked up litter and trash and know that we appreciate your time and dedication to keeping the Village of Jerome clean.



DITCH
Some call it the ditch, for some it’s the flat grassy area, others have a parking space and most residents put trash cans, yard waste bags and limbs for pick-up there. Question: Whichever way you refer to it, have you wondered who should maintain it or if you should keep up the area between the street and your front yard? Answer: It is each resident’s (owner’s) responsibility to maintain the space between the front yard and the street. Maintaining it includes mowing just as you do for your front and back yards and raking leaves for disposal. It also includes keeping the area clear of trash, furniture, and other miscellaneous items except during the Village’s scheduled limb pickup.



FLY DUMPING
We also should not be leaving items for someone to possibly pick up for “free” in the space between the front yard and the street for an endless period or at a stop sign in hopes it will be taken. If you have items to dispose of, contact your waste hauler to make sure they can pick up what you wish to dispose of before hauling it out. If you have any suggestions for a neighbor block clean-up or something similar, please contact the Village Office. Let us all work together to keep our village clean and safe and show it in the best light possible. As the saying goes, “it takes a village”. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

NO PARKING IN YARDS
No parking is allowed in front yards or side yards except on a driveway. Trailers cannot be parked or stored in front of your house or on the street. No person shall keep, store, or park any boat, camping trailer, motor home, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, truck camper, or yard tractor in the area between the front load-bearing wall of a residence and the front lot line of the property. These regulations are in Section 803.3-7 of the Village Code of Ordinances, which is posted on the Village website. Violation of this section of the ordinances is subject to a fine for each day of violation.

DO YOU HAVE A NON-WORKING VEHICLE
Suggestions from residents over the past year or so include calling a junkyard to have it towed; donate the vehicle to a charitable organization like the Salvation Army or post it on Facebook Marketplace. This is not an endorsement from the Village and there are no guarantees that any of these will work for you.

VILLAGE WEBSITE
To keep up on what is happening in the Village please visit our website villageofjerome.com. Here you will find information about events, news, services, Board meeting agendas and minutes, and the Village Code of Ordinances. The Village has updated email addresses for the elected officials and staff. The new list of emails is included in this bulletin and has been updated on the Village website. The website’s getting an upgrade on looks and function in hopes it will be easier for residents to gather any information they may need.



GARBAGE CANS

There is a village ordinance that prohibits garbage cans being left in front of your residence. When trash is collected, the empty cans must be moved to the rear of your residence until the next pick-up day.

RECREATIONAL FIRE PIT

Fire pit permit applications are available at the Village Office. Outdoor recreational fires are allowed between April 1st through November 30th with a proper permit. Prohibited: No household trash is to be burned in the fire pit and outdoor fires are not permitted to be started on the ground or in the driveway. Please call the Village office if you would like a permit for this year at 217-546-2203. No burning of yard waste. No leaves, no plants, no grass; only logs.



MOW

Please remember it is a violation of the Village ordinances to allow your grass or weeds over six inches. Property that allows their weeds and grass to be overgrown will be subject to a fine. Please mow front, back and side yards weekly to help beautify the Village of Jerome.

CIVIC CENTER

The Civic Center is available for event rentals by residents, private individuals, and non-profit groups. The rental includes the large Civic Center room for up to 150 people, tables and chairs, a piano, kitchen, and restrooms. Please contact the Village Secretary at 217-546-2203 to see the facility, pick up a rental application with rules and regulations and pay fees.

ROAD PROJECTS

Iles Avenue Improvement tentatively to start September 2024 !!!

The Village of Jerome has been working with Benton & Associates, Inc. to create a design plan for road improvements on Iles Avenue. These improvements will be in multiple phases as funding is secured. The first phase is funded through grant funds provided by the legislature totaling \$1,000,000. The first phase improvements will include the full removal and replacement of approximately 730 linear feet of road surface, beginning east of the existing box culvert and intersection of Iles Avenue and Chatham Road and continuing east past the intersection of Iles Avenue and South Welch Street. The existing road surface will be completely removed, and a new rock base and hot-mix asphalt pavement will be constructed in its place. Additional improvements will include storm sewer, inlets, concrete valley curb and gutter, partial driveway removal and replacement, and other necessary work along this section of Iles Avenue. These improvements will serve to make Iles Avenue more accessible, functional, and a pleasant driving experience for the residents and visitors of Jerome. In addition, mill and overlay will proceed eastward beyond initial 730 linear feet to Iles Avenue and Owens Ln.

Additional phases are being teed up for future grant applications and funding scenarios.

FLAGS

Do you have any flags in your yard? Julie must be called for when the ground is disturbed. Utility companies place the flags where the utility is underground. Please do not remove them. These flags are in anticipation of road work or excavation. Once the project is started the flags will be removed by the contractor or Village personnel. We ask that residents do not remove the flags.

BUSINESSES

The Village of Jerome is a great community in which to live, work, and raise a family. Our top priority is ensuring an open, efficient, and responsive staff to serve our residents and guests. “Our residents are our number one customer.” We are pro-business and place a great deal of emphasis on being a business-friendly partner. During the last year the Village HAS a number of businesses which located and operate in Jerome as: All About Wine, Oh-Icee, Moroleon Tropical Restaurant, and Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Sonics, Penny Lane and The Gryos Stop, Subway, Jerome Marathon, Annie’s, and Pizza Hut just to name a few. These businesses generate local jobs and revenue for the Village. We encourage you to patronize these fine businesses.

During the past few months, the former Shop-N-Save Location has been purchased by Neimann Foods. Neimann Foods indicated any development on this site is on hold now.

ADDRESS

The Chief of Police would like to remind you to have your house number visible from the street. There are quite a few of our residences that do not have any house number. Displaying your number is VITAL in an emergency situation. Please make every effort to ensure your house number is visible from the street.

GREAT NEWS FROM SENATOR DORIS TURNER!

Senator Doris Turner announced during our June 2024 Village of Jerome Board Meeting. An additional \$400,000.00 dollars has been earmarked for continued Iles Avenue improvement beyond current Fall 2024 Iles Avenue improvements to Iles Avenue. The village anticipates these additional funds to be used in 2025 for Iles Avenue.

Thank You Senator Turner!!

PARADE

A proud tradition, dating back to the mid 1990s, is the Village of Jerome Parade in celebration of Independence Day each year weather permitting. This parade is a family tradition that has been attended by many generations of families. In addition, Civic Events occur during the year including an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, Halloween Party, Trick or Treat with the Police, and the Toys For Tots Toy Collection Program held in December. I encourage all to keep informed by checking on village of Jerome website at www.villageofjerome.com .

EMPLOYEES

The Village of Jerome is thankful to our staff, with their efforts they are consistently saving the Village money and ensuring everything runs smoothly from answering phones, calculating water bills, keeping the Village safe, road work, and repairing water main breaks just to name a few. A big thank you for all you do!

PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Wilken
Brandon Jackson
Matt Turner

OFFICE STAFF

Ruth Kopec, Secretary
Amanda Wade, Water Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Alison Tolley
Officer Dillon Branham
Officer Jimmy Montgomery

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF

The Village of Jerome will again hold this event. The event date is October 5, 2024, from 8 am to Noon. Residents will be responsible for showing proof of residency and will be required to unload their items themselves. Items prohibited are yard waste, paint, appliances, and tires. Please check the website for additional information.



TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Help us help others! The Village will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots December 7, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Residents may bring an unwrapped gift to deposit in the Toys for Tots donation box from December 1-18 during of-fice hours.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt event will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025, from 2-3 PM in the Village Park. The egg hunt is open for ages up to 12 years old and will include snacks, candy, and activities in the park. Bring your baskets and let’s hope March goes out like a lamb! Donations of candy will be accepted for the event.



UPCOMNG EVENTS AND DATES:

Limb Pickup	November 4 - 8, 2024
Large Item Drop Off	October 5, 2024; 8:00am - Noon
Flu Clinic	October 22, 2024; 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fall Festival	October 26, 2024; 2:00pm - 4:30pm
Halloween Trick or Treat	October 31, 2024; 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Toys for Tots Collection	December 1-18, 2024
Easter Egg Hunt	April 13, 2025; 2:00pm - 3:00pm
4th of July Parade	Friday, July 4th, 2025; 9:00am