

The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

JUNE 2019



Happy Spring! It looks like warmer weather is here to stay, and with warmer temps brings the chance of severe weather. If a severe weather watch is issued that means conditions are favorable for severe weather. If a warning is issued that means severe weather is imminent, or already occurring, and shelter should be taken immediately. Remember to stay alert and heed all watches and warnings!

Also, with warmer weather and the end of the school year approaching, make sure to keep an eye out for children and pets playing outside. Whether it be riding bikes, walking (with or without pets), or any other outdoor activity, stay vigilant and drive with caution, it's a community effort to keep our children and pets safe!

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to be a part of the Big Rock Fire Dept, or wondered what we do and how we train to be ready for emergencies, please come to the station and check out a training! We're always looking for volunteers in the community to join the department! Call the fire department with any questions you have or to find out our training schedule!

The Big Rock
Drainage District 1
is looking for trustees
to help with this
committee please come
to meeting or
call either
Wade 630 556 3960 or
Carl 815 791 1079

Have a safe and fun spring!

COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

June 2019

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| 4 Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 11 Village Board Meeting | TBD @ Community Park |
| 12 TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 25 Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

July 2019

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| 2 Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 9 TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 10 Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| 23 Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

August 2019

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| 6 Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 13 Village Board Meeting | TBD @ Community Park |
| 14 TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 27 Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

UPCOMING ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR BIG ROCK

Look for details to come for a future Electronics recycling day for Big Rock. Location, date and time still being planned. Reminder that electronics CANNOT be disposed of with normal garbage pick-up. For more details please check with Kane county recycling online for all locations and times planned so far for the year.

<https://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/electronics.aspx>



...Sunday, Sunday, Sunday...

Reminder - Sunday, June 2nd will be the 9th annual Big Rock Classic Show for cars, trucks, tractors, and motorcycles that are 25 years and older. This year our special feature is Mopar so any year Mopar, old or new, truck or car, will be allowed. There will be very cool show t-shirts, Boy Scouts coffee & donuts, vendors, raffles, 50/50, 5B's pork chop & chicken lunch, concession stand, and Lions Club strawberry shortcake available. Last year we had 322 registered vehicles. Many new features have been added to this year's show including 8 extra trophy classes for Mopar. Don't miss it! More information on www.bigrockcarshow.org.





BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

NEW TOWNSHIP WASTE AND RECYCLING AGREEMENT

You may already know that one of the major causes of damage to local roads is from heavy truck traffic. A large percentage of the road district budget is used to purchasing additional gravel, regrade and repair holes and ruts, and rebuild existing township roads. Township roads, whether made with asphalt, tar-and chip, or gravel, were not constructed with the thick base to withstand the traffic volumes that we have.

Big Rock residents, businesses, farms and other property owners are currently served by 4 (or more) different waste and recycling companies. Each company crisscross the township with at least 3 different trucks to handle residential waste, recycling, and commercial waste bins and impact our roads every week.

To reduce the number of heavy trucks own our roads, the township is planning to select one company to be the "preferred waste hauling provider" for all residences, farms, and businesses in unincorporated Big Rock Township. Those of you who live within the Village of Big Rock are already served by one waste hauler, Groot Industries (previously known as Complete Sanitation). Groot has provided village residents and businesses with attentive services and competitive pricing. The Village recently negotiated and approved a 5-year contract renewal for Groot to continue to provide these services in the future.

We hope to approve a simple amendment to the new village contract that will extend similar waste and recycling services and pricing through Groot to all residences and businesses in unincorporated Big Rock Township. Groot already serves over 70% of the township and feedback from their customers has been very positive. Having a single waste contract for the township was approved at an annual Township Meeting in April, 2017.

This change is not mandatory at this time, but we hope the favorable pricing and service options will encourage all township residents and businesses to consider using Groot as our preferred provider as soon as possible or at the renewal of their existing waste handling contract.

More information on our new preferred waste and recycling agreement will be mailed to all township residents in the coming weeks. Information will also be available on our Facebook page and township website. We expect the reduction of heavy truck traffic will have a positive impact on our roads in the years to come.

Hoping for a great (and dry) Spring!
Ken Rojek, Township Supervisor

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out to you quickly!*

ROAD COMMISSIONER

We are in process of trying to fix the gravel roads which have suffered greatly because of spring thaws of frost in ground and abnormally heavy rainfall this last month. The edges or shoulders of most of the roads have been regraded back to the roads and we have mowers ready as we will be starting to mow ditches for first time this year. We tried to wait until the last part of May so as to not disturb nesting animals from winter. Please be safe and keep us safe while working alongside of roads. See you at Car Show, hopefully!

Wade,

Big Rock Township Road District

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To advertise or submit articles for consideration please contact Tom Losiniecki at bigrockcrier@gmail.com

The Town Hall is located at
408 Rhodes Street, Big Rock, IL

Mailing address is
P.O. Box 252 Big Rock, IL 60511

Business Hours:
Please call for an appointment

Township Board Meeting Dates:
Monthly: on the second
Wednesday at 7:00

Phone Numbers

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Bonnie Warchol, and
Steve Michael

POSITION OPEN ON THE BIG ROCK 708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

There is an opening for an interested resident to serve on the Big Rock 708 Mental Health Board. Mary Stola, R.N. recently retired from the board after many years of service, and we thank her for her many contributions.

The 708 board meets 3 times per year and helps assure that township residents have access to a number of mental health services. Please contact the township office if you are interested in being considered.



VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Dean Hummell President | Pat Anderson Treasurer | Tim May Village Clerk

Trustees: Matt Ftizpatrick, Clay Hanninen, Mark Lynch, Ted McCannon, Kathy Metzger and Joe Walsh.

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*Village Meetings are held
the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of
the month at 7:00 pm*

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Property maintenance standards have been & will continue to be a priority of the village. The village has a new zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer (Richard Gackowski) on staff to help as needed. Rich will make sure to properly identify himself at all times when visiting any property(s), but know he will be making drives throughout the community on a regular basis. Rich will be doing what has been instructed of him by the village board. These topics are always openly discussed in our meetings if you should have interest. It's been heard loud & clear by many, many residents what they want to see, "things to be cleaned up!!". Rich will be utilizing and referring to the Village Of Big Rock "Property Maintenance Code" and doing compliance checks accordingly. Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns.

YARD CLEANUP/BURNING/MOWING

With spring upon us and property cleanup underway please keep in mind a few things. The villages burning ordinance: **Section 307.1.1.** "Open burning of yard waste generated on the property shall be permitted. Yard waste shall include leaves, fallen trees, branches, grass, weeds and vines. No yard waste not generated from the property may not be openly burned. No other materials may be openly burned on the property. Open burning is only permitted on one's property. Open burning is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open burning is not permitted when the wind exceeds 10 m.p.h. All persons engaged in open burning on their property shall have immediate access to a water source or other source to extinguish the open fire". The burning of leaves directly on the road way edge is strictly prohibited!!!

Additionally per (**Section 3**) "it is hereby declared that any of the following activities and/or conditions are nuisances and are unlawful when conducted or allowed to exist on property located within the corporate limits of the Village; whether conducted, allowed, suffered or permitted by the owner, tenant, and/or other occupant thereof (it being the intent of this chapter to make all such persons jointly and severally liable for compliance herewith)":

(1) Exterior Property Areas:

- a. *Noxious Weeds:* To keep, maintain or grow noxious weeds or other vegetation which creates a health or safety hazard to the public. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants, lands or portions of any lands located in a public nature area, any property owned or leased by a unit of government and property zoned and used for any agricultural purpose.
- b. *Overgrown Residential Yard:* To allow vegetation defined as grass to exceed ten inches (10") in height on a residential use parcel located within the Village. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants.
- c. *Depositing Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse:* To deposit or allow to be deposited offal, fecal matter, night soil, garbage, compost, junk, trash, refuse or other offensive substances upon public or private property, or to permit such objects to remain upon such property. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection is the application of compost for horticultural purposes.
- d. *Storage Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse:* To keep or store junk, trash and refuse on property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "junk, trash and refuse" is defined herein to include any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not to be limited to, trucks, tractors, machinery of any kind, any parts thereof, iceboxes, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, metal drums or other containers, paper, construction debris and raw garbage irrespective of whether or not such objects are located on the property of the owner or bailee of such objects. This subsection shall not apply to refuse disposal facilities regulated by the state, the county, or any municipality of the state.

Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping our Big Rock community looking its BEST possible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OFF STREET PARKING

Single-family dwellings and duplexes are required to maintain at least two (2) off-street parking spaces which may be located within a private garage or on a private improved driveway or on a stand-alone parking space. No more than five (5) motor vehicles (including licensed trailers) may be parked at any one time on a driveway or off-street parking space on a single family dwelling (excluding guest parking). Guests may park in the unimproved right-of-way immediately adjacent to the single-family dwelling for up to twelve (12) consecutive hours. All off-street parking lots and driveways for single family dwellings and duplexes shall be improved with a hard surface or gravel. The parking of motor vehicles and trailers on an unimproved surface (grass) is prohibited within village limits.

VILLAGE POLICING

The Village has heard and witnessed firsthand for many years traffic that comes through our small town driving at speeds well above our posted speed limits. As a result the village entered into an agreement with Kane County to police our community paying special attention to speeding. A Kane County officer will randomly be patrolling within Big Rock during high traffic times paying special attention to violators on Rte 30, Rhodes Rd, and Granart Rd. The village hopes that with more police presence/enforcement that this will slow people down and make our community roads safer to be on.

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STEP (SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMP) SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Please know that the village has a contractor that will be performing regular (annual) maintenance/pumping of the village tanks on private property. These tanks are identified by the "green" riser lids that are located in resident(s) yards. Contractor's will be identified by wearing village labeled lanyards and/or bright yellow safety vests. Should you have any questions or concerns please call the village office and we will assist in verification of work being performed on septic tank located on your property. Additionally the village will continue to do inspections to uncover illegal water softener/sump pump discharge into the villages sanitary sewer system. These items must be re-routed to the exterior of your home and/or ditch way. The STEP system was designed only to treat "grey" water that is discharged from a property and NOT softener brine and/or ground water (sump pump discharge). Notification(s) have been sent to residents on several occasions prior to emphasize bringing your property up to village code. On certain occasions residents have had to re-direct plumbing within their homes to ensure proper drainage of softeners & sump pumps to storm water drains. The village and residents must work together to keep our system running efficiently & smoothly for years to come in order to keep costs down. Please contact the village office for additional questions/concerns.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

The Village has no ordinance against solicitors. With this being said we have received a few complaints of individual solicitors that are going door to door possibly representing themselves as village employees or having received a village endorsement for their specific sale(s). In ALL cases this is un-true! The Village of Big Rock does not partake in any door to door sales with/for our residents. The village can only suggest that if you are receiving unwanted solicitations on your property to place a sign on your door that clearly states: "no solicitors". If you have any questions about this please contact the village office directly.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please visit us during office hours or stop by for an upcoming meeting. They are very informative and productive evening meetings starting at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Agendas are always posted in advance at the Park District & Post Office if you're curious as to what's going to be covered. And remember at every meeting we have a "public" session where you or anyone can address any topic. All constructive feedback will be taken into board considerations.

Dedicated to Serving You,
Your Village of Big Rock Board



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- General Excavation Services
- Sewer Rodding
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- Drainage Piping and Grading
- Sewer Jetting
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- Septic System Installation
- Septic System Maintenance and Repair
- Sump Pump Battery Backup
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bigrockparks.com Park District Voicemail:
(630) 556-9599 (Recorded program listings and calendar)

The Big Rock Park District meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. We would enjoy having you at our meetings and hear your suggestions.

SUGGESTIONS

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see offered by the Big Rock Park District? Do you have a special interest or talent you would like to share with others? Please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275.

YOUNG QUEEN ELIZABETH II



On Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 pm Leslie Goddard portrayed a young Queen Elizabeth II at the Park District building, sponsored by the Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Park District. Leslie entertained everyone and dressed like Queen Elizabeth with replica's of her tiara, earrings and other jewelry and giving great details about her life. Light refreshments followed the program.

FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY

I am looking for **Friends of the Community**, who over the years have demonstrated their community involvement. Please submit their name, picture and list why you think they should be featured as a **Friend of the Community**. The article will be featured in future Big Rock Community Criers. Please send information to me, Cindy Nehring at P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511, or any questions, please call cell # 630-742-4275.

24TH EASTER EGG HUNT

The 24th Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 13th at 1pm at Plowman's Park in Big Rock. The Easter Bunny hid 2,500 surprise-filled eggs with over 120 children in attendance. The Jelly Bean Guess was won by Olga, a 4 year old from Naperville, winning a 3 foot tall stuffed Bunny Rabbit. The Easter Bunny posed for pictures with children and adults. This event was made possible by The Big Rock Park District, The Big Rock Township, The Village of Big Rock, The Big Rock Library, Big Rock Boy Scout Troop 19 and the Big Rock Plowing Match Board. Thank you to everyone that helped make the event a success because the next day it snowed!



EASTER BONNET DOG PARADE

The Easter Bonnet Dog Parade was held at Plowman's Park on Saturday, April 13th at 2:30 pm after the Easter Egg Hunt. **First Place** went to Rey, a 7 month old Golden Retriever, owned by Tim Bowman, **Second Place** went to Mia, a 4 year old Papillion owned by Lorraine Hall and **Third Place** went to Dolce, a 6 year old ½ long haired Chihuahua and ½ Papillion owned by Sabrina Hall. Each owner received a gift certificate. Thank you to all who participated.



(pictured left to right are Lorraine Hall, Sabrina Hall and Tim Bowman)

DAVE DINASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

The Big Rock Park District will present The Traveling World of Reptiles at the Pavilion at the Park on Saturday, July 27th at 1 pm, the show runs 60 - 75 minutes. In case it is cold or rainy the event will be held inside the Park District Building. The event is free to the public.

The Traveling World of Reptiles is an up-close, hands-on exhibit about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Audience members are encouraged to touch and sometimes feed the animals under close supervision. Dave blends education and a unique style of humor to form a totally original experience that makes his presentation every bit as entertaining as it is educational. The show is always safe and professional and Dave never forces anyone to touch or handle the animals if they choose not to. If you would like the opportunity to see, touch and learn about reptiles from all over the world and laugh a lot while doing so, you will love the Traveling World of Reptiles Show. Any questions, please call Cindy Nehring at cell # 630-742-4275.

EUCHRE

The Big Rock Euchre Club will be meeting at the Big Rock Park District Building on the 2nd and 4th Monday's from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Call Dan or Chris Severyns at 630-552-8492 for any questions. Couples and singles are welcome, come join the fun!



**Join us for our Worship Service Every
Sunday at 10:15am
English Congregational
United Church of Christ
301 Rhodes St. - Big Rock**

****Bible Study and Sunday School will resume in the fall.**



Annual Community Picnic at Plowman's Park in Big Rock —August 4th, 2019

The morning begins with our Worship Service in the park, and is followed by a day filled with games, raffles and great food for the entire family!

Watch for more information on our Facebook page and on the WSPY Community Calendar, or call us at 630-556-3986.



Rev. Bill Riegler, Pastor
Office Hours— Monday thru Friday
9am to noon
Phone: 630.556.3986





HSBR CUST #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Where did the 2018-2019 school year go? Albert Einstein was quoted as saying, "Time is an illusion." The older I get, the more that quote makes sense. It is amazing to me how fast the year went, despite a less than desirable winter and spring!

Summer is filled with lots of activities for our students outside of Hincley-Big Rock. While we certainly have a lot of things happening with summer camps in June and summer school in July, summer is a time that families can take advantage of some extra time together. I know that I am looking forward to creating some special memories with our family and reconnecting a bit after a busy year with school, work, and family related events.

If you are a parent of a child younger than three years old, an expecting parent, an expecting grandparent, or know someone who is, I want to share a resource with you that I just learned about. Basics DeKalb County is a community-based and county-wide program that is implemented by the DeKalb Regional Office of Education, Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C), DeKalb County Health Department, and the DeKalb County Mental Health Board. Basics DeKalb County is funded by the McCormick Foundation, DeKalb County Community Foundation, and the DeKalb Regional Office of Education. Their motto so to speak is to provide "Fun, simple, and powerful ways to give every child a great start in life". Did you know that 80% of brain growth happens during the first three years of life? This is a pivotal time for helping each child get off to a great start. You can find out more information about Basics DeKalb County and learn more about the many available resources at <http://www.basicsdekalbcounty.org>. While the Hincley-Big Rock School District is comprised of residents from DeKalb, Kane, and Kendall Counties, these resources are available to anyone in our school district boundary.

Enjoy the summer and make sure and take advantage of the many opportunities to create lasting memories. Remember that the 2019-2020 school year begins with our first day of student attendance on August 14, 2019.

Travis L. McGuire
Superintendent, Hincley-Big Rock CUSD #429

First Baptist Church 5-Day Club

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting a 5-Day Club on July 8th-12th from 6-7:30 pm. All kids, ages 5-12, are welcome to attend. The 5-Day Club will include: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, an inspiring missionary story, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization. Advance registration is preferred. Please call 630-385-2634 or 630-878-1737 to register or for more information.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex, developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Typically, symptoms appear before age 3 and last throughout life. It is estimated that 1 in 59 children have ASD—a 10-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years. Boys are 4-5 times more likely than girls to have ASD.

Children with autism may:

- Avoid eye contact
- Prefer to be alone
- Echo words or phrases
- Have difficulty interacting with others
- Spin objects or self
- Insist on sameness
- Have inappropriate attachments to objects
- Not want cuddling
- Have difficulty expressing needs
- Have inappropriate response or no response to sound
- Have no real fear of dangers
- Appear insensitive to pain or supersensitive to minor pain
- Have sustained, unusual or repetitive play
- Have uneven physical or verbal skills

Autism is a spectrum disorder, with symptoms ranging from very mild (the quirky kid) to severe. Many people with ASD are successfully integrated into our schools and society and may not have been labeled autistic. Many highly successful scientists and engineers may have autistic-like characteristics. There is speculation that Mozart, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein may have had mild forms of autism.

While there is no "cure" for autism, it can be successfully treated. Early intervention is key to minimizing the impact autism has on a person's life. Children with autism benefit from highly structured environments and routine. Treatment usually includes a combination of special education, behavior modification and therapies (speech, occupational and physical). Written or picture directions are important as many individuals with autism have impaired auditory perception. Reduction in sensory stimuli (flickering florescent lights, loud buzzers) also helps to minimize painful distractions. While there is no medication to treat autism, it may be used to treat symptoms such as anxiety, hyperactivity and self-injurious behavior. Call the West Towns office for autism resource information-- 630-466-5236.

54 SNOW STREET IN SUGAR GROVE 630/466-5236

Need help? Don't know where to turn?

Our free and confidential resource and referral service can link you to over 80 agencies in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties that provide affordable health and human services. This past year we have helped almost 500 area friends and neighbors find the help they needed. Don't wait for a small problem to become large...

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Working together, the Big Rock Plowing Match Association Board, committees and volunteers have been planning and putting into place a series of events in celebration of our 125th Plowing Match.

Tuff Hedeman Break-Out Series

Plowman's Park is THE place to be on **Saturday, August 10**. Gates open at 5 pm with the action starting at 7 pm and music afterwards. Food and drink will be available. Tickets sales begin in June. More details and information will be available on our website after June 5. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Bob Raymond at bob@bigrockusa.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Vegetable & Grain Show

The Plowing Match Board extends a sincere thank you to Cindy and Dale Dean for their many, many years of serving as the show coordinators. We are most grateful for their work and send well wishes.

Welcome to Nan Long and Donna Kimpan as coordinators who have taken on responsibility for the show. They invite everyone to think fall as you are planting your vegetable garden and plan to enter items in the show.

Announcements & More

Check out our website for information about the Plowing Match, to locate applications for the Craft & Art Show, get the Horse Show Bill, register for the Bags Tournament and 5K Tractor Trot, as well as the Premium Lists for the Junior Fair, Ladies Fair and Vegetable & Grain Show. All will be available on our website beginning June 24. Premium Lists are emailed to past Ladies Fair entrants. To be added to our email list, send your request to bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com.

Ladies Fair Recipe Book

Keep sending in your recipes as the deadline has been extended to September 30. Orders will be accepted prepaid August 2019-February 2020. Recipe books delivered April 2020. Form is on the website or contact us and we will email the form.

2019 Plowing Match Times

This year's issue will be in the mail after Labor Day. Place your business ad with Anita Novicki via our email.

Plowman's Park Improvements

In partnership with the Big Rock Lions Club, the restrooms have been improved with a new floor, plumbing (toilets/urinals) and additional touches are in progress. An ADA compliant portable toilet is available by the restroom building. The lunch stand equipment has been examined, maintained and is ready for all the events at the park. Monies from the 125th Fundraiser were also utilized on these projects. To book an event under the oaks contact Bonnie Warchol at (630) 556-3501.

125th Fundraiser

There's still time to donate via PayPal on our website or to mail a check. The renovation and maintenance of Plowman's Park is achieved without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Thank you to everyone who has contributed - your funding is making a difference.

Big Rock Plowing Match Association, Inc.
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Big Rock LIBRARY

NEWS OF NOTE FROM
BIG ROCK LIBRARY
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Would you Like to be Rewarded for Reading?

Summer Reading is the big event for 8 weeks at Big Rock Library. Registration begins on Thursday, May 30 and the activity goes through July 27. Infants through adults are welcome to read or listen to books with rewards and incentives for your efforts.

It's easy to participate and someone in your family will need a library card. You'll get a reading log and return it at various levels to collect your rewards. Infants have prize bins to choose their favorite items. Elementary and Middle school student have food and adventures as rewards—Cougar tickets, roller skating at Funway, Kuiper's cider doughnuts, and entrance to Brookfield Zoo's special program featuring 40 life-size animals made of Legos. High school students and adults get drawing tickets for several themed prize baskets.

If you have not yet visited Big Rock Library, we'd like to get acquainted. Library cards are sold for \$10 and are good for a year. The reading and listening summer program offers an activity for summer, prevents boredom, and provides vacation reads. Check us out on Mondays from 2-8 pm; Thursdays from 10-8 pm, and Saturdays from 10-1 pm.

For adults, there is a field trip to Whiskey Acres in DeKalb on the first day of summer, June 21, where the library has arranged a tour and tastings at this family farm. This agricultural enterprise is a distillery on the farm where the tour participants start out in the field to discuss how various corn yields different results in the distilled products of rye, bourbon and whiskey. "From Seed to Spirit" is the theme of the venture and tastings of all the products occur during the tour with soft drinks as a non-alcoholic choice. Plan to meet starting at 5:30 pm Friday evening on the farm at 11504 Keslinger Road east of DeKalb and the tour will start at 6 pm. Cost is \$10 payable at the door for tastings and a commemorative shot glass. Tour will be about an hour and there is also a bar offering specialty drinks for \$7 each. Bring a car of friends and experience a different dimension of agriculture. There are only 10 spaces so please don't delay if you are interested. RSVP to the library at 630-556-3604 or info@bigrocklibrary.org



"Your Library landscaping needs a haircut," said a patron who's an avid gardener. She's right so we're putting out a request for anyone who likes to trim foundation shrubs. Stop by the library for a look and if you're interested in volunteering, please introduce yourself. Thanks for considering the appeal.

The Big Rock Historical Society

The July 9th meeting of the Historical Society will be about Recycling by Jennifer Jarland, Coordinator for Kane County Recycling. We will have an update on recent recycling changes. Meeting is at 7PM – all are welcome.

The August 11th meeting will be our own Antique Road Show – with the help of our member, Sharon Maroo. If you would like to find out an estimated value of your article, please bring it to the meeting. Meeting is at 7PM – all are welcome.

JUNE 2nd is the 9th Annual Carl Show at Plowman's Park.

Any questions, please contact us at info@bigrockhistoricalsociety.org

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