

# The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

JANUARY 2019



## COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

### JANUARY ☺

2	Park District Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park
3	Lions Club Meeting	7:30 @ Town Hall
8	Village Board Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park
9	TWP Board Meeting	7:00 @ Town Hall
14	Plan Commission Meeting	6:30 @ Fire Station
22	Village Board Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park

### FEBRUARY ☺

5	Park District Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park
	Drainage Committee	5:30 @ Town Hall
	Drainage District #1 Meeting	6:30 @ Town Hall
7	Lions Club Meeting	7:30 @ Town Hall
11	Plan Commission Meeting	6:30 @ Fire Station
12	Village Board Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park
13	TWP Board Meeting	7:00 @ Town Hall
14	Historical Society Meeting	7:00 @ The Crib
21	708 Mental Health Board Mtg	7:00 @ Town Hall
26	Village Board Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park

### MARCH ☺

5	Park District Meeting	7:00 @ Community Park
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## BIG ROCK FIRE & RESCUE



Greetings from the Fire Department,

Well it's safe to say that winter has made its appearance. We would like to remind everyone to have a Happy and Safe season with some reminders. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The batteries should be changed every spring and fall with the time change and the unit replaced every 8-10 years, or sooner if manufacturer recommends. Remember our houses are closed tight this time of year and carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless, is cumulative in its effect and concentrates in your blood depriving your body of oxygen. Carbon monoxide poisoning usually presents as headache and flu like symptoms.

Be mindful of your holiday decorations. Keep your tree watered if you use a real tree. Check your lights and discard any frayed or dangerous lights. Keep candles and other fire hazards under your observation. A real tree can become fully engulfed and ignite a structure fire within minutes.

Snow accumulation can block exhaust vents causing Carbon Monoxide to build in a structure. Check your furnace and your dryer vents often and after every snowfall. We would also request that when you clear snow on your property to be certain to keep your fire sign visible so crews can find your house easily when seconds might count. Should your fire sign become damaged or unreadable, please contact us immediately so we can replace it.

We have been busy working on our ISO rating; This is an insurance rating which can result in savings for homeowners. They look at all records, training, education, policy, procedure, how well we work with our neighboring communities, equipment and our ability to effectively extinguish fire. As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking.

We have moved into our new living area and would like to thank everyone for their support. It would not have been possible without our wonderful residents.

We have been working on funding via fundraisers and grants to purchase new cardiac monitor/ defibrillators for our ambulances. Our goal is \$70,000 for 2 units. Our current ones are excellent but are aging and technology has changed considerably.

We have started the planning stages of replacing our frontline engine 1502. We have had this for many years of service. We will update as we have more details.

Get your dancing shoes on and mark your calendars! The Fireman's Dance featuring Red Woody is Feb 9th at 8:00 pm. See you there!

The members of Big Rock Fire Department



# BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

## From the Supervisor's Desk

At our November meeting, the township board voted to freeze the amount of property taxes paid to both the township and road district for 2019.

You probably know that over 95% of township funds come from property taxes. But these annual township and road district taxes represents only about 8.7% of property tax bills throughout Big Rock.

The township and road district have sufficient funds to continue to maintain our current programs and services without a tax increase next year. Planned spending includes staff and elected officials salaries; assuring availability of mental health and substance abuse services; general and emergency assistance; maintaining the town hall; maintaining, plowing and salting all roads (including the Village); inspection and general maintenance of township bridges; mowing ditches and roadsides; and other community needs.

We know a freeze on the township portion may not be noticed within your total tax bill. But it is good to know that your township officials will continue to keep the township property taxes low while maintaining services and funding the improvements that keep our community as a great place to live.

Best wishes for a great year in 2019!  
Ken Rojek  
Township Supervisor

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## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Winter is definitely early with two early November snow storms causing problems from downed power lines, falling trees, broken road signs, and minor flooding. If you have any problem with downed trees or blocked drainage ditches, please call the road district office directly at 630-556-4331. While we make every effort to be careful, mailboxes damaged from the force of snow being plowed to the side will be replaced. All messages are responded to as quickly as possible.

Plowing may begin overnight or very early morning to have roads open for the morning commute. Wet snow can weigh 20 pounds per sq. ft, so our trucks need to maintain an appropriate speed when plowing in order to push the heavy snow to the sides. Until the ground is completely frozen, we cannot plow all the way to edge of road.

No parking on any township road if snow of 2 inches or more is forecast. We appreciate your help with this, and thanks to those of you who put orange markers at the edge of the road to help us know where yard starts!

Wade Thompson,  
Highway Commissioner,  
Big Rock Township

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The Town Hall is located at  
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Mailing address is  
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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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### Supervisor

Ken Rojek

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Ralph Harkison

Highway Commissioner  
Wade Thompson

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Bonnie Warchol, and  
Steve Michael

# The Big Rock Historical Society

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!

You may want to purchase one of our Big Rock Cook Book as a gift for your someone special. They are only \$10 and available at the Library during business hours on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. If you need one shipped, or have any questions, please contact us for additional information at [info@bigrockhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@bigrockhistoricalsociety.org) – or call 630-698-0626.

Our Election welcomes Janis Finley and Jerry Thomas back on the Board in their 2nd 3 year term. And Jerry Thompson on as his first 3 year term. Officers were voted in; Sue Beck as President, Jerry Thomas as Vice President, Mary Rogers as Secretary, and Steve Michael as Treasurer.

Programs for 2019: Feb. 14th – I ♥ Big Rock.

Mark your calendar for May 9th – our Joint Meeting at the Park District will be Leslie Goddard, as Queen Elizabeth II.

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd – our 9th Annual Classic Car Show at Plowman's Park. 2019 Special Feature, Mopars

And a big topic is Recycling. July 11th Jennifer Jarland, from Kane County will help us sort out the Recycling questions.

And as you complete your giving this year, please consider the Big Rock Historical Society. We are a 501c3, and appreciate your help. We accept your Big Rock items in our museum (on loan or as a donation), your time volunteering (we always need help at our library and museum), and/or any monetary help. Did you know that when you buy on Amazon, we are registered on Amazon Smiles? Please be sure to set us up as your charitable organization. Thank you, thank you, Thank You!

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# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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P.O. Box 128 | Big Rock, Illinois 60511 | (630) 556-4365 | [www.villageofbigrock.us](http://www.villageofbigrock.us)

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

## 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.

## SNOW PLOWING

With the winter/snow season upon us the village would like to remind residents of its parking ban on all village streets when snow accumulations exceed 2 inches. Our Big Rock highway department need the roadways clear of parked vehicles so they can do their job to keep the streets clean. The villages zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer will issue citations for cars that are in violation of the ordinance. First offense is a \$25 fine and the second offense will result in the vehicle being towed at the owners expense. The village has had a parking ban ordinance in effect for many years. Please do your part to assist in keeping our village streets, alleys, and roads clear so they can be maintained properly.

## 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 it’s been discussed on numerous occasions ways the village can reduce those disobeying our traffic speed limits. The village board has been budgeting accordingly and has recently been in discussions and signed a contract with Kane County to pay for a deputy to specifically cover Big Rock. The 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.

## LOCATING SERVICES (CALL811)

Please be advised that the village has been billed for many “double & triple locates” when digging on property has occurred. If you are building on your property and have obtained the necessary village/county approvals to do so, please communicate with your contractor on whom is doing any locating on your property. In addition when the locate has been completed and the mini flags are present please don’t remove them until the job no longer requires these visible markers. This will help keep costs in line and hopefully eliminate multiple locates for the same property.

## 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.

## THANK YOU Hinckley-Big Rock!

A big thanks from Cub Scout Pack 319 to everyone that donated or helped during the 8th annual Turkey Drop and Food Drive. At last count they had received SIXTY turkeys and lots of other donations for the Hinckley Food Pantry. Looking forward to exceeding that next year!

**Dedicated to Serving You,**  
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## Artistic Fun for the Doodler

If you like to doodle and make artistic patterns, here's a fun activity for you. Art instructor Eva Balek brings Zentangle fun for students and adults. You'll have a great time learning three steps to create great designs. The 4:15 pm time on Monday, January 14, 2019 will allow time for students to attend after school and for adults who are available in the late afternoon. The library will furnish the supplies you need including fine tip Sharpie markers. In order to have enough supplies, please RSVP to 630-556-3604. Seating is limited so don't delay.



## Great news at the library

We now offer interlibrary loan service that gives you access to millions of books and resources from libraries in northern Illinois. The form to request materials is available at the library desk. Materials arrive once a week on Thursdays and you're notified when they arrive. Just a heads up -new best sellers are often in high demand so you may wait some time for them. Another consideration is Big Rock Library pays \$1 for each item borrowed so if you fail to pick up material and it is sent back to the owning library, you'll be asked to reimburse the fee to Big Rock library.



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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.

## FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY

By Cindy Hake Nehring

Jack Hake and his wife Dorothy have four children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and have lived in Big Rock since 1964. Jack started Hake Realty in 1962 and was in business for 41 years, Hake Income Tax was started in 1963 and he retired in 2013, after 50 years.

In 1964, Jack became interested in the Plowing Match. He recalls helping Larry Thomas that first year by making him a hitch and guide on an old Farmall that Larry had borrowed. Being very handy with his welding machine and cutting, he has fixed the mowers and decks used to cut the grass at the Plowing Match grounds, put a wide front end on his own H Farmall and loaned it to Jim Cronin for his first time ever plowing. He also helped Eric Hatfield and his Grandpa the first time Eric ever plowed and assisted many by cutting or welding equipment for them. He also helped build a place for the 4-H members to tie up their cattle at the Plowing Match that is still in use today. Jack has loaned his tractor and drag to groom Kenny Field and many times used his truck to go after something at the last minute.

Over the years Hake Realty has given many trophies for the Grand Champion Angus at the 4-H show at the Plowing Match and has made other contributions that are too numerous to mention. Jack is always eager to use his 1912 Moon Brothers horse

drawn buggy. The buggy was used to transport Grand Marshall Albert Lash as he rode in the parade commemorating the 100th Big Rock Plowing Match. Jack also recalls a good many years ago, sitting night watch during the Plowing Match with the late Ike Grover.

Jack made the wooden "Man and Team of Horses Plowing" and with the help of his son - Ed, Roger Hatfield, Marv Ray and Bill Brickert mounted it on the main building's roof at the Plowing Match. Jack had always thought there should be a plow erected on the Plowing Match grounds and in 1994, he started making a left hand plow - he tried to find one after searching all of his contacts over a six state area. Not finding one, he decided to make the plow since he has never seen a factory-made left hand walking plow. Jack remade another old plow and put them atop of poles so there could be a place to fly the Plowing Match Flag and the State Flag. With the help of Bill Brickert and Roger Hatfield setting the plows in place (of course one plow had to be green and the other red!) the flags have a prominent place on the grounds.

Jack was also on the 100th Year Plowing Match Special Committee. Among those events were the Mid-America Duck Race, the Children's Old-Fashioned Games, the Old-Fashioned Barn Dance, the Parade, The Ice Cream Social, the Fireworks, the Beard-Growing Contest, the Round Bale Roll-Off, the Hospitality Tent, the Big Rock High School Alumni Banquet and the Fireman's Dance. Jack helped with all the events but was in charge of the Beard-Growing Contest and the Old-Fashioned Games.

The Round Bale Roll-Off was started after Jack seen an article in the Farm Show magazine and told his son-in-law, Gene Nehring, about it and decided it would be a good project at the Plowing Match. The event started in a space near Kenny Field and has since moved to the cattle ring where it is still drawing a nice crowd of spectators and many agile participants.

Jack was the chartering President for the Big Rock Historical Society and it became a non-profit organization in 1995. The Big Rock Historical Society was looking for a permanent place to meet and in 1997 Marvel Davis donated a corncrib, along with an additional three acres of land situated across from the Plowing Match grounds on Hinckley Road. The Big Rock Congregational Church had asked the Historical Society if they would like the house built by the Michael family in the early 1900's so they could increase the size of their parking lot. Raising money for the building to be moved included dinner dances and spring auctions. Jack was instrumental in getting a \$60,000 Riverboat Grant from the Kane County Preservation District in early 2001, and the move was finally able to take place. Jack said the historic building will be used as a community "lending" library, which simply means the library won't be funded by a taxing body or appear on any tax roll. Jack and Dorothy also sold name bricks to raise money and the bricks were placed around the flag pole and a path leading to the front door of the crib.

The Big Rock Park Dedication was held on Sunday, July 14, 2002, the Hake Pavilion was dedicated in honor of Jack and Dorothy Hake, who were instrumental in the financial start of the Big Rock Community Park. The Park has a half mile walking path with benches and trees along the way, a basketball/tennis court, sand volleyball, playground equipment, two baseball diamonds with bleachers and back stops, two soccer fields, bathrooms, three grills that are provided to enjoy a picnic under the Hake Pavilion.

Since the tragedy of September 11th, Jack thought Big Rock needed a drop off box for old flags since so many were expressing their feelings by flying flags. Norma Leifheit donated an old mailbox and Jack, a veteran, was inspired to paint and decorate the mail box with stars and stripes. The drop off box is located at the Big Rock Historical Society building just East of the of Plowing Match Grounds. Since the installation, 2,002 flags have been collected to date and given to Scout groups to be burned in a dignified ceremony.

The Big Rock Park District and community thank Jack and Dorothy for their community involvement over the years.





## DECORATE WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

Win \$50 first prize, \$30 second prize or \$20 third prize by decorating the outside of your house and/or yard with Christmas lights! Open to all residential homes in Big Rock - a minimum of 10 participants will be needed for the contest. Judging will take place on the evening of Saturday, December 15th by 3 non-area residents. Winners will be contacted by December 16th. Send your name, address and telephone number to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 Attn: Christmas Lights. Deadline to enter is December 14th.

## EUCHRE

The Big Rock Euchre Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Park District building, their last meeting for the year will be Monday, December 10th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Euchre will resume in April 2019. Any questions, please call Dan or Chris Severyns at 630-552-8492.

## BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT FLOW YOGA

Beginner friendly yoga suitable for all levels, classes will be a mix of restorative, vinyasa flow yoga and yin yoga. Class meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm at the Big Rock Park District building. Price for a drop in class is \$10. For more information, visit Class Registration and Rates on [www.360yoga.net](http://www.360yoga.net). If you need any additional information, please contact Leah Richards, email: [Leah@360yoga.net](mailto:Leah@360yoga.net) - (best way to reach her) or phone 630-802-6632.

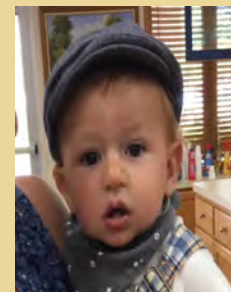
## FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY

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 Cindy Nehring at P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511, any questions, please call 630-556-3238.

**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 630-556-3238.



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# WEST TOWNS CORNER

## *The Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights*

by Bruce Conley

1. You have the right to say, "time out" anytime you need. Time out to let up blows off a little steam, step away from the holidays and have a "huddle" and start over.
2. You have the right to "tell it like it is". When people ask, "How are you?" you have the right to tell them how you really feel, not just what they want to hear. You also have the right to smile and say you're fine because telling them how you really feel isn't worth your time. Some people will never understand anyway.
3. You have the right to some "bah hum bug" days. You are not a bad person just because you don't feel like singing Christmas carols all day.
4. You have the right to do things differently. There is no law that says you must always do Christmas the same way you have always done. You can send 10 cards instead of 100—or no cards at all. You can open your presents at somebody else's house; you can do without a tree; you can have pizza instead of ham or turkey. You can be creative and start a new tradition.
5. You have the right to be where you want to be, at home or a relatives', any city or state you choose. There's no law that says you must stay home or you must go some place. You don't have to have snow for it to be Christmas.
6. You have the right to some fun. When you have a day that isn't so bad and you feel like doing something for fun, then do it. You don't have to be afraid of what someone else may say if they see you laughing and having a good time. Laughter is every bit as important and healing as tears.
7. You have the right to change direction in mid-stream. Grief is unpredictable. You may be all ready to go somewhere or do something and suddenly you are overwhelmed. When that happens, it's okay to change your mind. There's plenty of time in life to be predictable, exercise your right to change when you need to change.
8. You have the right to do things at different times. You can go to church at a different time than you have in the past. You can serve a meal at a different time; go to bed at a different time. You don't have to be a slave to the clock.
9. You have the right to rest, peace, and solitude. You don't need to be busy all the time. Take a nap whenever you need one. Take a nap to recharge your body. Take time to pray and to meditate, to recharge your spirit; it may do more good than eating another huge meal.
10. You have the right to do it all different again next year. Just because you change things one year and try something different does not mean you have to do it exactly the same way next year. You have the right to change things how you want to change things.

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The screening will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Afterwards, parents will have the opportunity to discuss the results of the screening as well as any concerns about their child, with a member of the screening team.

Early Childhood Special Education Program  
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**DATES OF  
SCREENINGS**  
**1/29/19**  
**4/23/19**

## HBR CUSD #429 UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

By the time you read this, we will be a week away from the end of our first semester. It has been a busy semester filled with lots of great accomplishments on both the sides of our staff and students. I want to take a brief moment to brag on HBR, so bear with me.

HBRES highlight - The Peer Character Review Council at HBRES has been formed and is working on creating positive strategies to promote the kind of climate and culture they desire. To learn more about this student team, you can visit <https://tinyurl.com/yagbo93z>. Their latest work to promote awareness of good character in the school is to hand 2 "Awesome Character" pencils to a student demonstrating good character with the intent of that student sharing the second pencil with someone that they see exhibiting good character.

HBRRMS highlight - HBRRMS 7th grader, Austin McMurtre, competed in the Illinois All Grade Chess Championship. Over 400 players participated across all sections with 41 of those competitors in the 7th grade section. Austin placed 5th out of the 7th grade section.

HBRRHS highlight - On November 7th, HBRRHS inducted 6 new members into the National Honor Society: Mason Cargola, Payton Kiger, Abby Kupler, Hope Larson, Carson Picker, and Delilah Smithy. The Vocational/Community Learning Class at HBRRHS actively participated in the candy for troops drive by picking up the collections and delivering them to the Farm Bureau along with thank you cards for the troops. Kara Runyan earned Outstanding Fall Student honors in her graphic design program at the Indian Valley Vocational Center. Last, but not least, Allison Ryan represented HBRRHS at the IHSA Class 1A State Golf tournament.

Staff highlight - I want to highlight one staff accomplishment that is truly unique. Grace Lee is an English Language Arts teacher at HBRRMS. As a National Council of Teachers of English member, Ms. Lee has been selected as the 2018-2019 Kent D. Williamson Fellow. Over a 12-month period, Ms. Lee will be an advocate for English teachers across the United States working on both current and potential literacy and advocacy initiatives. She has already visited Washington D.C. and met with Senators and legislative advisors to discuss several priority areas. Ms. Lee will also conduct meetings with staff members in the Department of Education and in the House and Senate to guide and facilitate the prioritization of annual policies up for consideration. We are proud of Ms. Lee's accomplishments as she represents teachers across our nation and are thankful for what she brings to the classroom every day.

With anticipation, we look forward to the second semester knowing there will be many additional accomplishments by both our students and staff. HBR is truly a special place and we are all blessed to be a part of the role in helping our students build lasting memories, identify their future goals, and be ready to go.

Travis L. McGuire

Superintendent, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429



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