

The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

APRIL 2022



BONNIE AND RAY WARCHOL THANK YOU EDITION

All the calendar dates listed are previously scheduled dates and times. Please check with the specific government entity to confirm the meeting is still taking place as noted.

COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

April 2022

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| 5 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 12 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 13 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 26 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

May 2022

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| 3 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 10 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 11 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 21 | Garage Sale Day | 8:00am - 4:00pm |
| 24 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

June 2022

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| 5 | Classic Car Show | 8:00am - 4:00pm |
| 7 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 8 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 14 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 28 | General Primary Elections | 6:00am - 7:00pm |
| | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

2022 Classic Car Show!



Sunday, June 5th is the Big Rock Classic Car, Truck, Tractor, & Motorcycle show at Plowman's Park from 8:00-4:00pm. Vehicle registration is from 8:00-11:00 or pre-register at <http://www.bigrockcarshow.org> with trophy presentation at 3:30pm. We are celebrating the 90th anniversary of the 1932 Ford V-8 and will be featuring all early year Fords through 1940. All show vehicles must be 25 years and older.

Free admission, free registration, free parking, and event tshirts available. Lunch stand available all day. 5B's pork chop and chicken dinner available from 11:30-1:30. We are happy to announce that the Prairie State Railroad will be giving train rides from 12:00-3:00pm.

Pre-order forms for 5B's lunch and event tshirts can be found at the Big Rock post office or from Barb Baie @ 630-768-3251. Plan on attending this great show! Handicapped/senior parking is available.



AAHHHHHH Spring is in the air, windows will soon be open to warm breezes and the smell of flowers, grass, and.....ugh.....whats that smell??? Smoke!!!! With the warm weather, we will be out in the yards getting cleaned up from winter. We want to remind you to please follow local and county codes to burn any yard waste. Burning of yard waste is permitted if it came from your property, winds must be less than 10mph, must not be a weather action day, you must be tending to the fire at all times and have an means to extinguish. These are only a few of the rules, but are some of the more important ones. Please be good neighbors and check the village and county for complete burning regulations. Have a great spring and Happy Easter!!!!



BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

Big Rock Township Joins the Ride in Kane Program

Since 2019, Big Rock Township has provided a low-cost transportation program for seniors and disabled residents. This provided a travel option to medical appointments, physical therapy, dental visits, shopping, and other travel needs within southwest Kane County. Due to high cost and low use, this program will no longer be in place after April 30, 2022.

As an alternative, Big Rock Township has joined the Ride-in-Kane program as a new participating sponsor. Ride in Kane is a public paratransit transportation service providing curb to curb bus or taxi service to individuals 65 and older, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals who qualify for services. Rides are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day and are provided by small buses, taxi services, or a wheelchair-lift vans as needed.

Big Rock seniors can use Ride in Kane to travel anywhere within Kane County. Trips can be reserved up to seven days in advance, with a 24-hour notice recommended. Same day reservations are not guaranteed and require at least four hours advance notice. Riders pay only \$5.00 fare for each trip for the first 10 miles, and \$1.50 for each additional mile over 10. Trip costs are calculated at the time of booking, and exact fare (cash) is required. One companion can ride along for no additional cost. The remainder of the ride costs are subsidized by Big Rock and the Ride in Kane program.

Ride in Kane is administered through the Kane County Division of Transportation in partnership with Pace Suburban Bus. The program has a full-time coordinator and has access to federal and state transportation grants that reduces the township cost per ride. We hope that this expanded program will result in additional Big Rock seniors using the ride service when needed. There is also a separate low-cost transportation program for work-related rides for low-income residents that is coordinated through the county.

Seniors (65 and over) and individuals with disabilities need to complete a new Ride in Kane registration form and return it to the township to process. After approval by the township, rides can be scheduled with Pace. Anyone who has registered for the previous program will receive a new form in the mail to complete and return. More information on Ride in Kane, a Rider Guide, and registration forms are available on the township website at: bigrocktownship.com/transportation.

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It is the best way for me to get information out to you quickly!

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Hopefully, Winter is over; but just in case, our plows are still ready.

We've been picking up garbage on roadsides throughout the township, especially the FIFTY-ONE bottles of 5-hr Energy we found on Scott Road between Deer Ridge Path and Swan Road. Whoever is doing this, please contact me and I will happily buy you garbage container for your vehicle!

Also, we will be fixing any yard or mailbox damage from this season's plowing once things dry out. Be safe out there and think Spring!

Thanks,

Wade
Big Rock Township Road District

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Annual Township Meeting and Reception – April 12

With the easing of mandated Covid restrictions, the Annual Town Meeting will return to a regular in-person format on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. All townships across Illinois hold their annual meeting on this date, which provides residents with updates on a variety of township activities, projects, and services over the past year. The agenda includes a 2021/22 Financial Report, a "State of the Township" update, a report on Road District activities, and an opportunity for Q and A.

The Annual Township Meeting will be followed by a cake and coffee reception to recognize Bonnie and Ray Warchol for their years of service to the Big Rock community. Bonnie and Ray have served on many Big Rock government boards and community groups over 35+ years. They have provided thousands of volunteer hours in serving the Township, Park District, Village, Plowing Match, Lions Club, and others. They are relocating to be near family and will enjoy the milder climate of North Carolina.

Please join us in thanking Bonnie and Ray for their dedication and service to the Big Rock community!

Best wishes for the new Spring season!

Ken Rojek, Township Supervisor

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

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Bonnie Warchol, and
Steve Michael



VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

The Village of Big Rock would like to formally recognize Bonnie & Ray Warchol for all their many years of community service & Involvement. They have served in many capacities, been on many boards (including the village board), and simply have devoted countless hours to our community. Big Rock has been their home for several decades where they raised a family like many of us. They will be deeply missed however deserve time to relax and hopefully kick back a bit now. If you see them around town prior to their departure please be sure to thank them for contributing so much to our very special community.

STREET MAINTENANCE/SIDEWALK PROJECT(S)

The board is excited to announce its plans to continue resurfacing its remaining streets within the village limits this summer! This will include Sixth St., Madison St., Toronoto St., Oaken St., and the Tenerelli subdivision barring any unforeseen circumstances. The village will also be looking to do some general maintenance & crack filling to preserve the black top surfaces it has already replaced. Additionally the board has recently agreed to do renovations to its sidewalks on both sides of Rhodes Rd. from where they commence on Sixth St. all the way to U.S. Rte. 30. The nice weather appears to finally be upon us all so the village board is looking forward to getting some more things accomplished this season.

GOLF OUTING TRAFFIC UPDATE

It has been brought to the villages attention that we may see increased traffic throughout the community September 16th-18th. Rich Harvest Farms will be hosting a men's professional golf outing on these days and wanted to make the public aware. This event will be enjoyed by many folks from near and far and the village wanted our residents to be informed as well.

PROPERTY OWNER ANIMAL ETIQUETTE

It has come to the village's attention that recently we have had dogs off leashes and/or off their properties. Please remember that the village does have an ordinance to ensure residents are keeping their animals on a leash. This provides safety for everyone! If your animal happens to wonder off and use others property as their restroom facility PLEASE be courteous and clean up after them! In addition the village has an IGA with Kane County to contract animal control to come out (for a charge) if the need arises. This charge will be billed to the home owner if its deemed the animal(s) were in fact off leash and/or their own property. Please be respectful to those around you and make sure your animal(s) are under owner supervision & care at all times.

VILLAGE INCOME SOURCES

Ever wonder just exactly where your village receives its income from? The board takes great pride in sharing with the community that it does not tax its residents therefor causing any financial burden. Want to see this yourself? View the line item on your real estate tax bill and this is what you will see: BIG ROCK VILLAGE 0.0000000 \$0.00 The village board works solely off of income received from sales tax, utility tax, motor fuel tax, liquor sales tax, etc..... All sources of income generated outside of requesting monies from its residents. Therefor it takes time to accumulate enough funds to do projects in our community. The village has for many years now received the highest audit rating and is commended for operating within its budget effectively. You will also notice that through the years many different roads have been repaved & widened, trees trimmed, freight train quiet zone in place, sidewalks repaired/replaced, bridges being repaired, and many other things (big & small) to improve our community. This is phenomenal work for a municipality our size utilizing only funds that are generated from the revenue streams mentioned above.

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.



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VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

CHANGES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

On April 11 the Village of Big Rock planning commission will start holding meetings to amend the zoning ordinance. Specifically, the B-1, B-2, B-3, and before districts, and the MCU district. The amendments would be done to consolidate and reorganize the districts.

Typically, in zoning the community, specific districts are created to segregate the type of business or housing that is allowed and requiring continuity within the districts. When there are districts that allow multiple types of businesses to coincide, this creates spot zoning, where, for example an allowed B-1 property is placed between or in the middle of a B-2 district.

The purpose of these meetings is to consolidate these districts and create continuity in our community. The intent is not necessarily changing what is allowed or not allowed but rather making fewer districts that segregate specific properties. Big Rock is a small community, and we don't see the need for so many options. It also makes it difficult when a new business wants to open where the zoning does not allow that type. Additionally, we have many properties, especially along Route 30, that do not conform to the zoning where they are. This makes it very hard to enforce new business zoning when existing businesses have been allowed to operate in a nonconforming status.

We are looking for community input as we proceed with these meetings. The first meeting will be held on April 11 at the fire station at 6:30 PM.



HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

As we continually strive to prepare our students to take hold of their tomorrow, we understand that we must continually look at all facets of Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 to ensure we are providing learning opportunities and environments that help our students to be ready to go. If we relax in this focus, the readiness of our students will be hindered. One of our three District goals this year focuses on investigating our existing debt service schedule so that we can better understand our options for any potential projects in the future. I want to share with you some information related to our progress on this investigative work.

At the October 27th Board meeting, PMA, the district's financial advising firm, presented an analysis of our existing debt service schedule and different options we can consider. The current debt capacity of Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 is just over \$21 million in Levy Year 2021 (LY21). Our debt service - the amount we collect through taxes to pay down debt- will drop by about 50% in LY22. In LY24, our debt service will drop to zero, and we will be debt free. Considering this information, the district began discussions about different financial possibilities. One option would be to do nothing and assume no debt. The second option, taking on short-term debt to serve a specific purpose, is one that has served us well in recent years. In this scenario, we would utilize a working cash bond in LY24 of around \$4.3 million to be paid back in 5 years. This would extend our debt service payments through LY28 with an estimated annual payment of \$930,000, which is just under the LY22 and LY23 payment amount. If we were to do this, the bond process would begin in the spring of 2024 with the Board of Education holding public hearings, adopting resolutions, and closing on the working cash bonds to begin a project shortly thereafter.

At our February 23rd Board meeting, Cordogan Clark and Associates presented the Board with the structure and cost associated with conducting an Educational Capacity and Utilization Analysis (ECUA) and creating a Facility Master Plan for the district. This ECUA would utilize our current enrollment, enrollment projections, and building capacity to determine areas for building improvements with the ultimate creation of a Facility Master Plan. The cost for this work would be a lump sum fee of \$35,000 along with an estimated \$1,500 for reimbursables. We are also investigating another option to conduct similar work from a company called Engie who will present a no-cost opportunity assessment for the District at our April 6th Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

I want to emphasize that our goal this year is to investigate our options. Later this school year, we will be determining our next steps to create a plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Whatever that plan is, we will make sure and keep the lines of communication open. If you would like to learn more about this District goal, and/or our other two goals, I encourage you to visit <https://tinyurl.com/HBR-21-22-Goals>.

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

Big Rock Park District



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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.

EASTER BONNET DOG PARADE

On Saturday, April 9th at 2:30 pm an Easter Bonnet Dog Parade will be held after the Easter Egg Hunt at the Dog Park at the end of Madison Street in Big Rock. Use your imagination and decorate a bonnet for your dog and yourself, dogs must wear a "bonnet". Dogs will be judged and First, Second and Third Place prizes will be given with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a "game" for dogs and owners to enjoy! Contact Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275.

KITE FLY

Come and fly your kite at the Big Rock Park on Saturday, April 16th at 1pm. You are invited to fly your kite at the Park anytime - if there are soccer or baseball games, please use the other end of the Park. While you are at the Park, enjoy the playground equipment, basketball/tennis courts, sand volleyball, baseball/soccer field, half mile walking path, the Dog Park and the Hake Pavilion with picnic tables and grills.

HBR GIRLS SOFTBALL

Park District Recreational softball is underway. Field crews have stripped the fields at Community Park and are preparing for a GREAT season. Plans are underway for some new storage containers and even a scoreboard. Go Girls!

BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD

It's always hard when you lose a board member, and doubly-so when that board member was a founder of the new reorganized District. However, the District now finds itself needing two board members to fill the positions of Bill Yoder and Bonnie Warchol. The work of a Board member can be very rewarding as we work with Township constituents to provide entertainment and recreational opportunities. Please contact Gene Nehring if you're interested 630-918-7831.

THANK YOU FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Thank you goes out to Bonnie Warchol for serving 25 years with the Big Rock Park District. In grateful appreciation for your outstanding dedication and commitment to your community. We wish Bonnie and Ray the best of luck as they move out of state.

Thank You!

LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

The Hinckley Junior Woman's Club will be hosting Lunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 9th from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm at the Elementary School in Hinckley. The charge is \$3.00 admission which includes a hot dog or chicken nuggets, chips, cookie and a drink. Any age is welcome.

25TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be hiding over 2,400 surprise-filled eggs at Plowman's Park located at 48W508 Hinckley Road in Big Rock on Saturday, April 9th starting promptly at 1:15 pm. Rain Date is Saturday, April 16th. Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs and a camera to take pictures. Number of eggs to collect is based on number of children in the age group.

Age groups and times: 1-2 year olds at 1:15 pm, 3 & 4 year olds at 1:30 pm, kindergarten & 1st grade at 1:45 pm and 2nd and 3rd grade at 2:00 pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of time so your child does not miss their "Hunt". We start on time. To help the environment, we would like to recycle the eggs to fill again next year.

Thank you to Big Rock Township, the Village of Big Rock and the Big Rock Park District who helped sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 19 and Cub Scout Pack 319 for hiding over 2,400 Easter Eggs to help the Easter Bunny. Thank you to Deb Vistine for announcing the start of each age group. Last but not least - a Thank You goes out to the board of Plowman's Park for allowing the event to be held on their grounds.

Any questions, please call Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275.

The HAFP Annual Meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6 PM.

If you would like to attend, please send an email no later than April 8, 2022 to hafp93@gmail.com. Put "HAFP Annual Meeting" in the subject line, include your name and email address, and you will be emailed the Zoom link information.

Our annual meeting is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the HAFP, who we are, and what we do.



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Big Rock LIBRARY

NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

48W447 HINCKLEY RD.
BIG ROCK

Celebrate National Library Week April 3-9

Book sales will be held the entire week of April 2-9 at the library. Come shop the lower-level book room for bargains. Note- there are not many children's book this time because agencies have asked us for donations but if you're a romance reader, we have deals for you. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents.

Ready for an Adventure? Check out a Local Museum



As a result of a generous donation, Big Rock Library offers cardholders a new service- Museum Adventure Passes. The passes are usually reduced or free admission to many museums in the suburban area. You need a current library card and are limited to one pass per household each week. Passes are good for a week. Check out <https://www.museumadventure.org/> for the participating museums and detailed information about the program.

Deadline Fast Approaching

Are you a senior citizen with limited technology experience? If you are age 60 or older, have limited technology experience, live in Kane County, and can commit to attending 3 one-hour classes at Big Rock Library, you may be eligible for a free tablet. Deadline is April 15 to call the library at 630-556-3604 if you are interested. AgeGuide is sponsored through a grant from the Illinois Department on Aging and a limited number of applicants can be submitted.



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Please join us for our Worship Service each Sunday at 10:15am (masks are optional).

Holy Week Schedule:
Palm Sunday, April 10th—Worship Service at 10:15am
Maundy Thursday, April 14th—Worship at 7pm
Easter Sunday, April 17th—Worship Service at 10:15am

For further information call
Rev. Bill Riegle, Pastor
Our Office Phone: 630.556.3986

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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...

→ **Call us today!**

www.conleyoutreach.org



Conley Outreach is looking forward to the arrival of spring and summer. The Clothing Exchange Clothes Closet has already made the switch from winter to spring with its seasonal clothing. Appointments are available the third Wednesday of each month, both day and evening times. We are continuing to meet our neighbors who may need assistance or even just help navigating local services regularly. We are also pleased to announce our new partnership with the Sugar Grove Township. Conley Outreach will be facilitating the Township's General Assistance Program beginning in April 2022. We are very excited to add this service to our list of what we can provide to help our community. Additionally, Grieving with

Hope grief group has been meeting monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month, accept holidays, at the Elburn Office. Registration is required but it only needs to be a call or e mail to get started. One of the most exciting events to report is that our Good Grief Day Camp for children, 6- 12 years old and who have lost a parent or sibling will be held the week of June 20th. Farm Friends will host the program on their beautiful farm located in Big Rock, IL. The children will spend their time processing their loss through a series of engaging lessons, art, and drama activities. Goat Yoga has already been secured through Live Learn and Lead. Registration will open this May but call if you wish to receive additional information at any time!

For more information about the events and programs mentioned please call our office at 630-365-2880 or to make an appointment for the clothes closet, e-mail my Clothes Closet Manager, Jenn at her e-mail address, jenncocls1@gmail.com. Also, keep track of events by liking us on Facebook. We look forward to connecting with you soon!



Need Help?... Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable lay Catholic organization founded to serve those in need. Our group is associated with St. Katharine Drexel Catholic church. We make no judgments about your situation, and you need not be a member of our church to receive aid. We serve Big Rock, Sugar Grove, and surrounding areas of Kane County. Typically, the kind of help we are able to offer is short-term assistance with bills, such as rent, a mortgage payment, utilities, medical bills, car repair, or other important expenses. If you are in need, please call us at 630-466-8833, and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. You may also contact us by email at svdpsugargrove@gmail.com. For more information on how we can help, visit our website at www.svdp-skdp.org.



"A Community Mental Health Funding Alliance"

Townships of: Aurora - Batavia - Big Rock - Blackberry - Kaneville - Sugar Grove - Virgil

INC Mental Health Alliance staff met with the Big Rock Township 708 board at its February meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2022. Exact dates of Big Rock 708 Board meetings for the next fiscal year will be posted on our website in May at www.incboard.org.

INC Mental Health Alliance is working on finalizing their Strategic Plan for FY23-25. Please be on the lookout for it on our website and don't forget to check us out on Facebook!

INC Mental Health Alliance is an Illinois, not-for-profit corporation which was chartered in April 1969 to promote the creation of local mental health boards authorized under 405 Illinois Compiled Statutes §20/3a (Community Mental Health Act).

Below is historical information regarding INC. We are proud of the achievements throughout the years, and we thank Big Rock Township for their support and involvement with INC.

Over the last decade INC has started funding strictly by program, not just by agency. Some agency programs are on a fee-for-service basis, allowing for more efficient, transparent use of INC funds. Specific program funding increases accountability for the use of INC funds that are provided by the taxpayers in our seven townships. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022, INC is funding 33 programs in 15 social service agencies in the amount of \$1,573,298.

KEEP DEMOCRACY ALIVE AND VOTE!

With the new change to the Illinois election cycle, our general primary will be held on Tuesday, June 28th, picking primary candidates for County, State and Federal offices. A reminder this is a PARTY primary, and as such you will be asked to choose a party ballot. You are not required to vote as you have done in the past nor restricted to that party in the future. As of press time there are no referenda for the Big Rock area or non-partisan issues for this primary, so there will likely not be a ballot outside of the Democrat and Republican ballots. As before, all registered voters in the township can cast their ballots on election day at the Park District office. Polls open at 6am and will remain open until 7pm.

Like past elections there are other options to cast your ballot. Early voting will be in various places throughout the county starting May 19, with a larger number of times and locations the last two weeks before election day itself. There is also the option to request a mail-in ballot from now until the day before election day. Ballots will not be mailed prior to May 19th, and mailed request for ballots must be received by June 23 to allow for time for the ballot to reach you by election day. All mail-in ballots MUST be POSTMARKED by June 28 and RECEIVED by July 12th to be considered valid. Also, you may drop off the voted and SEALED mail-in ballot at any polling place on election day or early voting location.

Note that if you request a mail-in ballot, you can still vote in person if you surrender the mail-in ballot marked VOID, or sign an affidavit that you requested but did not receive the ballot. If the county received your mail-in ballot prior to you checking in at polling place, you will be prevented from voting in person as you have already voted for this election. The system is updated daily and will only allow the FIRST recorded ballot to be tallied. Mail-in ballots received after a person has voted in person after filling out the affidavit will also not be counted and will be investigated by the county for election fraud.

Last day to register to vote in this election is May 31st. Grace period registration will start June first and run through election day, but a voter MUST provide the required documentation to register AND complete their actual ballot at the same time.

Candidate lists, early voting locations and hours, registration requirements and registration confirmation, poll-watcher registration, plus details on how our E-Slate systems works and all election related details can be found at KANEVOTES.ORG along with contact information for the state and county to report suspected fraud or electioneering. You can also sign up to be a poll worker to assist in the election. There is always a need throughout the county for people to assist throughout the election season.

Big Rock is always a top township for percentage of registered voters casting a ballot and we should do everything we can to make sure we continue that tradition. Make a plan to vote and check that friends, relatives and neighbors have a plan as well. It is our right, our privilege and our duty to vote and remind the world that we do take the process seriously.

The general election will be held on November 8th.



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August 13, 2022



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The Big Rock Plowing Match Association is dedicated to having its Plowing Match & Festival be family-friendly with activities and events that are free or at minimal-cost for all to enjoy. The cost of the amusement rides continues to be a challenge. In 2021, rides were only on Friday night and the Association absorbed a \$9,000 loss. We continue to assess what will be possible for 2022 and invite your input by participating in a survey. Please complete the survey on the BRPMA website by April 16. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.



The Board is very grateful to **Bonnie Warchol** for 33 years on the Board. As a Director since 1990, Bonnie has served as coordinator of the Horse Show, Secretary and facilitating rentals of Plowman's Park. All the best is extended to Bonnie as she embarks on new adventures with family in North Carolina.

In April, Abby Needham will join the Board. She has been at the Plowing Match all her life as a member of the Needham Family that has popped popcorn there ever since 1932. The Board welcomes Abby in her role as a Director.

Save the dates

Bull Riding-August 13; Bronc Match-August 14; Plowing Match & Festival-September 16-18

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BIG ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 21, 2022 8 AM - 4 PM

It's going to be a great community day!

Time to clean out those closets, garages, basements and sheds and make a few extra \$\$\$ at the Big Rock Community Garage Sale. Buy your neighbor's treasures or sell your own!

If you would like to participate in the Big Rock Community Garage Sale, please fill out the form below and mail it to Andie Groff **May 1st**. We also need a few volunteers to help with flag/sign placement the day before the event, and take down the evening after the event is over.

Questions or comments can be sent to andiegroff@gmail.com.

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- Signs posted around Big Rock, and a flag post dropped off at your location on 5/20
- Flyers posted in local businesses and schools, and at any community events in the area
- Any leftover funds will be donated to the Big Rock Plowing Match Ladies Fair



- I would like to post flyers and/or signs at my place of business
- I would like to participate at my home (address below)
- I can volunteer to put up signs the weekend of the event

Big Rock Community Garage Sale, May 21st from 8 AM - 4PM
(Enclosed is my \$10 fee made payable to Andie Groff)

Name: _____

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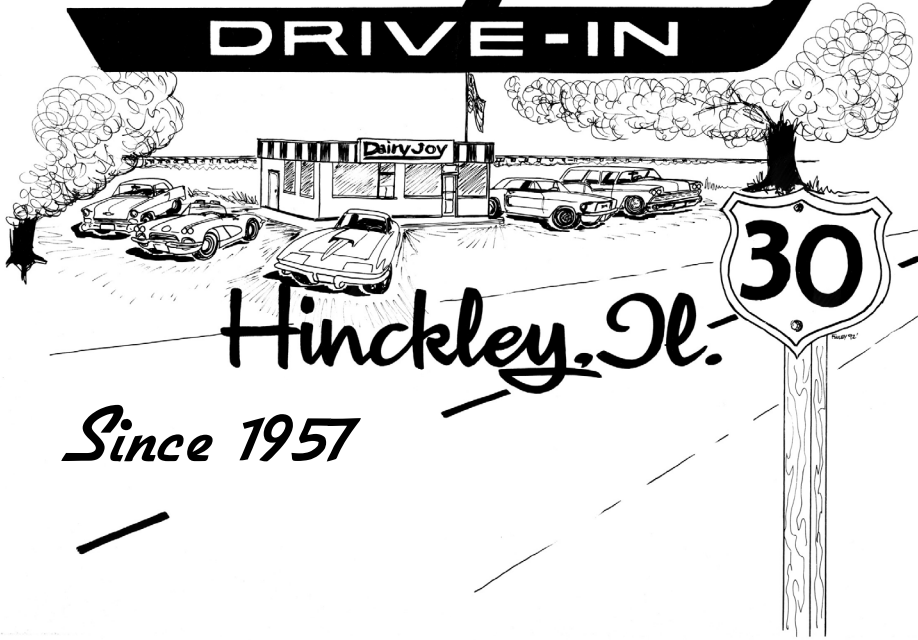
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