

The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

OCTOBER 2020

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

October 2020

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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 | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 14 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 27 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

November 2020

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| 3 | ELECTION DAY | 6:00am - 7:00pm @ Community Park |
| | 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 |
| 24 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

December 2020

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| 1 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 8 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 9 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 22 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |



Have you ever thought about what would happen if you were home alone, suffered a medical emergency in your house, your doors were locked, and you could not get to one of them

to unlock it? Well wonder no more. You can install a Knox® Homebox on your front door and have a key locked inside it. The Knox® Homebox is a residential key box that only the Big Rock Fire Protection District has access to and can save time and property, should we need to gain access to your home during a medical emergency. If you would like to know more about the Knox® Homebox program, please contact Jason Halstead at the fire department, 630-556-3214.



Unfortunately, due to current restrictions in the state, the Fire Department sadly must cancel our Annual Pancake Breakfast.



BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

As you know from the constant stream of commercials, candidate mailings, yard signs, and phone calls, election day for state and federal elections is Tuesday, November 3. If you requested a mail-in ballot, Kane County began mailing out ballots in late September.

You can cast an early ballot now at the Kane County Clerk's office in Geneva, and at the Sugar Grove Library (and other locations) beginning October 19. Traditional in-person voting on November 3 will be at the Big Rock Park District.

Local government elections will be held on Tuesday April 6, 2021. This election will include positions on many of our local governments including the Township, Village, Park District, and the HBR School District. All township positions are up for election, including township supervisor, highway commissioner, assessor, clerk, and (4) trustees. Official election information, filing dates, candidate qualifications, and nominating petitions for the April 6 election can be found at the Kane County Election website at <https://www.kanecountyclerk.org/elections>. You can also call the township if you are interested in running for any office, or have questions

The Township Hall is open for appointments, meetings, and private events subject to state Covid guidelines. These guidelines are posted on the township website and on the doors to the town hall. Groups are limited to 30 people (50% of capacity) with sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer available. Public attendance at township board meetings is limited to 6 individuals in order to maintain adequate social distancing. Face masks are required for visitors if social distancing cannot be maintained. Contact the township for more information

The township recently received some complaints from residents concerned about aerial crop dusting overspray of agricultural chemicals on some nearby farm fields. Crop spraying is a necessary and permitted activity in modern agriculture, but all farm chemicals must be applied correctly and with care to reduce any impact of overspray on nearby homes and businesses.

The township and county have limited authority regarding legally permitted farm activities. If a resident has a concern, their first step should be to meet with the farm owner to discuss the issue. The Kane County Farm Bureau also provides a form (posted on the township website) for residents to use to file a complaint with the Illinois EPA if they are affected by the drifting of farm chemicals or pesticides.

With 80% of the township cemetery lots purchased over their 150+ year history, a limited number of gravesites remain available at Welsh and Fowler Grove Cemeteries. Cemetery lots are currently limited to township residents and those with immediate family members interred at either cemetery. Anyone interested in the purchase of a cemetery lot should contact the township office.

Best wishes for a safe fall season!

Ken Rojek - Big Rock Township Supervisor

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

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Well, Fall is finally here. We will be striping Clark, Price, & Scott roads soon. Beware of two bridge construction projects, Granart and Scott Roads, which are due to be completed in early November. And, we will be doing one more mowing to end season yet, so please drive safe and keep us safe. Thanks,

Wade

Big Rock Township Road District

P) 630-556-4331

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The Big Rock Community Crier is published six times yearly by The Big Rock Fire Department, Big Rock Township, The Big Rock Park District and the Village of Big Rock as a service to the public. Annual subscription for outside of the township is \$10.

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
Township and Assessor Offices
Phone: **630-556-4340**
Fax: **630-556-4350**

Road District **630-556-4331**

bigrocktownship@gmail.com

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

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

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

The village has elected to enroll its residents in electricity savings programs for several years now. As the contracts have expired the village has worked closely with Progressive Energy whom seeks out the best electricity rates for several of our local municipalities. The current provider of energy offered to village residents is AEP Energy through 10/19/2020. Recently you may have received important information on the upcoming electric provider chosen by the village which will be AEP Energy again. This contract will be good through October 2021 for our residents. The village hopes that residents will continue to utilize and enjoy the cost savings through municipal contracts like these. It's a no-strings attached savings program that truly is designed to help our residents save a little \$\$\$\$\$.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Property maintenance standards have been & will continue to be a priority of the village. The village's zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer is onsite weekly to help as needed. He 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. He 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!!". Enforcement officers 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.

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.

YARD CLEANUP/BURNING

With fall upon us and property cleanup underway please keep in mind the village's 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". In addition burning leaves directly on the road way edge is strictly prohibited!!! Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping our Big Rock community looking its BEST possible.

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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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.

HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME PARADE

A Halloween Dog Costume Parade will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 1 pm at the Big Rock Dog Park located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Use your imagination and come up with a Halloween costume your dog may wear in the parade - owners may also wear a costume. Dogs will be judged and a First, Second and Third Place Prize will be given, with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a "game" for dog and owners to enjoy. We will be social distancing outside and a small prize to the best decorated face mask worn by dog owners! Any questions, please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238 or 630-742-4275.

THANK A VETERAN

Please thank a Veteran on Veterans Day and show your appreciation. Due to COVID we will not be having a program this year and looking forward to next year.

Please send a picture of your Veteran, preferably in uniform, that includes the Veterans name, branch of service, rank and the years that they were in service to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 so that it can be included in our display - A Veterans Christmas Tree at the Park District Building. If you sent a picture previously, it will be included in this years display.

MAMIE EISENHOWER PROGRAM POSTPONED

The program, Mamie Eisenhower by Ellie Carlson scheduled for October 8th has been postponed to next year due to COVID. Thank you for your interest.

DROP OFF FOR 2,173 OLD FLAGS

Jack Hake, a Veteran, thought Big Rock needed a drop off box for old flags since the tragedy of September 11th and created a Drop Off Box for old flags decorated with Stars and Stripes. The Drop Off Box is located at the Big Rock Historical Society building just east of the Plowing Match Grounds. 2,173 flags have been collected since the installation of the Drop Off Box. Thank you to the community for such great support! Damaged, worn flags - that can no longer be displayed - will be burned in a dignified ceremony. As you fly your flag in tribute, be sure to do so respectfully, following proper rules of etiquette for our national symbol.

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From Boy Scout Troop 19:

Thank you all for supporting us during our recent Mum Sales. We will be selling Holiday Wreaths with more details to come.

For more information on our Troop, please email hbrtroop19@gmail.com



CUB SCOUT FALL DAY ONE EVENTS



Whether it is your first Cub Scout event or you have been to a few of these, you will want to be a part of the fun this year!

Marksman Derby - October 3rd &/or October 17th

4 Sessions to choose from!

Cost \$10/youth - Adults free!

Plowman's Park

48W508 Hinckley Rd, Big Rock

For registration, please go to the
Three Fires Council page
[https://scoutingevent.com/127-Day
One2020#](https://scoutingevent.com/127-DayOne2020#)

For Boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade

JOIN CUB SCOUTS



We are not holding an in person
Sign-Up this year.

Please contact for more details!

Call or Text Angela Juneau 815-793-4240

Email a.juneau001@gmail.com

www.beascout.scouting.org



HSBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Tips for learners in a blended and remote learning environment

Since March 16, 2020, learning has looked very different for our students, while the planning and execution of that learning has looked very different for our staff. For parents, supporting that learning looks very different too. Considering all these differences, we would like to highlight some tips for learning that we hope will prove beneficial.

Before we discuss tips, it is important to understand what we mean when you hear the words blended learning model and remote learning. Here are quick definitions:

- Blended learning model - an educational design that combines both in-person learning and online learning with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace.
- Remote learning - learning outside of the school that is provided either synchronously or asynchronously utilizing a consistent platform such as Seesaw (Early-Childhood through 2nd grade) or Google Classroom (3rd grade through 12th grade).
 - Synchronous learning - real-time learning where teachers and students are online at the same time with direct instruction at a set time
 - Asynchronous learning - any-time learning where teacher provides learning instruction, resources, and/or assignments that the student can access and complete at any time

Tip #1 - Help your student(s) maintain a schedule

While our blended learning model and full-time remote learning both include asynchronous learning, it is important to allow for your student's choice in time and pace. However, providing consistency in a schedule is important.

Tip #2 – Dedicate a space in your home for schoolwork

While there has always been a need for schoolwork to occur at home, this year that time has likely increased for your student(s). Designating a space for learning, especially for full-time remote learners, is important. Research shows that the physical environment can affect student learning by as much as 25% (Warfield, 2016).

Tip #3 - Ask your student about what they are learning

Having 16 year old twins, I can tell you that if I simply asked "What did you learn about today?" I am likely to get as vague an answer as my question. Utilize specific questions such as "Describe an aha moment in learning that you had today" or "Fill me in on one thing that you learned in _____ (insert class or subject) today" or "I know you have been working on _____. How was that further developed today?"

Tip #4 - Model during this unprecedented time

Yes, I just used unprecedented for the umpteenth time in the last 6 months. Remember that your child(ren) are watching what you say, how you say it, and what you focus on. Be the model that you want your child(ren) to be when they are in your shoes as an adult. Modeling perseverance, a growth mindset, patience, and grace during these times will help your child(ren) further develop the needed skillsets for success in life.

I hope these tips provide some assistance and/or reassurance for anyone that has an influence/impact on HBR students. Thanks for your continued partnership with us!

Travis L McGuire

HBR Superintendent

Warfield, K. (2016, May 5). *How surroundings affect students' learning*. Character Exchange. Retrieved from <https://exchange.character.org/how-surroundings-affect-students-learning/>



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**LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO
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**WE WILL PAY YOUR FIRST YEAR
INITIATION AND DUES - PLEASE
JOIN US 1ST THURSDAY 7:00PM
AT TOWN HALL.**

TRY US. YOU WILL LIKE US!

West Towns Human Services

Good Samaritan Clothing Closet is OPEN!

The Good Samaritan Clothing Closet is now open for business once a month on the 3rd Wednesday 10am-Noon and 4-6pm and the following Thursday 10-noon. Strict guidelines are now in place to be COVID-19 compliant:

1. Please do not enter this building if you're not feeling well, have a fever, or have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of COVID in the last 14 days.
2. Temperature checks will be completed before entering; temperature must be below 100.1.
3. Only 1 member of the family is permitted to shop.
4. No children are permitted inside the building.
5. Bring your own bag. No bags will be provided by the Clothes Closet.
6. Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times.
7. Sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the building.
8. Shopping time is limited to 15 minutes unless there is no one scheduled after you. We are not issuing items numbers at this time. We are asking everyone to take within reason and consider others in need. Bathroom/Dressing Room will be closed.
9. It is recommended that all items taken home be washed immediately or contained in bags for a minimum of 72 hours. If any items don't fit or don't work, you can return them to the Clothes Closet bagged and dated as these items will need to be quarantined.

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...

→ Call us today!

www.conleyoutreach.org



***Appointment MUST be made prior to arrival - Email JennCOCS1@gmail.com to schedule your time for October.**



**NEWS OF NOTE FROM
BIG ROCK LIBRARY**
48W447 HINCKLEY RD.
BIG ROCK



You're invited to the book review group on the first Monday of the month at 6 pm. Join the roundtable of people who give a mini-review of their favorite recent reading and expect wide-ranging interests and genres. Also, expect to wear a mask and social distance. Group will meet on Oct. 5 and Nov. 2.



Coming in November is a display featuring corn and maize to celebrate Native American month. It is being curated by newly graduated AU museum studies student, Steven Rusch. Expect virtual aspects during pandemic times as well as artifacts in this exhibit. The display debuts in the upper level changing exhibits gallery.

Out of the vault is the May 1953 House Beautiful magazine article on the Farnsworth House in Plano. You're welcome to read the original account debating if this house is "good modern" or "bad modern." Tours of that home now feature furniture like Edith Farnsworth enjoyed during the time she lived there.

The library has a tribute display to Pat Jovanovich, long time hairdresser in Big Rock. Her family loaned us hair dressing items from earlier days and those 60s hairstyles will make you smile.



Hinckley Food Pantry is coordinating with Big Rock Library to supply weekend kits in connection with Food 4 Kids. Kits are available at Big Rock Library and aimed at youth age 18 and under. If you're food insecure, request weekend kits at either Big Rock or Hinckley Library during hours of operation.

The Big Rock Historical Society

Without knowing what COVID is going to do, we are again postponing our Thursday, October 8th Special Program with the Big Rock Park District. We will reschedule that for next year.

We are planning a Drive Thru 5B's Pork Chop / Chicken Combo dinner on Thursday, October 15th at the Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School, 47w984 Rt. 30, Big Rock. Drive Thru hours from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. \$14 per meal. Thanks for your support.

Our last program of the year, Thursday, November 12th, will include results our election of Directors. Our speaker planned for that meeting will be Jon Habegger. He will update the History of Railroads through Big Rock and their impact on our little village. *Meeting will be at 7 PM at our facility on Hinckley Road.*

We all sincerely hope you are feeling well as we all continue to be a part on the History of Big Rock.

48W445 Hinckley Road
P.O. Box 206
Big Rock, IL 60511
bigrockhistoricalsociety.org

First Baptist Church Trunk or Treat

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting our 9th annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, November 1st from 3-5 pm. All families are welcome to attend. We will have a variety of crafts and games. We will also be handing out candy and small prizes. Come and enjoy an afternoon of family friendly activities! Everything will take place outdoors at 211 S. Lincoln in Big Rock.

We will do our best to practice safe healthcare protocol. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth at 630-878-1737.



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

The Hinckley Area Food Pantry (HAFP) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that has served residents of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, and Waterman for 24 years. Located in St. Paul's Church in Hinckley, the free food pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 8-9 a.m. Big Rock residents simply need to present a photo ID and verification of address (ex: utility bill) to access the food pantry.

www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org



Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry/



The Election has begun!

Some news and updates from Kane County for plans for the November 3rd General Election.

KANEVOTES.ORG the best place for all voting related questions, or phone the clerk's office at 630.232.5950 or email them at countyclerk@co.kane.il.us

REGISTRATION

Open registration to vote in the November General election ends on Tuesday, October 6th. After that date, new registration can only be done as Grace Period where the registrant must vote in the same visit. Grace Period runs all the way through election day.

MAIL-IN VOTING

As of press time, more than 80,000 people in Kane County had requested a mail-in ballot. These will begin mailing out on 24 September and continue as requested until Thursday, October 29th. That said, it's better to request earlier to give the post office plenty of time to reach you and return for counting.

The county has new equipment to pack the ballots and a system to log and track them when returned. Quick links for requesting and tracking receipt are on the website.

There are many ways to return your mail-in ballot. Mailing via USPS being the most obvious, and all ballots must be postmarked by November 3rd and received by November 17th. However, you can also deliver by hand several ways. All early voting locations and election day vote centers can take your sealed envelope. They all have a secure pouch that is collected from time to time each day and taken directly to the county offices. There will be three drop box locations in Kane County. One will be at the Geneva county offices, one will be in Aurora and the other will be in Elgin. Details of location and drop times will be available on the website. Each of these drop boxes will be indoors and emptied at the end of the day by an election team with contents taken directly to the county offices.

Regardless of how and when they arrive, these ballots are checked in straight away and confirmation of receipt is then available on the website. This will also log a person as voted in the online database to prevent anyone from voting in person as well.

Additionally, should you chose, you can take the envelope to your polling location and "spoil" it, turning it in as unused, and then vote in person. Again, these spoiled ballots are also returned to the county.

EARLY VOTING

In addition to the website, there is a poster of times and locations for early voting posted at our post office, the Town Hall outside announcement board and on the Township's facebook page. There are many close by locations and times to choose from.

IN-PERSON VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

All Big Rock township residents vote at the Park District building at Sixth and Madison. The polls will be open from 6:00am until 7:00pm, unless ordered open longer with a court order. Anyone in line to vote AT 7:00PM, or as extended by the court, will be allowed to complete their ballot and be counted. The election judges and the polling place itself will have many changes since the Primary election in March. Booths and tables will be spaced out, along with spacing marks on the floor to maintain distance. Properly used face masks will be required to enter and remain in the building. The election judges will have extras for use if you need, and will have other PPE to use as needed. There will also be several places with hand sanitizer and there are sanitizing wipes to clean the E-Slate stations before or after each voter. There will also be Plexiglass barriers at the computer stations. Voters will be asked to exit the building quickly after finishing voting to allow more people to enter.

As you can expect, this will be a **MUCH** slower process than we've ever seen in Big Rock. Your Big Rock election judges ask you to consider one of the many early or mail-in voting options if you can and help limit the stress on election day.

Additionally, the county is looking for vote center helpers in Big Rock and other nearby centers. This is a paid position but you do NOT have to be trained on the voting process and you will NOT be a judge. You would be helping the judges with cleaning and maintaining a safe election environment. If you are interested please contact the county directly or you can email the editor of the Crier.

ONE FINAL NOTE. Although it has never been an issue in Big Rock, please note that candidate or party specific clothing, pins, signs, etc, must be covered and not visible when within 100 feet of the door to the Park District polling place, or any other polling place for early voting. This does include face masks and hats.

Beyond that, please remember it is your duty and privilege to vote, so please exercise this to the best of your ability. Historically, Big Rock is always near the lead in percentage of registered voters casting ballots in Kane County so let's keep that going.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Since we all can't get enough of elections, please note that petitions for running for local offices in the consolidated elections in April 2021 must be filed between December 14-21, 2020. This would include offices for the Village, Township, Park District and School board plus others.



Thank You. It was a beautiful Saturday for a 5-B's drive-thru fundraiser at Plowmans Park on September 19. Almost 300 tasty combo meals were purchased and over \$1,100 was raised for the Association. We appreciate your support of the Association.

Bookings for the rental of Plowmans Park in 2021 are now being accepted. To book your family, school, church or community event under the oaks contact Bonnie Warchol at 630.556.3501.

Looking to purchase Plowing Match memorabilia? Send an email and we will contact you to setup a time to receive those items you can't live without. Photos are on the website. The Ladies Fair recipe book is also available (only 75 copies left). Order forms are available at the Big Rock Post Office and on our website. Think birthdays, thank you gifts and the holidays for those on your shopping list or for friends and family who have moved away.

Get the latest news on our website and on Facebook.

Website: bigrockplowingmatch.com

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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.svdpskd.org.



**English Congregational
United Church of Christ
301 Rhodes St.
Big Rock**



While our Worship Service and other programs are cancelled due to the Coronavirus, when it is safe to resume, please join us for our Worship Service every Sunday at 10:15am. Please call the church for updates at 630-556-3986 Bible Study and Sunday School will resume in the fall.



Rev. Bill Riegle, Pastor
Office Phone: 630.556.3986
**Everyone is always welcome at the
English Congregational
United Church of Christ!**





**Hinckley Area Food
Pantry's Largest Fundraiser
of the Year!**

**10TH
ANNUAL!**

HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK TURKEY DROP & FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 8th, 11am-1pm
Plowman's Park
(48W508 Hinckley Road, Big Rock)

Hosted by Jenn Schlachter & the HBR Cub Scouts

ITEMS NEEDED

**12-14 lb Frozen
Turkeys**

Stuffing Mix

Instant Potatoes

Canned Yams

Canned Veggies

Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Boxed Desserts

Monetary Donations Appreciated!

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Hinckley Area Food Pantry

324 W. McKinley Avenue
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Have questions?
Need more information?

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