# Shabbona Express

November & December, 2024

#### **Events**

- **December 2** Book Club @ 11 AM @ Flewellin Library
- **December 2** Crochet/Knit Club @ 12 PM @ Flewellin Library
- December 6 Annual Drawdown Shabbona Lions Club @ 7 PM @ Lions Depot (Tickets available at 815-761-0163)
- **December 7** Story Time @ 10 AM @ Flewellin Library
- December 7 Cuttin' Loose Barber Shop Grand Opening @ 4 PM @ 104 W Comanche Ave
- December 7 Winter Festival @ 4 PM – 7 PM @ Purdy Park, Shabbona Community Church, & Shabbona Fire Department
- December 11 Shabbona Lions Christmas Decoration and Lights Judging
- December 11 Library Referendum Town Hall Meeting @ 7 PM @ Flewellin Library
- December 14 Christmas at the Library @ 10 AM @ Flewellin Library
- December 16 Book Club @ 11 AM @ Flewellin Library
- **December 16** Crochet/Knit Club @ 12 PM @ Flewellin Library
- December 18 Elder Care Services / Tech Help @ 12 PM – 2 PM @ Flewellin Library

## New Faces Running for Village Board

By Joshua Snyder

Shabbona's next election will be held during the 2025 Consolidated Election, held on April 1, 2025. There are three full-term trustee seats and one unexpired half-term trustee seat up for election.

The incumbents with expiring terms are Joy Fay, Allison Kidd-Probst, David Simpson, and Geoff Cooker.

Joy Fay and Allison Kidd-Probst are seeking reelection for two of the three full-term seats. David Simpson is seeking re-election for the half-term seat. Geoff Cooker did not file.

The new faces seeking election to the full-term seats are myself (Joshua Snyder), Kallan Welsh, and Mark Stanley. The half-term seat is being sought by Frank Ottengheime.

We will be circulating a questionnaire to the candidates to include in a future edition to help voters get a feel for the candidates. If you have any questions you would like answered, please send us an email at editor@shabbonaexpress.com

#### **Village Government News**

By Joshua Snyder

This edition will cover the Village Board meetings for October and November.

The proposed "Public Camping" and "Hotel/Motel" ordinances were passed in the November meeting. This effectively bans camping, including sleeping in a vehicle, on all public property and roads. Additionally, a license and tax is being imposed on hotels and motels.

Talk of implementing the administrative adjudication system was resumed. A contract with an adjudicator is being pursued and the Village of Shabbona will likely hire an adjudicator to work in conjunction with the Village of Hinckley.

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#### **Events**

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**December 21** – Story Time @ 10 AM @ Flewellin Library

December 21 – Shabbona Lions - Wagon Full of Gifts Raffle @ 1 PM @ Shabbona Cafe Tickets available at Shabbona Cafe or R&R Pub

**December 28** – Story Time @ 10 AM @ Flewellin Library

#### **Village Government News**

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The Shabbona Fire Department had an issue with flooding shortly after the municipal well was constructed adjacent to their fire barn. The Village looked into potential fixes for the issue including installing a retaining wall and a better drainage system between the properties. The board voted not to continue, citing costs above initial estimates and a belief future improvements will fix the issue. The Village also argued that they installed gutters on the well house and tied them into the storm water sewer.

The Tax Levy Ordinance was proposed and passed, setting the amount the Village will be collecting from property taxes. As of the

writing of this article, the ordinance has not yet been published.

The Village is looking into adopting the 2021 edition of the International Building Code. The State of Illinois is requiring municipalities to update according to the Village Attorney.

Lastly, the feasibility study to look into tying the Villages of Shabbona and Waterman, as well as the Prairie Band Potawatomi reserve into the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District is moving forward. Waterman and the Prairie Band Potawatomi secured most of the funding. The Water Reclamation District and Village of Shabbona decided to split the remaining cost in half, each providing \$2,500.





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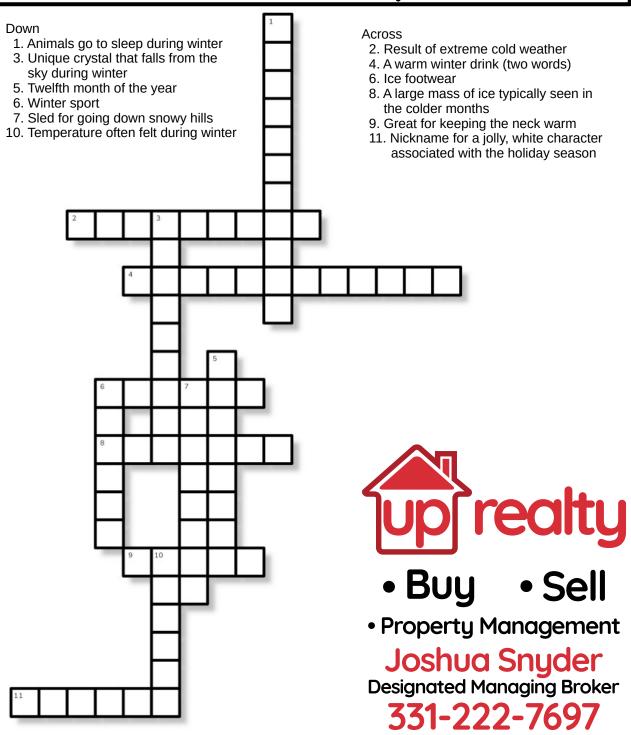
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## **Shabbona Express**

#### **New Business Spotlight**

Hello everyone!

I'm Aleesha, and I'm excited to introduce Cuttin' Loose Barber Shop, in downtown Shabbona! With 8 years of experience in hair cutting, I can't wait to meet both new and familiar faces.

At Cuttin' Loose, we offer a variety of services, including haircuts, beard trims, hair/beard treatments, heat styling, and more.

Don't forget about our junior and senior discounts- for 10 and under, and 65 and up!

Plus, kids' cuts will come with a choice of temporary hair color that lasts until their next wash

You can book an appointment online, or feel free to call or text. Don't forget to follow our Facebook page for updates!

I can't wait to hear all the old memories about this barbershop. The history of it is amazing!

Come take a seat, cut loose, and relax with me! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

-Cuttin' Loose Barber Shop

