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HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TAX COLLECTION

Office hours for people wanting to pay their property tax bill at the Village Administration Office, 531 N. Nash Street, are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Administration Office will be closed:

Closed All day - Wednesday, 12/24/14 Closed All day - Thursday, 12/25/14 Closed 1/2 day - Wednesday, 12/31/14 (closing at 11:00 a.m.) Closed All day - Thursday, 1/01/15



2015 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed by the end of the day on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. 2015 dog licenses are available at the Village Office Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2015 ELECTION

Nomination papers are available from Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Mischker for the Spring Election. The Village President and three Village Trustees (2 year term each) as well as the Municipal Judge (4 year term) will be elected at the April 7, 2015 Spring Election. The final day for filing nomination papers with Lynne is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015.





IT'S A PARTY!!

MONTHLY Birthday Parties for Seniors

Beginning January 19, 2015 there will be a monthly birthday party held in the Community Center at the Hortonville Municipal Services Building, 531 N. Nash Street. The birthday parties are scheduled for the **third Monday of every month** from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

All seniors are welcome to attend every month to celebrate anyone's birthday. Come and enjoy cards, games, fun and of course cake. Presented by the Senior Task Force Committee.

Hope to see you January 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Be sure to watch for upcoming programs!

The committee is seeking donations of playing cards, cribbage boards and games. Monetary donations will also be accepted.



Volunteer Harvesters for Black Otter Lake Needed

With the new dam project we do not know how much water will be in the lake next summer. Even though there may not be much water in the lake over the summer the Black Otter Lake District is asking anyone that is interested in operating the weed harvester to contact Matt Schroeder. We would like to get the group together, select someone to lead the group, and do whatever training we can do. You can contact Matt at blackotterlake@gmail.com.



YEAR IN REVIEW

As 2014 comes to a close, I think it is safe to say that it has been quite a year for the Village of Hortonville. Highlights include:

- •The opening of the new Municipal Service Center
- Community celebrations including Chocolate Fest, 4th of July/Opera House Centennial Celebration, and Oktoberfest
 - •Planting of trees along Main Street
- •Development of marketing tools (new logo, Two Minute Video, reduced building permit fees) to help promote our community
- •Organization of the Senior Citizen Task Force to help identify needs and activities for Seniors
- •November opening of Gilbert's grocery store in the new retail park
- •Ongoing Hortonville Youth Sports improvements at Otto Miller Athletic Field, making this a destination for league and tournament play
 - •Hortonville Area School District referendum improvements
- •Piping Systems Inc. expansion that will add an estimated 150 jobs

On behalf of fellow Board members and Village staff, we thank you for your ongoing support of our community, and we wish you Happy Holidays!

Andrew Gitter, Village President



Work Anniversary Milestones

Carolyn Habeck, Library Director	30 years
Lisa Visocky, Utility Clerk	20 years
Jeanne Bellile, Payroll/Benefits Clerk	15 years
Brian Bahr, Police Sargeant	10 years
Matt Bruette, Police Officer	5 years
Montel Ziepke, Crossing Guard	5 years

Our condolences to the family of Montel Ziepke, who passed away 11/15/2014.



MEMORIAL TREE AND BENCH PROGRAM

The Village of Hortonville's Forestry Department is proud to announce its Memorial Tree and Bench Program. This program provides the opportunity to donate a park bench or tree in the memory of a loved one. Your donation to this program will not only provide lasting memories, but also help to beautify our parks and trails.

For more information, please contact the Village Administration Office at 920-779-6011.



Thank you for a wonderful Halloween! The success of our Halloween program is due to the generosity of many of our friends and neighbors. People donating their time and money for the children is what makes this program so special.

To fund this annual event, monetary donations were received from:

Hortonville Lions Club
Hortonville Commercial Club
American Legion Post 55
Fox West Chamber of Commerce
American Legion Auxiliary
Polar Bear Riders Snowmobile Club
The Village of Hortonville

Karate America-Greenville. Shawn Fargen and his Karate America Team gave a very exciting karate demonstration again this year. They have been performing at our Halloween Event for the past 8 years. Thank you!

Hortonville Youth Sports: Our local youth sports organization donated candy to be distributed to the kids. We thank you!

<u>Hortonville Police Department</u>. Officers diligently work to protect the Village and all the trick-ortreaters. Thank you!

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire Department. The costume parade had an exciting escort through the streets with the help of our volunteer firemen. Thank you!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

We welcome Officer Seth Tobison to our department. Officer Tobison was hired in September 2014 to fill a vacant part-time patrol position. Officer Tobison is a 2014 graduate from Fox Valley Technical College, and has prior experience in law enforcement as a Community Service Officer with the De Pere Police Department.

The police department requests that citizens refrain from feeding feral or stray animals. We have noticed an increase in calls related to feral/stray animals biting citizens. By feeding a feral/stray animal you could be held responsible for that animal's behavior.

A reminder to citizens that snow season parking started 12/01/2014 and is in effect until 04/01/2015. Only emergency vehicles are permitted to park on Village streets from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Also, during a snow emergency no person can park any vehicle at any time on the roadway. A snow emergency is defined as snow falling in such a manner as to produce a congestion of traffic, the impeding of the operation of emergency vehicles and interference with snow removal operations. During the holiday season friends and family may visit the area causing parking concerns. In special circumstances when weather is permitting the police department will grant permission for visitors or residents to park on roadways during the snow season. requests must be made by calling the police department at 920-779-6165.

With winter weather upon us we also remind all citizens it is the responsibility of the property owner and/or occupant to remove snow or ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the cessation of any snowfall.

The police department recognizes many citizens will be vacationing during the winter months. If you would like your residence checked or patrolled while you are away please contact the police department. If you are vacationing please make arrangements for snow or ice to be removed from your sidewalk according to the above regulations.

We wish all citizens a happy and safe holiday season.

GET YOUR EVENT ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website is a good place for residents to see what is happening in the Village and we would like to provide information about your organization's community events. In order to provide this information we have an events page on the website.

You can use the Contact Us on our website www.hortonvillewi.org, send an email to clerktreas@vohortonville.com, or mail or drop off your information at the Administration Office.



PIPING SYSTEMS, INC. EXPANDS

Piping Systems, Inc. currently employs more workers than any other private sector employer in the Village of Hortonville. With the addition of 100 more jobs, the total workforce in the Village, private and public, will increase by 7%. This is significant not only in providing wellpaying jobs for the area but in related Village growth such as new housing, spending at our existing businesses, the addition of new and expanded service businesses, generating more property taxes, and broadcasting to prospective residents and businesses the overall image of Village as a progressive, growing, community.

The Village provided financial incentives to Piping Systems to assist in this significant, multi-million dollar expansion. Considering the investment Piping Systems is making in our community, we feel that this was a small price to pay for the expected outcomes to be realized by our residents and businesses, both present and future. The Village is positioned nicely with a diversity of residential lots ready for new homes. We anticipate the new jobs created by Piping Systems will be reflected in new homes being constructed in the Village. Overall, this expansion project means growth to the Village.

On behalf of the Village of Hortonville, we thank Jeff Bunker for not only selecting our community to move his business to a few years back, but also for his commitment to staying and expanding here. VILLAGE VOICE Village of Hortonville 531 N. Nash St., P.O. Box 99 Hortonville, WI 54944-0099 PRSRT. STD. U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** HORTONVILLE, WI PERMIT NO. 16



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Jeff Schuh - 779-4286
Dawn Vollbrecht - 779-0425

Administrator

Patrick Vaile - 779-6011

Clerk-Treasurer

Lynne Mischker - 779-6011

Police Department

Michael Sullivan, Chief - 779-6165 Emergency Number - 911 **Public Works Department**

Carl McCrary, Director - 779-6011

Fire Department

Dave Dorn, Chief - 419-7872 Emergency Number - 911

Building Inspector

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

Municipal Court

1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. Norbert Dallman, Municipal Judge

Library

Carolyn Habeck, Director - 779-4279

Village Administration Office 779-6011 Office Open Monday thru Friday

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.