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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION SATURDAY, 10/31/15



►Parade At 2:15 p.m.

The Halloween Parade will start at the Commercial Club Park and end at the Opera House. If you plan on marching in the parade, please line up in the Commercial Club parking lot by 2:15 p.m.

► Activities At The Opera House

Immediately following the parade, there will be a karate demonstration in the gym by students from Karate America-Greenville. Children and adults alike are encouraged to participate in the parade, marching on the streets of Hortonville to the historic Opera House. A bag of treats will be handed out to children in costume after the karate demonstration.

▶TRICK OR TREATING

3:00-5:00 p.m. on 10/31/15

Need Space for a Gathering?

The Community Center in the new Municipal Building is available for rent. The center can be rented as 1 large room with kitchen and the capacity of 120 people, as 1 smaller room with the kitchen having a capacity of 50 people, or just the board room area with a capacity of 70 people. Call or stop in at the administration office to make a reservation.

There are 13 rectangular tables and 120 chairs available for use. The kitchen is equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, coffee pots, dinnerware, silverware and serving supplies.





New Administrator - Diane Wessel

After a very lengthy and thorough process, we are very excited to announce that Diane Wessel will begin her position as Village Administrator on Monday, September 14th. Diane comes to us from Lincoln County where she has a great deal of experience in planning, grant writing and budget Prior to that, she was in management. Marathon County. Diane has a contagious enthusiasm for growing Hortonville with proper planning and development and she will be sharing more of those ideas with us in upcoming months. background and ideas will fit very well with the goals of economic growth Hortonville is striving for.

Diane will hit the ground running with meetings her first week regarding budget discussions and with various individuals in the village such as civic groups and business leaders. We will also be reviewing the strategic plan, comprehensive plan and Industrial Park Plans.

On a personal side, Diane and her fiancé recently helped move their 4 kids into college this past month and are now empty nesters hoping to find a new home in the Hortonville area. Diane is also an avid photographer in her spare time and loves Black Otter Lake and the wildlife it houses. With family in Green Bay, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac, Diane is thrilled to be moving back closer to the Valley and was especially attracted to the planning which Hortonville already has put in place and the opportunities it offers. If you see Diane around town, introduce yourselves and share some of Hortonville's great history with her. She would love to meet you!



New Administrative Assistant - Carol Prill

You may have noticed a new face in the Village Administration Office lately. The Village has been preparing for several years to bring on a new person to assist the public and various departments and now that person is here!

Please stop to say hi to Carol Prill at our Administration Office reception window. Carol comes to us with an extensive background in customer service and has already learned quite a bit about the Village office routine and answers to your questions. She can help you rent Village parks and facilities, take your water and sewer or other payments, and answer questions you may have. She is already providing much needed help with the phones, walk-in customers, and office tasks.

We are very pleased to have Carol on board!



Chief Inspector Needed for Elections

Elections are an important way for the citizens of the village to voice their opinions and decide who guides the future of the schools, village, county, state, and the country. Poll workers are the people who make elections possible by staffing the polling place and ensuring that each vote counts.

Our Chief Inspector has moved away and we need someone willing to step forward to lead the poll workers on Election Day. The Clerk-Treasurer is always available for questions and help before or on Election Day. Training is provided before the first election you work and additional training is required each year.

Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer, Lynne Mischker, at 779-6011 Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., if you are interested.



3rd ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

A Celebration of Harvest Festival Saturday, September 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Harvest Festival will be held in the parking lots of Donaldson's Gourmet & Gift and Brick's Hortonville Hardware located at 300 S. Nash Street in Hortonville.

Nash Street and Bath Street will be the site for Polka Bands, vendor booths, American Legion Auxiliary bake sale, German style food and beer, apple pie eating contest, anything apple bakeoff, a scarecrow decorating contest, face painting by Carl Mann, kid's petting zoo, inflatables for the kids, wagon rides and more. Local restaurants and the Hortonville Lions Club will feature ethnic foods and beers for sale in the food court.

Entry forms and starter kits for the Scarecrow decorating contest can be picked up at Donaldson's Gourmet & Gift up to Friday afternoon the 18th and must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 19th. You can register for the other contests the day of the events. Entry forms for the Anything Apple Bakeoff sponsored by Gilbert's Sentry Grocery can be picked up at Gilberts Grocery, Donaldson's Gourmet, Brick's Hortonville Hardware and the Hortonville Library.

Polka music will alternate play on-stage from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Seating may be limited so please bring your lawn chairs.



HORTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING 2015 DATE – October 2, 2015

Homecoming Festivities

Parade: 4:00 p.m., being routed through town! Football Game: 7:00 p.m.

Hortonville Polar Bears vs. Fond du Lac Cardinals

Watch the high school website for more information and details at WWW.HASD.ORG.



Senior members of the community are invited to join us for programs and activities in the Community Center of the Hortonville Municipal Services Center at 531 N. Nash Street.

Healthy Living with Diabetes, a 6-week workshop proven to help people with diabetes better manage their condition, presented by Outagamie County Aging Disability & Resource Center, will begin on November 2, 2015. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m.to 12:00 p.m. on Mondays through December 7th. The class is free unless participants would like to purchase the book for \$20.00. For more information and registration contact Nancy Krueger (920) 740-9572 at nkrueger@vpind.com.

Senior Fall Fest, October 27, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The informational vendors that have already signed up are; ADRC, Affinity Visiting Nurses, Oasis, Wisconsin Sibs, Veteran Services, VNA, Make the Ride Happen, Lutheran Social Services and Powerful Tools for Caregivers. A fun and interactive program on brain fitness will be presented and an ice cream social, make and take craft and door prizes.

Caregiver Café — Making time for you. November 17, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. People come away from this program finding support, new ideas, and resources that will directly help them as they care for their loved ones.

Ongoing Senior programs include monthly pot lucks and birthday parties. The pot luck is the first Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the birthday party is the third Monday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cards, games and fun are available at each event.

All seniors are welcome to attend these events each month.



Fox West Chamber of Commerce

Another Wisconsin summer is wrapping up and old man winter will be knocking at our door soon. It has been hot and sticky and many memories were made on family vacations. Many things do not change, but there are some that must.

One of the things that must change is economic development. That is one of the reasons why your local businesses have come together for a few decades now in a formal chamber of commerce. Just as the body must be fed in order to expend energy, so too must the local economy be given its nourishment of new or expanding businesses with new or more efficient products, services or methods in order for it to expend the energy that we thrive off of to support our families.

All of the businesses in our geographical area (Grand Chute, Greenville and Hortonville) started with an idea someone had and then acting on it. Many of you work at these local businesses.

If you have an idea and want to give the life of an entrepreneur a try, please reach out to us and/or attend one of our membership monthly meetings. We are here to help you succeed. When you succeed, we succeed, as when the water rises, all of the boats on the harbor rise with it. Our meeting schedule and contact info can be found on our website at www.foxwestchamber.com.

Sincerely, Josh Reuss - Chamber President



Hortonville Police Department

On August 4th the department held National Night Out, a community-police awareness event, at the Hortonville-Hortonia Fire Department. About 100 citizens attended the event this year. There were numerous demonstrations and activities for adults and children. Everyone in attendance was given a free raffle ticket for several different prizes that were raffled at the conclusion of the event. Tickets could also be purchased for a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction was held for 25 different donated items.

We would like to thank all businesses and individuals who donated raffle items, food, water, and equipment that made this event a success. We would also like to thank all personnel from the Hortonville First Responders and Hortonville-Hortonia Fire Department who volunteered their time at the event. Photographs from the event are posted on the police department's Facebook page. Thanks again to all who attended and supported this event!

If you would like to help sponsor next year's event or if you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain please contact Officer Jason Sweeney at (920)-779-6165.

Recently there has been an increase of daytime burglaries in our area. Please remember to lock your vehicles and houses along with any items of value. If you notice suspicious individuals or situations please report them immediately to the police department. Callers can remain anonymous, and we appreciate any information we receive from the community. If you have questions or concerns about activity in your neighborhood feel free to contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Officer Sweeney. His e-mail is jsweeney@hortonvillepd.com.

As a reminder we request 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.

(Hortonville Police Department cont.)

Over the past few weeks we have noticed barricades being moved and tipped over in the area of the bridge/ dam project. The barricades are in place to protect citizens from heavy equipment and dangers in the area of the project. Any individual who tampers with the barricades could be cited. Remember these are for the safety of all pedestrians and motorists.

With the school year upon us, we would like to remind all drivers of rules relating to crosswalks and school zones. Operators of all motor vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians and bicyclists while they are crossing the roadway in a controlled or non-controlled crosswalk. All school zone rules apply within those zones anytime a child is present, a school crossing guard is on the roadway, or while a school crossing guard is removing or placing cones/markers on the roadway. Please give crossing guards plenty of space to safely direct students across roadways.

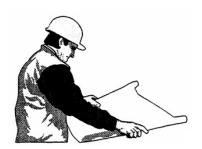
With the addition of school traffic in our community, fall is a common time for the police department to receive citizen complaints about speeding drivers on our roadways. Please do not hesitate to contact us with these concerns. Our goal is to keep all drivers and pedestrians safe!



SPRING CLEANING OR MOVING?

Sometimes all of your garbage may not fit in your Harter's garbage cart. One of your options is to call Harter's at 888-804-8556 before the regular pickup day to arrange to have the extra bags picked up along with the garbage in your Harter's cart.

You can also call Harter's to arrange for a special pickup of some electronics or larger items such as furniture or appliances.



HORTONVILLE DAM UPDATE

All construction activities related to the stabilization of the bridge, wing walls, and fishing pier have been completed. Lunda is now focusing their efforts on the original project, which is replacing the Black Otter Dam

Crews will be pouring the spillway slab (apron base) of the new dam structure any day now. Due to the unforeseen stability issues encountered when excavating the old dam, the projected completion date of September 1st has now been pushed back to mid-November. Unfortunately, the delay will affect school traffic, which is why we're asking for everyone's patience and that the posted detour is used as much as possible.



PARK EQUIPMENT DONATION

The Village of Hortonville would like to commend resident Darlene Bosin's charitable efforts towards improving the quality of life for all the citizens in our community. Darlene's generous donation is being used to upgrade the playground equipment in both Miller and Alonzo Park.

Village personnel are currently rebuilding the playground in Miller Park, installing new swing sets, including a new toddler swing for infants, new safer playground edging, as well as installing sidewalk access to the equipment.

(Park Equipment Donation cont.)

The Village of Hortonville and Darlene Bosin have teamed up on projects before at the new Municipal Center. She helped make it possible to construct an educational trail that combines with library programs to help children to learn, grow, and explore their natural environment.



Thank you for another great summer HORTONVILLE YOUTH SPORTS

Hortonville Youth Sports, a non-profit organization, gives their time and talents to making Otto Miller Park and this community a great place to live and play. Another successful ball playing season is in the books!!

Youth Sports President Jerry Van Hammond, along with their many board members and volunteers, continue to improve Otto Miller Park:

Rebuilding the two upper ball diamonds; Installed irrigation system; and Improved fencing for fan safety.

Quality of life here in Hortonville is better because of the good people involved with Hortonville Youth Sports!



FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

This is a reminder to residents who have a fire hydrant in front of their property. Landscaping or signs shall not be placed within a 3 foot perimeter so as not to impede fire protection personnel. Also, the Village would appreciate resident's efforts in keeping the hydrants cleared of snow during the winter months.



ICE BUILDUP ON SIDEWALKS

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for the shoveling and deicing of sidewalks bordering their properties within 24 hours of a completed snowfall. Now is the time to think about preventing ice buildup on the sidewalk in front of your residence. The melting and freezing of water that ponds on the sidewalk can be prevented with a little maintenance. By using an edger in the Fall and cutting back the grass that grows over the edge of the sidewalk, the water has a chance to flow off the sidewalk before freezing. The terrace area between the sidewalk and curb may also need some attention if it has built up over the years with dirt and doesn't allow the water to flow towards the curb and gutter. Remember, it is the resident's responsibility to keep the sidewalks free of snow and ice and with a little maintenance now a troublesome sidewalk can be avoided in the winter.

Also, Village ordinance prohibits the plowing or dumping of snow on any public street, alley, public property, or upon the property of another, without the express permission of the property owner.

SNOW SEASON PARKING

From November 15th of each year until April 1st of the following year, no person shall park any vehicle except an emergency vehicle between 3:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. of any day on any street including State Highway 15 in the Village unless permission is granted by the Hortonville Police Department.

In instances where the Village has declared a snow emergency, vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. If you have an emergency parking consideration, please call the Hortonville Police Department at 779-6165 with your request.

FORECLOSURES AND UNATTENDED PROPERTIES

If you are vacating a property for an extended period of time or know of a vacated property, please notify the Village Water Utility at 779-6011.

Hortonville Water and Sewer Utility would like to be informed of any vacancies so that the water service can be turned off at the street. This will help minimize any property damage in the event any interior piping should freeze and burst.

GOING AWAY FROM YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

If you are planning a vacation this winter or will be gone from your home for an extended period, you may want to contact the Village office regarding trickling your water to avoid service interruption due to a frozen service lateral. When you are away from your home the water is not moving through the lateral thereby becoming more susceptible to freezing. Follow these easy steps:

- 1. Leaving your home for a week or more.
- 2. Call the Village office at 779-6011 (Lisa).
- 3. If it is determined that you need to trickle (leave a faucet on with the stream being the size of a pencil), we will advise you.
- 4. Read your water meter.
- 5. When you come back from vacation, read your meter and call Lisa at the Village office.

You will receive a credit for the water & sewer that was trickled.



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 event on the Events page of our website.

Send us a short article or a flyer about your organization's community event with information about contacts for the event and the event itself. Include your contact information with the article or flyer so we can contact you if we need any clarification before we publish 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.



What is going on with the Old Library?

A brief update on the old library site: Earlier this year a committee of downtown business owners and residents started to meet to put together some ideas to share with the Village Board regarding their thoughts on the old library site. Since that first meeting, several ideas and concepts have been shared and include some great ideas for enhancing the focal point as you enter downtown Hortonville. We will be looking for donations and matching grant opportunities once we have a final concept in place.

In the meantime, we did not want to overlook any business opportunities that might bring additional economic enhancements to our downtown. So, in the interest of being thorough, we have put the For Sale sign back up while we continue to plan for park space. If we have an entrepreneur with a great idea to enhance the downtown, we encourage them to share their ideas with Village President Traci Martens or Village Administrator Diane Wessel.



8:00 a.m. CURBSIDE PICK-UP

The Village will be picking up leaves and raked yard waste and brush at curbside again this fall (place at curb by 8:00 a.m. on dates listed below).

Leaves and raked yard waste must be placed in paper biodegradable bags and must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Bags will be picked up on:

> Mondays: 10/12 10/19 10/26 Tuesdays: 10/13 10/20 10/27

Brush must be 3 inches or less in diameter, cut in lengths of 4 feet or less, and bundled (bundles must not weight more than 50 lbs.). Bundles of brush will be picked up on:

Thursdays: 10/15, 10/22, 10/29



BURNING - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Village Ordinance 9.04(d) allows for the burning of dry leaves, non-offensive dry yard debris, and small campfires, provided such burning is responsibly monitored, and conducted at times when weather conditions do not create a public nuisance resulting in danger to health or safety. Fires are to be located 30 feet away from any structure. Burning must be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Burning permits are required for some types of burning. Please contact Fire Chief Dave Dorn at 419-7872 for more information.

FALL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

All flower arrangements, real or artificial, must be removed no later than October 15th to allow for a thorough fall cleaning of the cemetery. Persons desiring to reuse such material must claim them prior to that date or they will be discarded by the Village. Christmas, fall and winter arrangements may be placed after November 15th. All Christmas, fall and winter arrangements must be removed no later than March 15th for spring cleaning of the cemetery. The full Union Cemetery rules and regulations can be found on the Village's website or may be picked up at the Administration Building.

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Municipal Court

1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM Norbert Dallman, Municipal Judge

Library

Carolyn Habeck, Director - 779-4279

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