Village Voice

Village meeting agendas are posted in the Municipal Services Center west entrance and on our website.

Village meeting minutes are posted on our website as well.

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| 4/05/2016 | –Election |
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SPRING 2016

Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement JEANNE BELLILE

We all wish Jeanne a happy and much deserved retirement! Jeanne's last day working for the Village of Hortonville was January 15th. She worked here for 16 years as Bookkeeper and Account Clerk.

Since the day she starting working for the Village in 1999, she gave 100% of herself. Jeanne cared about her co-workers as well as the residents and will truly be missed by all. Her time and talents are greatly appreciated by the Village residents and the Village staff. See you at the rummage sales Jeanne!







DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed by **Thursday**, **March 31**, **2016**. 2016 dog licenses are available at the Village Administration Office.



APRIL 5, 2016

Remember to vote April 5th. We will be electing three Village Trustees, and the Municipal Judge as well as School District, State and County offices.

You can vote in the Community Center at 531 N. Nash Street from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your photo ID! See www.bringit.wisconsin.gov for info.



NEW EMPLOYEE JEFF SOMMER

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Sommer to the Village of Hortonville Public Works Department staff. Jeff accepted the Operator I - Facilities position and started working here on 12/07/2015.

Jeff comes to us with an extensive electrical and mechanical background, and has already made quite a difference here in the Village.

We are very pleased to have Jeff on board!



OPTIONS - PAYING WATER BILLS

A few water/sewer customers have asked about paying their bill monthly instead of quarterly (water bill comes out quarterly – 4 bills/year).

You **CAN** pay monthly...actually you can pay any amount towards your water bill **at any time**. You don't need to wait to get your quarterly water bill in the mail to make a payment. There are customers who pay monthly and even more often than that.

Drop off a payment here at the Administration Office during our regular working hours - Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or, use the drop box (we have two). When you make a payment it will show up on your next water bill as a credit.

If you have any questions, please call 920-779-6011 and talk to Lisa about different options regarding your utility payment. Thank you!

INTERNET EXCHANGE SAFE ZONE

The Hortonville Village Board approved creating one of the area's first Internet Exchange Safe Zones at the January 21st regular Village Board meeting.

The exchange zone is located in the south side parking lot of the Hortonville Police Department at 531 N. Nash Street. Two overhead lights and a surveillance camera cover the area just outside the police department's squad room windows. Another camera was graciously donated by Control Freaks of the Fox Valley LLC and is in the process of being installed. There are only three sites presently recognized by Safe Trade in the State of Wisconsin, one of them being Hortonville.

The exchange zone is open 24 hours, and people do not need to ask permission to use the area.

"We prefer people trade or make their exchanges during the day, but we understand that doesn't always happen," said Hortonville Police Chief Michael Sullivan. "Our goal is to do everything we can to make it safe for the consumer and the seller."

He added, "Nowadays more and more people are using social media, Craigslist, eBay and other means to conduct business, and often they find themselves meeting with strangers at unsafe locations to exchange things. It is never safe to make an exchange with a stranger at a residence. We have all heard some of the bad things that already happened to people in other cities, towns and villages. We're just trying to remove some of that danger."

The safe zone is marked with a large reflective sign outside the window of the police department.

Sullivan said that while the area is under 24-hour recorded camera surveillance, there may or may not be an officer watching a monitor, or looking out the window every moment.

Carl McCrary, Director of Public Works said the sign was made at a relatively low cost.

"Based on history, and what we've heard can happen to people making these types of transactions, we thought this was a good project," said McCrary.

The safe zone is available to anyone regardless if they are a resident.



Free Tire Recycling April 11th-15th

Please drop tires off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. the week of April 11th. This program accepts tires 18" or less in size and limits 4 tires per household. This program is for households only. **No business tires are accepted**.



YARD WASTE AND BRUSH DISPOSAL Have materials at the curb by 8:00 a.m.

Residents must use biodegradable bags that can be purchased from area retail stores. Residents are invited to drop off their yard waste and brush at the compost site located by the Wastewater Treatment Facility (521 W. Cedar Street) any time of the day, the drop-off site is never closed.

Curbside pickup for leaves and yard waste:

Monday April 11th Tuesday April 12th
Monday April 18th Tuesday April 19th
Monday April 25th Tuesday April 26th

Curbside pickup for bundled brush:

Bundled brush must be no more than 3 inches in diameter, no greater than 4 feet in length and weigh no more than 50 lbs. in order to be picked up.

Thursdays: April 14th, April 21st, and April 28th



Electronics Recycling

The following electronics MUST be recycled per State law:

TVs & video display devices Monitors
Computers Fax/Scanner/Printer
DVD or VCR players Cell Phones

For a full list of electronic collectors visit the Wisconsin DNR website at: www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/



PLANTING FOR TOMORROW – CELEBRATION OF SPRING ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

Saturday, 5/07/2016 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alonzo Park, 310 E. Main St. EVENTS, MUSIC & FOOD Free trees to the first 50 children attending!

Come join us for a fun and educational day with the trees! We will be educating kids on nature, bare root planting demonstrations, and bringing in a large spaded tree to beautify the park. Come join us in the planting! Learn correct planting and pruning techniques and see the dedication ceremony for the new Black Otter Lake ADA Kayak Launch, with the ribbon cutting planned for 11:00 a.m. There will be a brat fry and hanging baskets for sale by Foxglove Farms sponsored by the Friends of the Hortonville Library. Girl Scouts will be making milk jug bird houses and decorated seed pots you can fill and plant. The Boy Scouts will also be performing a service project. A ceremony honoring those grantors who helped us fund the reforestation of the Hortonville Tree Canopy this past year will be held at 10:00 a.m.

If you have a green thumb or would just like to help with planting and beautification efforts around our parks and in other public areas, or would prefer to donate to a memorial tree or bench, please contact Carl McCrary at 779-6011. We are looking for more members on our committees and would love your help and ideas!



Village-Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 7th, 2016

To place your ad fill out and mail in the special form that you can find in upcoming issues of the New London Buyers' Guide & New London Press Star, 416 W. North Water St., New London, WI 54961 OR call

(Village-Wide Rummage Sale cont.)

the New London office at 920-982-2511 for more information or to place your ad over the phone (they do accept Credit/Debit Card payments over the phone).

Expect full page ads with large maps similar to what New London does each year! All costs and revenues are handled by the Buyer's Guide. In addition, the Buyer's Guide will provide the Village with maps and papers for distribution.

Please feel free to pick up maps at the Hortonville Municipal Services Center, 531 N. Nash Street on Friday May 6th or at the Arbor Day event on Saturday May 7th.



FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Village Public Works Department employees will be flushing hydrants May 10-12, 2016. Hydrants are flushed twice a year in order to provide our customers with the best water quality possible. The following schedule indicates the days and areas for flushing that day.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016: All areas NORTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016: All areas SOUTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

Thursday, May 12, 2016: All areas that may be incomplete from the previous days.

If you notice employees flushing in your area, do not run water until they have left the area.

If you notice discolored cold water in your home, do not run any <u>hot water</u> until your cold water is clear.

If you notice discolored hot water, you should flush your water heater. There is a connection for a garden hose on the bottom of most water heaters to clean any build up from the hot water tank.

Flushing ensures proper operation of hydrants and also removes loose scale accumulation from inside the water mains. Slightly discolored water may appear in your home. This does not mean your water is unsafe to drink.

If discolored water continues to be a problem, please call the Director of Public Works at 779-6011.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Winter is finally coming to an end and spring is just around the corner. More children will be walking to school with the nicer weather. Please be cautious and remember to watch for pedestrians crossing the roadway. State law requires vehicular traffic to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Please be courteous to our crossing guards who are doing their best for all pedestrians crossing roadways.

The Director of Public Works and the Police Chief spent the past three months updating some of the outdated parking ordinances. The ordinances had not been updated since 1989 and the focus was primarily on the Main Street corridor. The changes took several things into consideration such as pedestrian safety, vehicular movement, and the limited amount of parking spaces. The Village Board approved the recommendations at its 3/03/2016 meeting. This spring you will see these changes implemented and once finished it will address some of the safety concerns and create approximately four more parking stalls on W. Main St. between Nash St. and Mill St.

The Police Department's 2015 activity report was recently released which details the call volume for the year. In 2015 the department handled 2,343 incidents. The following is a breakdown of some of the most notable incidents handled;

256 Assists (Citizens, other agencies, Probation & Parole, Social Services)

- 106 Business Checks
- 93 Welfare Checks
- 53 Warrant Pick-ups
- 91 Traffic Accidents
- 59 Incidents involving Drugs
- 30 Complaints of Damage to Property
- 33 Calls for Disorderly Conduct
- 69 Complaints of Theft (From vehicles, shoplifting, gas drive offs, etc.)
- 48 Disturbance Calls
- 41 Harassment Complaints
- 9 Sexual Offenses
- 147 Operating without a Valid Driver's License
- 116 Citations for Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance

Complaints / arrests involving drugs continue to be on the rise and were one of the most significant increases for the police department in 2015. We want to remind citizens if they have concerns about drug activity they can contact the police department and remain anonymous. Any information provided is appreciated and will be fully investigated.

(Police Department News cont.)

On April 30th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. the Hortonville Police Department will be hosting The Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-thecounter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications. Do Not Bring: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, inhalers, aerosol cans, biohazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.).



Senior Members of the Community

All seniors are invited to join us for programs and activities in the Community Center of the Hortonville Municipal Services Building at 531 N. Nash Street.

Would anyone be interested in a cribbage tournament to be held in September or early October? Please contact the Village office at 779-6011.

Ongoing senior programs include monthly pot lucks and birthday parties. The pot luck is the first Monday 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.

Article from:

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Newsletter Outagamie County Branch 920-832-5178

Outagamie County **Home Handy Person Program**

Outagamie county homeowners age 60 and older may call the ADRC for minor home repairs.

There is NO CHARGE for the labor, but participants are responsible for the cost of materials. Donations are encouraged.

FOX WEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

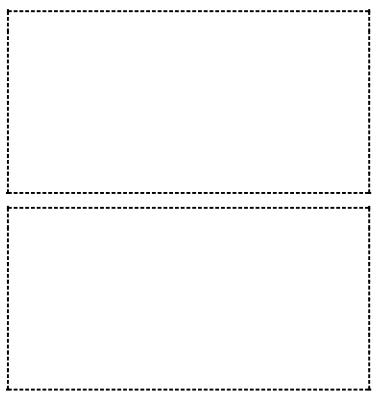
The Fox West Chamber continues to grow and offer new opportunities to get involved in our business communities.

A **Business Expo** will be held on Tuesday, April 19th from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Nicolet Road, Appleton. The Expo will feature 20 booths and will be combined with the Business After Hours held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost per booth is \$50 and is available to members of the Chamber.

Chocolate Fest will be held on Saturday, June 4th. Many popular activities will return as part of the event - 5K run and 3 x 3 basketball; for those who enjoy bike rides try the Tour De Chocolate; Bike Safety; Bake Off; Artisan & Vendor Villages; bingo; the family fun area, kids entertainment; Grand Union on the main stage from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. followed by fireworks. Volunteers will be needed for many areas. Sponsorships are still available.

Families are invited to join the Chamber for **Family Night at the T-Rats** on Thursday, June 23rd. Cost is \$22 per person—ages 11 and older; \$18 per person for kids age 3 to 10. Kids 2 and under are free. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Picnic is served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Game is at 7:05 p.m.

For more info on these events and other upcoming events, email us at marketing@foxwestchamber.com or call (920)931-2925.





2016 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Information booklets for the Summer Recreation Program will be mailed to Village residents in **May**. Booklets will also be distributed to area schools. Feel free to check the Village website by the end of April for more information on the six week Summer Recreation Program.

Registration will be held Friday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Village of Hortonville **Municipal Services Center**, 531 N. Nash Street, Hortonville (note new location). Registration for Junior Golf will be held Tuesday, June 14th, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Grandview Golf Course.

The first day of Summer Recreation is **Monday**, **June 20th**.

MEMORIAL TREE & BENCH PROGRAM

The Forestry Department is proud to offer the 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.

2016 Hazardous Waste Collections

Residents are encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials during the hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste, 1419 Holland Road, Appleton. Appointments are required by calling 920-832-5277 or on-line at www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org.

Program runs May - October from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

| <u>Wednesdays</u> | <u>Saturdays</u> |
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| May 4 th | May 21 st |
| June 1 st | June 18 th |
| July 13 th | July 16 th |
| August 10 th | August 27 th |
| September 21 st | September 24 th |
| October 19 th | October 22 nd |



Fats, Oils, and Grease (**FOG**) are naturally produced during cooking and baking.

Common sources of **FOG** include: meat fats, lard, shortening, butter, margarine, fatty/greasy food scraps, baked goods and pastries, cream-based sauces, cooking oil, oily salad dressing

DO NOT PUT ANY OF THESE ITEMS DOWN THE DRAIN!

When fats, oils, and grease (**FOG**) are put down your drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat from animal products will solidify and clog pipes much like a clog in a human artery. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean-up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home and belongings. Blockages may also trigger an overflow or backup of sewage into streets or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

YOU CAN HELP! PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY COOKING OILS OR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN.

By following the guidelines below you may avoid sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs:

- Pour all cooled cooking fats, oils and grease that will harden (bacon grease, meat drippings) into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose in the garbage.
- Wipe down greasy pots, pans or dishes with a paper towel before washing. Dispose of the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape greasy food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage, not a garbage disposal.
- Do not wash grease down the drain/garbage disposal.

Proper Sharps/Needle Disposal

All needles, lancets and syringes must be properly disposed of and NOT placed in the garbage or recycling. Wisconsin law requires all citizens to manage these sharps safely. For more information visit Outagamie County Public Health at www.outagamie.org.



WATER USED OUTSIDE

The benefit of having a separate water meter to register the water used outside is that you are only charged for the <u>water</u> used...not the <u>water and sewer</u>. You are not charged for the sewer because the water is used outside and does not need to be treated at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

There are initial costs to you and other things you should know before installing a second meter. Please contact the Village Administration office at 779-6011 to see if you would benefit from having a second meter installed.



POOL FILLING CREDIT

Upon request by water and sewer utility customers, a seasonal sewer credit based on the number of gallons above two thousand (2,000) gallons will be issued for a residential customer swimming pool. The customer must notify the Village of Hortonville Administration Office with the size and dimensions of the pool or a before and after meter reading to receive the seasonal credit.



CUTTING NOTICES

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the grass cut the <u>entire grass cutting season</u>.

The Village mails <u>one certified letter</u> advising you that your grass is too high. After the initial certified letter has been mailed from the Administration Office for a specific parcel, failure to keep the grass cut shall automatically result in an initial fine of \$200 for each lot with additional fines of \$100 for each additional week if the violation is not corrected.



GRASS CLIPPINGS

When you are mowing or mulching grass, or blowing or raking up leaves, please keep them out of the street. Grass clippings and leaves flow down the gutter during a rain and eventually plug catch basins. You will receive a fine if you are found to have blown grass or leaves into the street.



BUILDING PERMIT FEE REDUCTION NEW HOME BUILDING PERMIT FEE TEMPORARILY REDUCED

Through December 31, 2016 the Village of Hortonville is offering building permit and plan review fees for a flat fee:

- ✓ Single-Family Home \$ 999.00 (will be \$4,136.00 on 1/01/2017)
- ✓ Two-Family Home \$1,315.00 (will be \$5,036.00 on 1/01/2017)
- ✓ 4-family \$2,685.00 (will be \$5,643.00 on 1/01/2017)
- ✓ 8-family \$3,685.00 (will be \$7,243.00 on 1/01/2017)
- ✓ 12-family \$4,685.00 (will be \$8,843.00 on 1/01/2017)

Includes municipal water and sewer connection fees.

The residential incentive program reduces permit fees by approximately 75% for 2016. In addition, \$300 of the fee is fully refundable when no extra inspections are required.

<u>Save money with the new building permit fee program.</u>

www.hortonvillewi.org or (920) 779-6011 for more on obtaining a permit.

Please remember to contact Diggers Hotline 1-800-242-8511 if any excavating will be done.

Paul Hanlon, Hortonville Building Inspector To contact Paul: (920) 878-0024



Garage sales, yard sales and similar merchandise sales may be held no more than twice per year at any residence and for a total of not more than 6 days in that year. The sales shall be conducted between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and last no longer than 4 consecutive days. (Village Ordinance 9.21)



BURNING RESTRICTED



Remember that according to Village Ordinance 9.04 all burning (other than campfires) shall be conducted only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Controlled burning of dry leaves and other non-offensive dry yard debris, and small campfires should be located at least 30 feet from any neighboring structure. Burning brush piles or controlled burning of grass or similar vegetation for environmental management purposes requires written approval from the Fire Chief.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

All Christmas, fall and winter arrangements must be removed no later than March 15th of each year for the spring cleaning of the cemetery. Materials not claimed by that date will be discarded by the Village. Spring and summer arrangements may be placed **after April 15th** of each year. One exception is an individual who has an anniversary of the death of their loved one – they may place a floral arrangement, decoration, etc. in their memory next to the headstone or in the trim and stone enclosure.

Anyone interested in getting a complete copy of the Rules, Regulations and Policies for the Union Cemetery should come to the Village's Administration Office and pick up a copy. It is also recommended you that check the Village's website. www.hortonvillewi.org, to read these Rules, Regulations and Policies.

PETS IN THE VILLAGE

Residents are reminded that there are several current ordinances that address the issue of pet owners keeping their animals restrained. The goal is to prevent problems such as an unrestrained, running at large pet becoming a public nuisance to other Village residents.

Pets running loose can be impounded in an animal shelter and their owner will be responsible for payment of an appropriate fee that is imposed at the time the animal is reclaimed. It is important for all pet owners in the Village to be mindful of others and to keep their pets under restraint.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 30, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

Join the American Legion in remembering those who have lost their lives and served our country in the United States Armed Forces. A memorial service will be held in the Hortonville High School auditorium starting at 9:30 a.m. After the service, a parade from the high school to Veterans Memorial Park (on East Main Street) will commence. There will be a short service at the site of the Veteran's Memorial.

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Public Works Department

Carl Mc Crary, Director - 779-6011

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

Building Inspector

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

Municipal Court

1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM 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.