

Village Voice

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FALL 2019

Village newsletters are now mailed to residents in April and in October.

Administrator Update

Where did 2019 go? By the time this article hits your mailbox, I will have completed my first year of service to the Village. I am happy to report much progress has happened during this timeframe, and a lot more is in planning. I would summarize the summer by saying, "Hortonville was under Construction". Residential development is at the highest it has been in many years. By year end, we are expecting completion of 25 new homes in the Village. Much of the activity is in Parker Heights, Westwind, Wildwind and Horton Hills Subdivisions. The Cottages on Main development was completed and I am happy to report it is at capacity with families waiting. The Village is currently discussing future options to keep the momentum moving forward.

The Steinert Retail Plaza has been completed and tenants have currently occupied all but 3 of the spaces available. This is a beautiful addition to the Villages' commercial corridor. Downtown, many of our existing businesses have utilized funds for façade improvements, and the Village has helped by paving alleyways behind businesses for access and aesthetics. Village Memorial Square was also completed and the Village was finally able to display the bike rack built by the school district.

Did you happen to notice any of the road construction? Major paving and restoration projects this summer included: Brookwood Drive extension, Pine Street, Grandview Road, and Highway M/North Nash Street. A five year capital improvement project has enumerated projects, and the intent of the Village is to continuously improve roads and thoroughfares.

So what lies ahead? With the Highway 15 By-pass officially on track for 2021-2024, the Village has been planning for a revitalization of its core artery. That is improvements, repairs, and beautification of the current Highway 15 from

Lake Street on the east side of the Village through-out the downtown corridor.

As always, I conclude any and all conversations by saying, "My door is always open". If I can be of service to you as a resident please do not hesitate to call or stop in. Best wishes moving into the holiday season and 2020.

David DeTroye – Village Administrator



2019 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 10/27/2019

► **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 program in the gym. People of all ages are encouraged to participate in the parade, marching on the streets of Hortonville to the Opera House. A bag of treats will be handed out to children in costume after the program.

► TRICK OR TREATING

3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10/27/2019



PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION

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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The Administration Office will be closed:

- Closed All day - 12/24/2019
- Closed All day - 12/25/2019
- Closed All day - 12/31/2019
- Closed All day - 1/01/2020

Avoid the hassle and long lines and mail your Property Tax payment to us. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt of your payment.

Please mail tax payments to:
VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
PO BOX 99
HORTONVILLE, WI 54944-0099

First installment or full payment of property taxes is due by January 31, 2020. Any refunds will be mailed within two weeks of your payment posting. Payments are considered posted the day they are received. All payments postmarked December 31st will be credited for 2019.

If you are paying using installments, the second payment is due by July 31, 2020, and cannot be paid at the Village Administration Building.

Please send 2ND payment to:
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY TREASURER
320 S. WALNUT STREET
APPLETON, WI 54911

Alternate tax payment locations:

- BMO Harris Bank
132 E. Main Street
- Wolf River Community Bank
309 E. Main Street



2020 ELECTIONS

Remember to vote – upcoming elections are:

- February 18, 2020 - Spring Primary
- April 7, 2020 - Spring Election & Presidential Primary
- August 11, 2020 - Partisan Primary
- November 3, 2020 - General Election

Not registered to vote in the Village of Hortonville? Register online at MyVote.wi.gov, or by mail using the forms found on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at elections.wi.gov, or in the Administration office at 531 N. Nash Street. You can also use these options to change your address if you have moved.



We Need More Poll Workers

Hortonville needs more poll workers in order to allow staffing at elections in seven-hour shifts. There are many rules and instructions governing the Election Day process. Training is provided before the first election you work and additional training is required each year.

Poll workers need to be friendly, need to stay alert for seven hours at a time, be attentive to detail, be able to hear voters and give instructions, be able to read material and complete forms and of course, be interested in the election process.

If interested, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Booth, at 779-6011.



Autumn greetings from the Hortonville Police Department! We wish to remind you that with school now back in session, drivers need to be more cognizant of students walking and biking to school. Please pay special attention to crosswalks. Remember, the law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and obey crossing guards.

It's also important to remind drivers to stop for school buses when the red lights are flashing, and especially when the stop sign is extended. This is required for oncoming traffic, as well as those vehicles following school buses. Let's keep everyone safe.

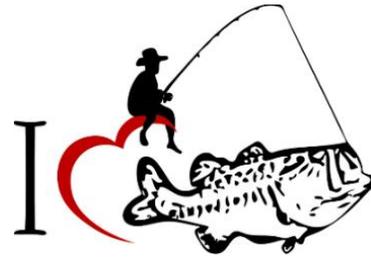
The Hortonville Police Department is looking for individuals interested in becoming a substitute crossing guard. Please contact Chief Brownson at 920-779-6165 for more information.

With winter right around the corner, citizens are reminded that winter parking regulations take effect November 15. On street parking is prohibited between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The violation carries a \$20 citation. For times when circumstances require special permission, please contact the police department.



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.



FROM THE LAKE

By Al Habeck BOLD chairman

Hello residents of Hortonville and the Black Otter Lake District. It was a good year cutting weeds. Having a new harvester that did not break down we were able to get 76 loads and 509 cubic yards of weeds out of Black Otter Lake. That is 509 yards of weeds that will not be adding sediment to the lake or taking oxygen away from the fish. I would like to thank Janet Jeffers and Todd Lavey for the time they spent on the harvester this year. Their help is greatly appreciated. If there is anyone that would like to help next year please let me know. I can be reached at 920-779-4736 or at 51arh@charter.net. I would also like to thank the Village for letting us use their dump truck. This is a benefit to the lake district to have a truck at low cost, but also has its limitations. The lake district can only use the truck when the Village does not need it. This can also work the other way as if the lake district is given the ok to use the truck and then the Village needs it they then need to access how soon it is needed, to shut the cutting down or wait until we are done for the day. This is why at the annual meeting it was approved for the lake district to look at getting their own truck.

For those that have Facebook the lake district has a Facebook page - we keep residents informed of what is happening on the lake or with the lake district. You can also ask questions of us and we will get an answer to you as quickly as we can.

When the Administration Office is closed, use one of the drop boxes to make a payment or return rental keys.

- **One drop box** - located in the circle drive in front of the building
- **One drop box** - located in the hallway close to the Police Department (envelopes are provided)



Are You a Senior?

A variety of activities and opportunities await our seniors. Have you or your family members taken advantage of these? Spread the word and join in the fun! It's a great way to see friends, get acquainted with new residents, and share good times together. Our Senior Activities Committee continues to plan additional events and programs. Please let us know what you would like to see in our Village!

A calendar specific to activities seniors may enjoy has been developed and will be available on our website, Facebook, and for distribution.

Potluck lunches and birthday parties continue on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., respectively. In addition, remember the meal site is located at the Opera House, serving healthy meals Monday through Friday each week. Please reserve your spot 24 hours ahead of time by calling Tracy at 920-740-4648.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers three different classes: Strong Bones on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Opera House; Tai Chi on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Opera House; and Stepping On starting October 2nd from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the municipal building. You can grab a spot in the classes by calling the ADRC at 920-832-5178.

UW-Extension, in cooperation with the library, is offering "Taking Care of You, body, mind, and spirit" at the Opera House on Thursdays beginning September 12th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please register at the library. Also offered by UW-Extension will be "Food Preservation Update" from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on September 24th in the community room. Join in the Wednesday Night Book Club at the library the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Our awesome library staff is also coordinating book delivery to Pinewood Apartments, and hopes to expand to other area complexes in the future.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 16th! Our annual Senior Autumn Fest will be held from 12:00-3:00 p.m. that day at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. It's a great time to visit booths set up by area agencies offering services for our seniors. We will offer a free lunch, and a presentation by Jean Long Manteufel, Post Crescent columnist and author of *Transitions: Stories of how to help Mom and Dad with their stuff*. Jean's presentation at the Autumn Fest is entitled: "Making Choices for the Best Transition", which will be helpful to all as we make decisions for our future. Jean will be sharing ideas and inspiration on how and when to deal with a house filled with a lifetime of treasures. Please call to register by Friday, October 11th so we can plan for lunch.

We traveled to Mosquito Hill Nature Center in August for a monarch program and picnic lunch. Our next outing will be to Seymour to hear Wisconsin author, Jerry Apps talk about his book "Rural Wit and Wisdom". Jerry is a very entertaining speaker, so we look forward to a very enjoyable afternoon. We will meet in the parking lot of the municipal building on October 24th at noon to carpool. Feel free to bring a bag lunch to eat when we arrive, if you'd like.

Our next Senior Activities Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Meetings always open to the public and we welcome any and all ideas and suggestions!



One of our local residents, Darlene Bosin, donated two Traffic Calming Boards to the Village. Mrs. Bosin also donated several brackets to enable us to move them from location to location.

Traffic Calming Boards are used to inform drivers of their speeds and collect data.

Thank you Darlene!!!



Rec Program – Summer 2019

Another year of our Summer Recreation Program is in the books! We had a fun summer doing all kinds of activities and also, the field trips were awesome!!

We would like to thank businesses who donated to our end of the season Penny Carnival. This carnival is held on the last day of recreation and is one of the major highlights for the kids. Donations were received from:

Fox Cities Embroidery, Dairy Queen, Gilberts, Grand View Golf Course, Porky's, Hardtails, Otter Creek Sports Bar, Smiles by Design, Old 45 Archery, Ridgeway Golf Course, The Twist, and The Meat Block.



HORTONVILLE UNION CEMETERY Fall Cleanup

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.



2020 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed. The dog license purchased is good for one year - from January 1st through December 31st.

We will have the 2020 dog licenses ready to be purchased by mid December, 2019. 2020 licenses must be purchased by the end of the day on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, or the owner will incur a late charge.

Dog licenses are available at the Administration Office Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere in Otto Miller Park; there is a sign posted. Dogs are allowed in other Village parks but must be restrained.

VILLAGE MEETING AGENDAS

Posted in the Municipal Services Center west entrance and on our website.

Village meeting minutes are posted on our website as well.

www.hortonvillewi.org

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.



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 residents' efforts in keeping the hydrants cleared of snow during the winter months.

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.



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.



Christmas Tree Disposal



COLLECTION AT THE CURB

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be collected at curbside on:

Thursday - January 9th

Thursday - January 16th

Residents should **place their trees on the curb by 8:00 a.m.** on these dates so the trees do not get buried in the snow banks during plowing activities.

Also, if these dates do not work out for residents remember the Village does have a drop off area at the compost site near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street.



The Community Blood Center

Hortonville Community Blood Drive – SS Peter and Paul Church is hosting a blood drive with The Community Blood Center on the following days:

October 5, 2019
December 7, 2019
February 8, 2020
April 4, 2020

Above listed Saturdays from
6:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

To schedule your donation appointment, call Sally at 779-6689 or log onto www.communityblood.org – sponsor code OU10. Appointments are preferred.



AED Located in the Village

Until now, all AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) in the Village were located in areas not accessible to the public or only during very limited hours. Thanks to a donation from Gold Cross Ambulance, there is an AED located in Hardtails Saloon, 208 W. Main Street. We plan to move it near the clock in central downtown for 24/7 access in the near future on a kiosk with a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and security camera.



INTERNET EXCHANGE SAFE ZONE

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



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 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.

INSPECTOR HOURS: Hortonville Building Inspector Paul Hanlon is available at the Administration Office, 531 N. Nash Street, on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please call Paul at 920-878-0024 to make an appointment.

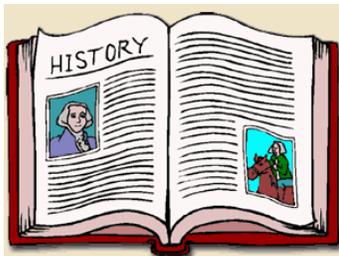
WHY BUILD IN HORTONVILLE ??

The Village Board passed a resolution continuing the reduced building permit fees for residential construction through the year **2021**.

Single-Family: \$749 plus \$250 builder's escrow fee
Two-Family: \$1,065 plus \$250 builder's escrow fee
4-family: \$2,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee
8-family: \$3,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee
12-family: \$4,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee

Permit fees include municipal water and sewer connections.

The builder's escrow fee is fully refundable when no extra inspections are required.



FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Interested in Hortonville's history? The Hortonville Historical Society is looking for members. Join us on Wednesday October 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Opera House for our meeting. A self-guided tour of the museum will immediately follow the meeting.

Hortonville Historical Society is a non-profit that contains archival collections focusing on the social, economic, agricultural and industrial history of Hortonville. Membership is open to anyone; you do not need to be a Village resident.

Unable to attend, but would like to know more? Email hortonvillehistory@gmail.com or call/text 920-378-2575 or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hortonvillehistoricalsociety/>



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: 10/21 10/28 11/04
Tuesdays: 10/22 10/29 11/05

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: 10/24, 10/31 11/07

COMPOST SITE

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. Be prepared to show an I.D. or utility bill.

Compost Site Hours:

- ▶ Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ▶ Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- ▶ Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- ▶ Daily after hour's drop-off: Leaves, grass and non-woody yard waste will be accepted ANYTIME until sunset (pedestrian access only – no vehicle access, no trees and brush)

It is illegal for **NON-VILLAGE RESIDENTS** to leave or discard any article or items (including yard waste), or allow any article or item under his or her control, to be deposited at the Village of Hortonville's yard waste drop-off site. If any **NON-VILLAGE RESIDENT** is caught depositing anything at the Village of Hortonville yard waste site, they will receive a fine and/or summons. The Village of Hortonville may dispose of the waste or waste material itself at the expense of that person found illegally disposing the waste.

PENALTY. Any person who violates the above provision shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Sec. 9.17 of the Hortonville Municipal Code.

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Municipal Court - 779-9542

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

Village Administration Office 779-6011

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Friday - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.