

Village Voice

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SPRING 2023

Village newsletters are now mailed to residents **quarterly...new this year!!**



Congratulations Rob Stiles!

Village employee Rob Stiles has announced his retirement! He has been working in the Village Public Works Department and will be retiring in April of this year. Rob has been a dedicated employee since his date of hire on September 22, 2010.

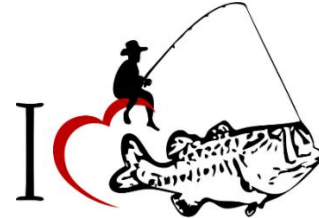
We will be having a celebration of Rob's retirement on Thursday, March 30th. Please come by the Administration Office on the 30th to wish Rob a happy retirement! We will miss you Rob – thank you!

Village-Wide Rummage Sales

Saturday, May 13, 2023 & Saturday, August 12, 2023

To place your ad, fill out and mail the special form that you can find in upcoming issues of the New London Buyers' Guide OR call the New London office at 920-982-2511 for more information or to place your ad over the phone. You can drop your ad off at the New London office, 301 S. Pearl Street. They do accept Credit/Debit Card payments over the phone. All costs and revenues are handled by the Buyer's Guide.

NOTE: 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.



FROM BLACK OTTER LAKE DISTRICT

Sean Kuske, BOLD Chairman

With the summer of 2023 just around the corner the Black Otter Lake District has some exciting updates. The harvester is expected to be repaired by May 1, 2023 which will allow weekly cutting to help stop the growth of invasive species. The Black Otter Lake District is trying to reach out to lakeshore owners to participate in a reimbursement grant program by Healthy Lakes and Rivers. The grant will allow lakeshore owners to implement practices to alleviate harmful substances coming into the lake with simple best management practices such as fish sticks, rain gardens, native plantings, and rock filtration beds. The grant program will reimburse lakeshore owners up to \$1,000. If you are on the lakeshore and would like to participate, please contact Sean Kuske at boldchairman@gmail.com.

Special Announcement! The BOLD will have our annual lake cleanup day on Saturday May 6, 2023. Please sign up through the Fox Wolf Water Shed Alliance at FWWA.org. The Link is posted here as well for anyone to follow <https://fwwa.org/events-calendar-fwwa/watershed-cleanup/>. Join FWWA and help your community keep our lake clean!

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The hours are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Village President, three Village Trustees, and the Municipal Judge are all up for election.

Want to check your voter registration or apply for an absentee ballot? Go to myvote.wi.gov.

There are no scheduled elections for fall of 2023.



From the Police Department

We are no longer dormant and welcoming the season of Spring! As the snow begins to melt, the trees return with green leaves, flowers blossom back to life and hibernating animals awake, and here we are again.... Spring has sprung! As we spring into action, here are some friendly reminders to be mindful of.

The Hortonville area has access to three food pantries, one small pantry located in the Village building near the Police Department entrance, the second is in the parking lot of Cottages on Main and a larger pantry located in Dale. You can pick up food and toiletries or drop off donations at each location. On March 25th we will be participating in another Stuff the Cruiser event to support the pantry in Dale. We will be at Sentry Foods from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. that Saturday accepting donations. Please stop by and help support our local pantry.

Dog registration must be completed by March 31st, if not completed by that date you are at risk of being fined with a late fee. If your dog is over 4 months of age they should be registered. You can stop by the Village office and they will help you with the process. Also, it is important that your dog is wearing tags in the event they get loose and we need to find their home.

Make sure you are following our Facebook page, we put weekly updates and other important information on that page. For instance, be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny as he will be hopping into town on April 2nd to visit with kiddos and spread candy, I mean cheer in the Village. We will also be participating in the Drug Take Back Initiative on April 22nd. The focus is on removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from your state's medicine cabinets and preventing them from going in our water supply. Please drop off any pharmaceuticals you have in the red drop box located inside the Police Department entrance.

Lastly, if you have questions about Village ordinances and you are not able to find the information you need on the Village website, please do not hesitate to call the Police Department. We will do whatever we can to help you gain that information.



Welcome Aaron Steber!!

You may have noticed a new face in the Village Administration Office. Aaron Steber joined us in December as the newly hired Director of Public Works. Feel free to introduce yourself when you see Aaron!

We also welcome other recently hired employees (within the last year):

Joe Cleereman, Public Works Department

Luke Green, Public Works Department

Quinn Heintz, Recreation Director

Shelly Rugotska, Court Clerk

Yeehah Lor, Police Officer

Andrea Vargo, Library Assistant

Everett Chevalier, Library Assistant

Sarah Bultman, Library Assistant



The Village of Hortonville recognizes the "No Mow May" initiative. The Village shall temporarily suspend enforcement of the tall grass and noxious weed control ordinance for the month of May only.

If you choose to participate in "No Mow May", we do have signs available at the Village administration office, 531 N. Nash Street. This sign can be posted in your yard during the month of May.

Any questions, please call 920-779-6011.



BURNING RESTRICTED

Remember that according to Village Ordinance 14-3 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.



CURBSIDE 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.

Curbside pickup for leaves and yard waste:

Monday April 10th	Tuesday April 11th
Monday April 17th	Tuesday April 18th
Monday April 24th	Tuesday April 25th

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 13th, April 20th, and April 27th

Free Tire Recycling - April 10th-14th

VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY - This program is for households only - NO BUSINESSES. Tires that are 20" or less will be accepted (rims are okay). The limit is four (4) tires per household.

Please drop tires off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street. There will be a designated area at the treatment plant for drop-off between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and on Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



HORTONVILLE SUMMER RECREATION

Quinn Heintz, Rec Director

Hortonville Recreation is preparing for another great summer this year!

Hortonville Recreation is a 6-week long summer program that offers fun and exciting activities and events for kids to ensure a memorable and fun-filled summer vacation. Counselors and volunteers work hard to engage the kids involved with the program and make every day just as amazing as the last.

Sports Tournaments, Arts & Crafts, Field Trips, Friday Fun Days, and other exciting activities make for a memorable summer experience for kids of all ages. If this opportunity sounds intriguing or beneficial to you, Hortonville Recreation could be an amazing program to become involved with!

With the generous help and efforts from the Friends of the Hortonville Library, a fund has been created to offer financial assistance to Village residents who may be in need.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

2 DROP BOXES

When the Administration Office is closed, please 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)



May 9-12, 2023

Hydrants are flushed twice a year in order to provide our customers with the best water quality possible.

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

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

Thursday-Friday: 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 hot water 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 920-779-4086.



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 utility of the number of gallons the pool holds or a before and after meter reading to receive the seasonal credit.

HORTONVILLE UNION CEMETERY

Spring Cleanup

In order to facilitate cleanup of Union Cemetery, all flower arrangements, real or artificial, needed to be removed from gravesites no later than March 15th. Any unsightly or damaged items that are not removed in a timely manner will be so removed at the discretion of the Village of Hortonville. During this spring cleanup period, an individual who has an anniversary of the death of their loved one may place a floral arrangement, decoration, etc. in their memory next to the headstone or in the trim and stone enclosure. Spring and summer arrangements may be placed after April 15th of each year.

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 that you check the Village's website, www.hortonvillewi.org, to read these Rules, Regulations and Policies.



Need Space for a Gathering?

The Community Center in the Municipal Building is available for rent. Call or stop in at the administration office to make a reservation.

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



BUILDING PERMITS

Doing some remodeling this spring? Most construction projects require a building permit, and some that don't require a permit may require approval prior to starting the project.

Once you obtain the proper permit, please remember to contact Diggers Hotline 1-800-242-8511 if any excavating will be done.



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

YOU CAN HELP!! DO NOT PUT ANY OF THESE ITEMS 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.



**Memorial Day Observance
Monday, May 29, 2023 - 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.



GRASS CUTTING

Per Village Ordinance 26-26, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the grass cut the entire grass cutting season.

Failure to keep the grass cut may result in a fine.

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.

COMPOST SITE

Open Hours: Dawn to Dusk 7 days/week

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.

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.



SENIOR NEWS

We are well into 2023 already. Your Senior Activities Committee continues to meet regularly to plan gatherings, events, and educational opportunities. As always, we welcome your input with new ideas and creative energy. Please consider coming to one of our committee meetings.

You will probably notice that the Village Voice newsletter will now be mailed quarterly. We are happy to see this as it helps us provide more up-to-date information for you. A monthly calendar is still printed and available at the meal site, library, and some churches for you to pick up. We also send a monthly e-mail to those on our contact list which includes the calendar and other announcements. If you are not receiving the e-mails, please let the Village office know and we will be sure to add you to our list.

Our monthly potlucks on the first Monday and birthday parties on the third Monday continue. We are adding a few twists to the gatherings, so be sure to check these out. We often have speakers at our potlucks, with information shared in an informal setting. All of us have learned so much and we know the speakers have enjoyed our food as well!

Some of you will recall helping prepare for the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt. We will be at it again this year during our April 3rd potluck. This potluck will be held at Pinewood Apartments, with plenty of table space to assemble the eggs. Join in as we celebrate spring and do our part to make this community event a fun day for the families in our Village.

BINGO! Yes, it's back by popular demand for our birthday party on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Bring a small item from home that you are ready to part with and/or a small dollar store item to add to the prize pile.

Since we love to celebrate, we are going to bring back the May Basket tradition at our May 1st potluck. It will be fun to make, give, and receive. Get ready to get your hands dirty in a small gardening project with tips from a Master Gardener at our May 15th birthday party.

Did someone say pickle ball? The snow will be off the courts soon and we hope to see many of you back in the swing of the game again. We will follow up with those that attended our "Pickles and Ice Cream" event last fall to keep you abreast on any special events.

If you like to really plan ahead, feel free to add our annual Senior Autumn Fest on your calendar for October 10th. We are working to provide a great event again this year. Also this fall, a chance for us to help ourselves and our families through advanced life planning will be available through a free six-week class, "Planning Ahead".

We'll be back in touch with the next newsletter in June. Until then, venture out and join us to get back in touch with old friends, and meet some new people who are making this Village their home.



2023 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed by the end of the day on March 31st. You must purchase a dog license every year. Previously registered dogs will be charged a \$5 late fee as of April 1st.

PETS IN THE VILLAGE

There are 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 residents.

Pets running loose can be impounded and their owner will be responsible for payment of an appropriate fee that is imposed at the time the animal is reclaimed.

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.



The Community Blood Center

Hortonville Community Blood Drives – Held at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 107 N. Olk Street, Hortonville on the following days in 2023:

Saturday, March 25th

Saturday, May 20th

Saturday, August 5th

Saturday, October 7th

Saturday, December 9th

Giving blood is a special way to help others. Transfusions are used to treat a variety of hospital patients, from trauma victims to cancer patients. Every day, patients in area hospitals receive lifesaving blood transfusions, and blood donors help make this possible.

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



Paying a Bill Online

To make a payment online, go to our website at www.hortonvillewi.org and choose **Online Bill Pay** on the Home screen. Next choose either **Pay Utility Bills** or **Pay Village Bills** and follow the instructions.

Please note that payments tendered through this portal will be assessed a one-time convenience fee based on the total amount due. Convenience fees are in addition to the amount(s) owed and are calculated as follows:

- A 2.20% convenience fee will be charged for payments using Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit or debit card. The convenience fee is based on the total amount due.
- A fixed \$0.25 convenience fee will be charged for payments using e-check.
- You will have the opportunity to review the total amount due with the convenience fee prior to payment submission.
- While you will be paying fees to the Village of Hortonville, the full amount of the convenience fee is passed to Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) as the provider of this online payment service.

BUILDING NUMBERING & STREET ADDRESS

Are your house or business numbers up to code?

Village building code 6-5 states: Each building in the village shall be assigned a number by the village. Only the numbers assigned shall be used. Each owner must fasten or paint a permanent, legible building number of a conspicuous color contrasting to the building background color, which shall be no less than three inches in height on the front face of the building abutting the street.

If the building is set back 40 feet or more from the front property line, the property owner may place and maintain the required number on a mailbox or signpost located at or near the property line.

Violating this ordinance is punishable by an ordinance citation. Police, fire, first responders and ambulance services need your cooperation to expedite services. Thank you.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES

The connection of any private sump pump discharge to the Village's sanitary sewer system is not allowed.

No property owner, renter, lessee, or lessor in the Village shall place the end of his sump pump discharge hose or pipe closer than ten feet from the outside edge of the established curb. In the absence of a curb, the end of the discharge apparatus shall not be closer than ten feet from the roadway. The distance shall be measured in a straight line, regardless of hose or pipe angle, from the end where the water is discharged to the outside edge of the curb or the closest edge of the roadway. No sump pump discharge shall be directed so as to drain onto a driveway or other device to which the water would drain onto the Village street.

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1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM
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Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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