

THE VILLAGER

Summer 2005

From the President and Administrator

As we find ourselves on the downhill side of summer we have to wonder just where the summer went. Already we are seeing "Back to School" sales in advance of the upcoming school year. School will be here soon enough, but remember for now, the school aged kids are home for the summer. That means many more bicycles in the streets and kids walking around, so be careful out there.

We liked it better last summer when the thermometer never got above 90°. This summer is a lot warmer! When the mercury rises to these warm levels, there is a danger of damage to our streets. We have been lucky so far. Cooler fall temperatures don't seem like a bad thing. But don't wish your life away longing for the cooler temperatures of the fall. Enjoy the summer. As Russell Baker said, 'Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.' Get out there and have some fun.

Friday, July 22 brought us the opening ceremony for Winnebago Street/County 00. What a beautiful improvement to our Village. When traveling from Highway 41, you see what is now a wider and safer intersection with 'smart' stop lights.

You see the Business Park and the development going on there. Sidewalks with our unique brand of street lights take you to Pioneer Road for pedestrian access to present and future development. Traveling further to the East you see Village Park and the Community Center. Now that Winnebago Street is finished along with Prospect Avenue/Highway 175, the entrances to North Fond du Lac are second to none. Hats off to the Village Board for having the vision and insight to see the future and make North Fond du Lac a more attractive place to live!

Wisconsin Avenue reconstruction (North of Harrison) will start on August 1. This project will cross two calendar years. The fall will see the road torn up and utilities replaced where needed. The street base will be allowed to settle over the winter. Just as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2006, the paving will be done. The Wisconsin Avenue residents deserve a new street after waiting a long time and living on a street that has passed its useful life.

The two Habitat for Humanity homes on Wisconsin Avenue are

nearing completion and should be finished in August. Habitat for Humanity should be commended for filling a need while improving the Village.

The Optimist Club is working vigorously to finish the Optimist Park located at the intersection of Westwood and Park Ridge Lane.

The Northern Lights Apartments in the Business Park are in the process of renting. More units are being built, so we have another great improvement that takes care of a need in the Village.

As the Winnebago Street/County 00 detour took us through the Business Park for the past three months, it gave the public a better opportunity to take a look at the Business Park. I'm sure that you saw a lot of property that has yet to be developed. But the reality of it all is that in the past three years, Mike Tolvstad, Public Works Director & Community Development Director, reported that there has been 12.9 million dollars of improvements in the Business Park. If you compare that to other business parks in the area to the north and the south, one park reported their first sales in two years. Another reported their first sales in three years. In that respect, we are ahead of the curve. But that is not to say we are resting on our small laurels. The Village is working vigorously with MLG representatives and the Fond du Lac Economic Development Corporation representatives to determine appropriate development in the park and then market North Fond du Lac to potential developers.

We have a great thing here in North Fond du Lac. We are proud of the community and we are looking better.

LIBRARY NEWS

www.northfonddulaclibrary.org

Sir Cedric, a four foot tall knight in shining armor, greeted library users this summer. He was graciously loaned by Amy Leemon to enhance the Summer Reading Program whose theme was "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." Preschoolers heard stories about dragons, princesses and knights and made various craft items including a dragon puppet and a flying unicorn. School age children helped paint a castle, created a knight's shield, designed their own dragon and made either a Robin Hood felt hat or a flower garland. The adventuresome tried medieval food and drink such as trenchers, mead, and curds & whey. The working catapult had everyone watching out for flying marshmallows. Some 110 boys and girls registered for the summer program and faithfully brought in their reading records after reading for 20 minutes a day every week. They received various coupons for free ice cream cones, pizza, a breakfast buffet, and a free paperback book of their choice. Names of all the readers were put in a drawing for the grand prize - a scenic flight for 3 people donated by the Fond du Lac Skyport. A teen and adult summer read was also offered again this year with a weekly drawing for various prizes. If you missed out on this summer's offerings from the library, keep it in mind for next summer.

The grand finale program will be the Royal Picnic at LeMieux Park on Friday, August 19th from noon

to 2 PM. Everyone who participated in any way in the Summer Program is invited to come (in medieval costume if you'd like). Just bring a brown bag lunch and the library will provide drinks, dessert, crafts and fun. Please register by calling the library at 929-3771.

Fall Story Time for Preschoolers will resume on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10-10:30 beginning on September 7th. Family Story Time will continue on Thursday evenings @ 6:30PM if there is enough interest in this time slot. School age children will be invited to craft programs on school free days. Watch the North Fond du Lac column in the Reporter's Friday paper or call the library for details.

There will be an OPEN HOUSE celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Public Library on Saturday, October 15th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Light refreshments will be available. To commemorate this occasion, a train mural was recently painted on the story room wall (in the former senior center room) by two area artists, Nancy Wood and Laurie Bargaquast. The All Aboard the Reading Train theme ties in with the village's history. The books in the freight car and the depiction of a library building show the importance these have played in the village over the years. You're cordially invited to come and see the Reading Rail-

road as it appears to chug along and almost come out of the wall.

The welcome sign painted on the wall lends itself to a picture taking opportunity.

A scrapbook of children's story times and special programs over the years will be available for visitors to view. See if you or your children are in any of the pictures.

The library will be offering canvas book bags with a 100th anniversary logo for sale at \$5.00.

There are only 100 available so if you are interested in one of these, they will be sold beginning after Labor Day.

Do you have a question that needs an answer but the library is closed? If you have the Internet you can get that answer by using the "Ask Wisconsin Librarians Service." This is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To access this just go to the North Fond du Lac Public Library's web page

(www.northfonddulaclibrary.org) and click on the "Ask Wisconsin Librarians" logo. You can click on live chat or email choices for help.

Over 400 libraries are cooperating to provide this 24 hours 7 days a week reference service to you. Feel free to make use of it.

As you are getting your child's school supplies ready towards the end of summer, keep in mind as you search for bargains, that one item we have provides free access to a wealth of information. A library card is free and can open the door to all kinds of knowledge. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Please, parents, if your child doesn't have a card yet just stop in at the library and fill out an application form to receive one. Then make visits to the library part of your entire family's regular schedule of activities.

CLERK STRIVES TO OBTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Village of North Fond du Lac because it is under 5,000 in population did not require voter registration. However, the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) signed in 2002 and the Wisconsin state statutes require all voters in Wisconsin to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006.

If you would like to avoid long registration lines in the next election, please consider bringing your Wisconsin Department of Transportation issued driver's license or identification card number to the Municipal Offices located at 16 Garfield Street. By bringing your driver's license or identification card number it will make it easier to complete the form.

At this point obtaining voter registration information is completely voluntary, but by taking action now it will save you from long registration lines in 2006.

You may have already completed the voter registration information at one of the previous elections held on November 6, 2004, February 15, 2005 or April 5, 2005. If you are not sure, you may call the village offices at 929-3765 to find out. The state elec-

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MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
August 23, 2005	Residential Water Bills Due
August 25, 2005	Village Pool Closes.
September 5, 2005	Regular Board Meeting rescheduled for September 12th due to Village Offices being Closed.
September 5, 2005	Offices Closed-Labor Day
October 30, 2005	Halloween Trick or Treating Hours 3:30 to 5:30 pm.
October 31, 2005	Yard Waste Pickup will be on the following Mondays, October 31, November 5, 12, and 19.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building board room. These meetings are televised live on cable channel 14. The board also meets as a Committee of the Whole for workshop discussions of village issues on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and following the regular board meeting as needed.

tions board had previously informed municipalities that those were the only dates that voters could be registered. That decision has since changed and we encourage you to take the time and register now.

DETERMINE YOUR RISK OF BECOMING AN IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM

Identity theft is the fastest-growing white-collar crime in America today. About 10 million people were victims in 2003. Identity thieves steal key pieces of a victim's identifying information (e.g., Social Security number, driver's license number, or credit card and bank account numbers). This information is then used to commit crimes such as fraudulently withdrawing savings, buying a car or other merchandise, and opening credit accounts or a cell phone plan in a victim's name.

The bad news is that there's no

sure way to guarantee that you won't become a victim of identity theft. Increasingly, "insiders" (e.g., disgruntled employees) who have access to financial databases are committing identity theft. Often they sell victims' personal data to street criminals who use it to commit fraud or theft. It can sometimes take months for victims to find out, especially if bills are diverted to a phony address.

Nevertheless, there are precautions that everyone can take to limit identity theft opportunities and/or to spot evidence of identity theft quickly. A quiz to determine your risk is available at the North Fond du Lac Police Department during normal business hours (8:00 am-4:30 pm, 16 Garfield Street).

The higher your score, the fewer opportunities you are providing for identity thieves to steal key pieces of identifying information or for evidence of identity theft to go unnoticed. For further information about identity theft, contact the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) or check the Web site www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

LEAVING KIDS ALONE IN & AROUND CARS CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR YOUR CHILD.

On average, 25 children die each year from being left in a car on a warm day. Parents often think that “cracking” the windows to let in air and still keep others out will be a good way to keep kids safe and cool. This is not true; many parents don’t realize that the car can reach deadly temperatures in a matter of minutes. For example, when the window is “cracked” and it is 93 degrees outside, the inside of the car can exceed 125 degrees in about 20 minutes and 140 degrees in about 40 minutes. This can be deadly because a child’s body temperature increases 3-5 times faster than an adult’s.

Children are also at risk outside the car. They like to play and hide around cars, and are not always easy to see. As a result, they are at risk of being backed over by a car.

Injury Facts

In the US (2003):
128 children died and 678 more children were injured because they were left alone in the car.
Of these 128 deaths:
37% were from heat
32% were from a car backing over the child.

In Wisconsin (1990-2003):
7 children have died when left alone in and around cars.

The Risks

If a child is left unattended they may:
Be run over by a car
Start the car and shift out of the

park position.
Be strangled by the seat belt.
Become trapped and strangled in the window.
Become trapped in the trunk.
Be burned by the cigarette lighter.
Be abducted from the vehicle.

Prevention Tips

Never leave your child in an unattended car, even with the windows down. Make it a habit to check for sleeping babies before exiting the car.
Keep cars locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
Keep the trunk of your car locked at all times, especially when parked in the driveway or near the home.
Check the temperature of the car seat surface and safety belt buckles with your hand before restraining your child in the car. If it is too hot for you to touch, it is way too hot for your child.
If your child gets locked inside a car, dial 9-1-1 immediately.
Keep fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the trunk.
Put car keys out of children’s reach and sight.
Teach children to never play in, around or behind a vehicle.
Always have proper supervision of children when moving your vehicle.

WATER FACTS

1. Even MILD dehydration will slow down one’s metabolism as much as 3%.
2. One glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U-Washington study.
3. Preliminary research indicates the 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

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Jim Moore, Trustee- 922-7212

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Visit us on the web at www.nfdl.org

Village Newsletter Locations

The Villager is available via e-mail, on line at www.nfdl.org and at the following locations:

Municipal Offices
Community Center
Spillman Library
Steenberg Communities
The Classic Cut
PDQ
NFDL Mighty Mart

If you are unable to obtain the Villager from one of the locations listed in the newsletter or from the website, please call the village offices if you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive the newsletter.

Drinking Water Quality Report

Your village water utility operates 3 deep wells which pump an average of 450,000 gallons of water a day. The water utility complies with strict Federal and State regulations and meets or exceeds the standards for tap water. Customers with water service lines made of lead pipe may experience lead levels in their drinking water above the Federal standard. Lead and copper are not found in significant amounts in the groundwater which is your village's source of drinking water. Due to the naturally corrosive nature of our water however, lead and copper can leach from pipe walls and plumbing fixtures when it comes in contact with these metals. The village utility conducts lead and copper samples yearly in a select group of homes in areas likely to contribute to elevated levels of lead and copper. Your water utility meets state and federal lead and copper level standards as a whole but individual homes may not. None of the homes out of 20 sampled, in 2002, exceeded the lead and copper standards. Once again in 2005 the village utility is required to test 20 homes for lead and copper. Thirty six organic and inorganic samples were taken in 2002, all were under the MCL. Samples for organics, synthetic organics and volatile organics will be taken in 2005 at Well #4.

North Fond du Lac's village utility currently replaces its sections of the water service lateral on all watermain relays. The homeowner is then encouraged to replace their section of lateral service line if it is found to be made of copper or lead.

All drinking water, including bottled water, can be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health threat. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, you can call the Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Annually, the village is required by the State of Wisconsin to provide you, the water utility customer, with a report on the quality of its water. If you have any questions about this report or your water utility please contact Mike Tolvstad, Director of Public Works at 929-3765 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Definition of Terms Used in the Chart on the Following Page

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
mrem/year	Millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)


Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	.1224	.1224 mg/l	8/28/02	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservative
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	1.37pp	1.37ppm		NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promote strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	4.00	15 mg/l	8/28/02	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10	0.012	.0003-.48	9/9/04	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)	15	0	13.6 (average)	2-15	7/24/02	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l)	50	n/a	11.1 (average)	3-50	07/24/02	NO	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l.
RADIUM (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0	3.7	3.7	04/24/02	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
URANIUM (Pci/l)	NA	0	2.+0.2	2.+0.2	7/24/2002	NO	

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