

The Villager

Fall 2007

From the President & Administrator

Greetings from the Village Administrator Al Vacanti

As the first signs of autumn make their way throughout our Village and region, I find myself once again enjoying my favorite time of the year. I marvel at the wonder of flocks of geese preparing to migrate south for the winter, sharing responsibilities throughout the flight of thousands of miles from their summer nesting areas. Crisp nights give way to gorgeous and mild days. The brilliance of fall foliage permeates throughout the state. Bows and rifles are being prepped in anticipation of "Opening Day". And the excitement of pennant races, baseball playoffs, the World Series, and Packers and Badgers football bring the season full circle. Like the old commercial said, "It just doesn't get any better than this."

Through it all, life has a way of bringing balance to each of us. The pleasures of fall serve as a release from the responsibilities of the workplace. As we enter this time of the year, the Village employees are deeply involved in the process of putting the 2008 budget together for consideration by the Board of Trustees. It is once again going to be a fine balancing act of trying to stretch every source of revenue as far as possible in order to provide our community with top-notch service. Yet we are all committed to doing as much as possible to make this budget

work effectively.

Everyone wants to see their tax bill reduced. I will be the first one leading the parade if I find out how it can appropriately be done. However, there has to be a sacrifice of some sort to pay for that luxury. Usually that comes either in the reduction of services or of personnel. I don't ever want to be a part of either scenario.

The Village of North Fond du Lac needs its library, its Community Center and its parks. Our streets need to be patrolled regularly to ensure that our community remains a safe place to live. We need our dedicated Fire and EMS Department to respond to the emergencies that occasionally find their way into our life. Our streets and public utilities need regular maintenance and occasional repair or replacement so that we may continue to live in a level of comfort envied by most of the world. Our young people and the young at heart want to be able to cool off on a sweltering summer day by taking a dip in the municipal pool. And we all know how important regular garbage pick-up is to the cleanliness and health of a community.

Those are among the many services provided by local government to its residents, including the Village of North Fond du Lac. Many of those services are absolute necessities. Oth-

ers are amenities provided in an effort to enhance the quality of life of the people who live in the village. When the call goes up to lower taxes or limit spending, it begs the following question in response, "What do you want cut?" Rarely is a viable solution found.

I have stated before that my goal is to retire here. I bought a home here. I pay taxes here. And I am very happy to call North Fond du Lac my home. For the next several years I am committed to working with the Board, department heads, village employees, businesses and other agencies, and responsible citizens to do my part to bring the highest quality of service to the Village of North Fond du Lac at the most affordable cost. In my humble opinion, the most responsible way of doing that is to broaden the tax base of our community. In so doing we position ourselves to realize a greater and more reliable stream of revenues from within the village while weaning ourselves from reliance on revenues from outside sources such as the State of Wisconsin. So how do we broaden our tax base?

A very simple answer to that question is "smart growth". To expand on that a bit further, that means that economic/community development efforts will be vital to bringing quality business and housing options to the community. Preserving and improving on what we already have is equally important to attracting and securing new investment into the community.

The Village of North Fond du Lac is committed to efforts to attract long-term, viable businesses and housing opportunities into our community over the next several years. While growth is never as quick as we would like it to be, evidence of those efforts is being seen in the construction of the spec building at Northgate Business

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Park. You see a noticeable number of new homes being built in our community. Hopefully we will be able to bring to North Fond du Lac projects that will reap economic benefits for our community and create a new and more vibrant identity as well. That includes projects that fill Northgate Business Park, projects that either renovate or remove and replace old, neglected properties, and projects that create a new energy and sense of excitement for all of us who call North Fond du Lac home. I have a very simple explanation for my commitment to this: I want my home town to be the best that it can be.

With those projects come increased property values, from which should come the primary source of revenues for North Fond du Lac. Increasing the overall assessed valuations within the village will help serve a goal of mine to keep future tax levies at or below their current levels. So even if the value of your home or business property may increase, any tax consequences will be less severe than they have been. I am with all of you when it comes to this – the less I have to pay for the same or higher level of service the better.

This is not going to be an overnight fix. I bring this message to you to let you know that your Board of Trustees and I are committed to putting the Village of North Fond du Lac in a strong financial state that will serve our friends and neighbors well for many years into the future. Every decision made with regards to this year's budget will not only be considered in light of what is needed for today, but what is best for the long term. With all of this work before us, I think I need a short break. I'm going to step outside for a bit and breathe in some of the crisp autumn air. Then I'm going to have a snack. Hot apple pie ala mode sounds too tempting to pass up. OK. Break's over. It's time to get back to work. May your harvest be bountiful.

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
October 28	Trick or Treat 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices Closed
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday. Offices Closed.
January 1	New Year Holiday. Offices Closed.

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 25. 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.

President Update

The transition from trustee to president has gone well over the last six months. The Village Administrator, Trustees, and village staff have been very helpful in letting me know when and what needs to be done with the additional responsibilities.

During my terms as Trustee and now as President, I am continually looking for cost saving opportunities, promoting village growth, and keeping the Village of North Fond du Lac a great place to live and work. We have started the annual budget process for the fiscal year 2008. It seems like only last week that we had approved the 2007 budget. The year has gone fast. The board will be working with the department heads to see how we can prioritize the expenditure requests to agree on an acceptable balance between what needs to be done in 2008 and the revenue to support them. The board, along with the department heads, has a responsibility to provide a fair wage and benefit program for our employees, maintain services to our residents, promote growth, and still be fiscally responsible.

I have a few ideas that I would like to implement in the coming months. One change I have made is to have our Village Administrator, Chief of Police, and

Public Works Director, along with any other department heads, give a recap of recent activities in their departments at our board meetings. These updates are very informative. I encourage you to either come to our board meetings at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of the month, or watch the live televised coverage of the meetings on charter cable. Meetings usually last about 20 minutes and are done well in advance of Monday Night Football.

Thanks for reading the Villager and keeping up with what is happening in our community.

Chuck Hornung
Village President





LIBRARY NEWS

The Summer Reading Program at the library had area children reading an impressive 42,640 minutes. Congratulations to all who participated and to the parents who encouraged their children to keep reading over summer vacation. The month of September is designated as National Library Card Sign-Up Month. But if you were too busy during back-to-school month, please come in during October (or any other month during the year) to sign a registration form and receive your free library card: the SMART-EST CARD. Get it-Use [it.@Your](#) Library.

The library has recently received several donations of memorial money. This is used to purchase books in memory of a loved one. A label is attached in front of the item noting who is being remembered in this lasting way.

Roundy's "We Care" program has issued the library several checks in the past year. If you haven't signed up for this donation program yet please do so at the store's service desk. The library account # is 723850. Then every time you use your Pick 'n Save Advantage card at the checkout, a donation from that purchase is added to the library's account.

The Van Dyne Lions Club and the Van Dyne Lioness Club have both given generous donations to purchase large print books and audio books. If you know any members of these groups, please thank them for their generosity to your local library. The library is noting an increased demand for large print books and so has subscribed to a library system rotation of large print

Titles. These 25 books will come and go every 2 months and will supplement the library's own collection of this format.

Kohl's Department Store recently gave the library over 100 stuffed animals which were from a recent promotion of juvenile author Mark Teague's books. Their generosity is much appreciated. These were shared with some of the other smaller libraries within the Winnefox library system and also with the North Fond du Lac Police Department. Kohl's also include some children's books and CDs in their donation.

The adult On Track Readers book group resumed meeting after a summer break. They come together on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 A.M. in the library's meeting room. You're invited to join. The September title was *Ice Bound: a Doctor's Incredible Battle For Survival at the South Pole* by Dr. Jerri Nielsen. The October title will be *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The only requirement is that the book the group selects be read (or listened to) before the meeting. Anyone who likes to read and share their ideas with others is welcome.

There will be another card making workshop for adults offered at the library on Saturday, October 6, from 1-2 P.M.

There is limited registration so sign-up as soon as possible!

Preschool and Family Night Programs:

Fall and Early Winter 2007 Story Times are starting up. They are free for kids and their grownups. These programs are a wonderful way to way to nurture your child's love of books and reading.

Family Night (All ages) resumes on Thursday, September 13, 2007 and runs through

December 20, 2007. Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Preschool Story Time (Ages 2 1/2-5) resumes on Friday, September 14, 2007 and runs through December 21, 2007. Fridays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

Each Story Time lasts about 30 minutes. Come and join us as we read stories, complete craft projects, sing songs and perform finger plays.

School Age Programs: Friday, October 26, 2007 from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Join us for an hour filled with fun and crafts as we create a fun fall project: Owl and Crow Popcorn Sacks

*Friday, November 16, 2007 from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Join us for an hour filled with fun and crafts as we create a fall project and make a delicious treat: Indian Corn Bars and Haystack Cookie Treats Please register by calling 929-3771, as space is limited. Kindergartners through 5th graders invited. We look forward to the many school children who visit the library to check out books and materials and to those who come for Story Time. Thank you to the teachers from the Early Learning Center-Head Start and 4-K, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Arts For Kids and Playhouse 4 the Precious.

National Children's Book Week :November 12-18, 2007 Kids, stop by the library during this week for a try at our guessing jar. Maybe you'll be a winner!

www.northfonddulaclibrary.org

Fond du Lac County News

Vaccines Available at the North Fond du Lac Com- munity Center

The Fond du Lac County Health Department will be offering influenza and pneumococcal vaccines at the North Fond du Lac Community Center on Friday, October 19, 2007, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$22.00 for influenza vaccine and \$25.00 for pneumococcal vaccine. The Health Department will directly bill Medicaid, Medicare Part B, and Medicare Advantage Plans. Influenza vaccine is recommended for all children from 6 months to 5 years of age, anyone 50 years of age or older, and anyone who suffers from long-term health problems or has a weakened immune system and their caregivers. Influenza vaccine is also recommended for anyone who wants to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza or spreading influenza to others. For more information and dates of additional clinics, contact the Health Department @ 929-3085 or visit www.fdlco.wi.gov.

Fond du Lac County's E911 System

Fond du Lac County is looking to replace its E911 phone system which has been in use for four years. The system is no longer supported as the company who supplied it has been bought out and the new company refuses to offer maintenance agree-

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ments. The system had an unscheduled 17-hour failure in May. E911 lines were transferred to Dodge County for the duration while technicians worked diligently to correct the problem. Technicians shared with us that the failure of the system was both hardware as well as software. Since May, the system has been failing regularly and is at end of life.

The new system being proposed is the Positron Viper. It is an ATT system and will be upgradeable over the course of the next five years. The hope is that we will be able to extend the life of the system beyond that five years. The system gives us a variety of backup capabilities such as Dodge County and possibly both Winnebago and Outagamie Counties. Both Winnebago and Outagamie Counties are looking at the same system as their E911 phone systems are also at end of life, experiencing the same outage issues that Fond du Lac County has recently encountered.

Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services Child Welfare System Review

The week of September 17-21, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services completed a Quality Services Review (QSR) of the Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services Child Welfare System. The state will review all 72 counties over a five-year period. In response to a previous federal review, the state has developed a review protocol to assist counties in identifying strengths and areas for improvement with their child welfare systems. Twelve cases were randomly selected by the state to review in Fond du Lac. The review includes interviews with biological families, children, foster parents, guardians, therapists, etc. There were also many focus groups of stakeholders in the community. A

summary of the findings was presented on Friday, September 21. A final report will be posted on the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services website by December 20, 2007. The link to the website is <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/cqireview/cqiReports.HTM>.

Eisenbahn State Park Trail

The Fond du Lac County Planning and Parks Department continues to make progress on the development of the Eisenbahn State Park Trail between Eden and West Bend. Department staff worked with Canadian National Railroad officials most of the spring and summer to arrange for removal of railroad tracks from Eden south to Tracks Lane, a distance of about 2 miles. Most of this track has been removed and trail surfacing should start in the next month and finish before this coming winter. Once complete, the trail surface will be finished between Eden and West Bend, a distance of about 22 miles. The multiple purpose recreation trail will be completed with a pair of grants from the Recreational Trails Act and the Aid for the Development of Local Parks program for a total of \$56,955. Permitted trail uses include walking, running, and bicycling during the summer months and walking, skiing, and snowmobiling during the winter months. The long-term plan for the Eisenbahn Trail is to extend the trail into Fond du Lac once the Eden to Fond du Lac section of the CN railroad is abandoned to make connections with the Prairie Trail, Wild Goose Trail, and the Plank Trail.

Sherry Behnke
County Board Supervisor – District
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Sidewalk Shoveling

Residents are reminded to keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow. The village ordinance requires that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. If you have problems with ice that cannot be removed, a salt and sand mixture is available in the sand containers that are disbursed throughout the village.

If you have a hydrant located near your home, cleaning the hydrant area ensures that in case of emergency the fire department will have access to the hydrants.

Winter Parking

November 1st marks the beginning of the Winter Parking season in North Fond du Lac. The Winter Parking season is defined as November 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Police Department would like to remind residents about the Winter Parking regulations. Please cooperate with public works crews by following the restrictions that have been established so that they can be most effective in keeping our roads safe.

The ordinance specifies that between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the snow removal season, it shall be illegal to park any vehicle on any street, highway, or any terrace, street, or highway right of way, during or after any snowfall where the accumulation of snow is one inch or more and the parking of a vehicle on the street, alley, highway, terrace, or right of way interferes with the timely and efficient removal of snow.

Parking penalties for the first violation of the winter parking ordinance during any snow removal season will be \$15.00 (\$30 if not paid within 5 days). The penalty for the second violation shall be \$30.00 (\$45 if not paid within 5 days). The third violation shall be \$50.00 (\$65 if not paid

within 5 days), and the fine for any fourth or subsequent violation of the winter parking ordinance during a snow removal season shall be \$100.00.

During any time of snow emergency, which is determined by the Director of Public Works, all vehicles will be required to be moved off the streets by 2 a.m. Failure to adhere to this section will result in citation and towing of vehicles, which are in violation, at owner's expense.

If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, please feel free to contact one of the local police officers to discuss your questions or concerns.



Brush/leaf pickup

The public works department will pick up leaves and other lawn and garden waste beginning on October 22nd and October 29th, November 5th and November 12th. Leaves and other waste must be bagged in suitable bags, and placed on the terrace for pick-up in such a manner that it does not block access to refuse or recycle containers. Residents may also take their leaves and other lawn waste to the drop-off site located at the municipal garage at 55 Indiana Avenue.

The last Brush/branch pick-up of the year will be November 5th. After that date brush may be taken to the drop-off site located at the municipal garage at 55 Indiana Avenue.

The public works department will pick up Christmas trees in January starting on Monday January 7th through January 28, 2008.

Safe Routes to School

Through the combined efforts of the North Fond du Lac School District, community residents and the North Fond du Lac Police Department, motorists in North Fond du Lac are again seeing a very visible reminder to slow-down in school crossings. Five traffic delineators were purchased with funds provided by the School District, citizen donations and the Police Department. The bright green and reflective signs remind motorists to yield to pedestrians.

These traffic markers serve as a reminder to drivers of the high likelihood of the presence of children and the need to slow down. In addition, officers will be placing a strong emphasis on monitoring traffic in these areas during school hours and will be strictly enforcing traffic safety regulations. The safety of our children is obviously important not only to the police department, but the school district and residents, as well.

The school district and the police department worked together to determine where the markers would be most valuable. In order to provide safe routes for each of the schools in the district, the markers are posted in areas of Thurke Avenue and Broadway Street (Friendship Learning Center), McKinley Street and Adams Avenue, Prospect Avenue between McKinley Street and Harrison Street (North Fond du Lac Middle & High Schools), Minnesota Avenue and McKinley Street, and Minnesota Avenue and Cleveland Street (Early Learning Center). Parents should encourage children to cross at these high visibility areas.

Police Offer Trick-or-Treat Bags & Safety Tips

Halloween and trick-or-treat should be a time of fun and enjoyment. The Police Department is happy to offer trick-or-treat collection bags for Village children. Parents and children can stop by the Police Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up a bag, but supplies are limited.

Police also urge everyone to follow these tips and guidelines so parents and youngsters can avoid unpleasant and dangerous surprises.

- Young children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult.
 - Children should stop only at houses where the porch light is lit and they should **NEVER** enter a stranger's home or car to receive a treat.
 - Children should stay on sidewalks and they should walk, not run.
 - Costumes should be short enough so they do not present a tripping hazard, and masks, which can obstruct vision, should be removed before crossing streets or driveways.
 - Parents should discuss with children the importance of trick-or-treating only in familiar neighborhoods and along an established route.
 - Parents should establish a return time for older children.
 - Children should stay away from and should not pet animals unfamiliar to them.
 - Children should not eat anything before returning home, and parents should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.
 - Homeowners should eliminate tripping hazards on porches and walkways, and jack o'lanterns with candles should be placed well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Motorists should **slow down** and watch for children darting out from between parked cars and walking on roadways

and curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

Parents Encouraged to Monitor Children's Computer Usage.

We are very lucky to live in a relatively safe community here in North Fond du Lac. Most parents feel their children are safe when they are at home with the doors locked. Unfortunately, our children may still be vulnerable even though they are in our homes. If your child has access to a computer with internet access, s/he could easily become the victim of a crime.

Recently, right here in North Fond du Lac, a 22 year-old man was arrested after he sexually solicited a fourteen year-old girl online and met with her in person, attempting to have sexual contact with her. The two began "chatting" when the man contacted the girl through her individual profile on [hoverspot.com](#). [Hoverspot](#) is a social networking site similar to the more widely known [MySpace](#). Sites such as these allow users to post blogs, pictures and videos; as well as communicate with friends and people they don't even know from around the world. While these opportunities can be fun and allow for creativity, they can also be dangerous.

Numerous child abductions have been related to the internet and on-line chat rooms. In several cases nationwide, children first met and talked to their abductor on-line in a chat room. After communicating for a period of time, the abductor lured the child to a location to meet in person. A similar crime, which resulted in two sexual assault arrests, occurred right here in North Fond du Lac.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about internet safety. Guidelines and rules should be established for children, and the computer should be located in a common area of the home. If your child uses on-line chat, their

activities should be monitored. Parents wouldn't even consider allowing their child to wander unattended down a dark alley at night, and children shouldn't be allowed to wander alone in the cyber-world where predators are known to be lurking either.

If you are interested in learning more about keeping your child safe on-line, please contact SRO Donovan Heavener at 929-3740 ext. 5107. The North Fond du Lac Police Department hosts a number of educational meetings throughout the year to discuss Protecting Children Online. If any organizations or groups are interested in hosting a special presentation, we will be happy to present to your group.

It's 11 o'clock: Do You Know Where Your Child is

The Police Department has recently been asked about North Fond du Lac's curfew for children. The Village has a curfew ordinance, which makes it unlawful for any child under 18 years of age to loaf, idle, or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, or public places in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless such child is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult having legal custody of such child. The ordinance does not prohibit any child from performing an errand or duty if directed by his parent or guardian of urgent necessity or from pursuing the duties of his/her employment in an expeditious and orderly manner, or from going to or from business or amusement places or private homes. The ordinance also makes it unlawful for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit a child to be in violation of these restrictions. The penalty for violation of the curfew ordinance is a forfeiture of \$50.

Food For Families

The North Fond du Lac Police Department/North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association is once again adopting a number of area families for the Christmas holiday through their annual 'Food for Families' program. We are hopeful that area businesses, churches, schools, and individuals will again support the police department in this effort to brighten the holiday season for less fortunate families. In December, officers of the department will begin delivering approximately one week's worth of groceries, including a complete Christmas turkey dinner and gifts for children, to area families that the department has "adopted."

Each year the employees of the police department look forward to having the opportunity to brighten the holiday season for area families that are in need of a little assistance. This is important to the police department because it's an opportunity to help others, and it allows for officers to interact with residents in a more positive light than might usually be associated with police contacts.

Last year, the following businesses, organizations and individuals made donations to Food for Families:

- Community United Methodist Church of North Fond du Lac
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church of North Fond du Lac
- Bessie Allen Middle School
- Divine Savior Church of North Fond du Lac
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 156 of North Fond du Lac
- Village of North Fond du Lac Municipal Offices staff
- North Fond du Lac Community Center
- North Fond du Lac Snow Buzzards Snowmobile Club
- AMVET Post #41
- AMVET Auxiliary Post #41
- Several gracious citizens
- Several anonymous donors

Boxes will again be placed throughout the community for residents to make non-perishable food donations. Donations of cash, non-perishable food items and new, in-package toys can also be made at the North Fond du Lac Police Department, which is located at 16 Garfield Street. Business hours for the police department are Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM. Any groups or individuals that are interested in donating or contributing are asked to contact Karie Tackett or Teresa Rauls at the North Fond du Lac Police Department. They can be reached at 920-929-3760 during regular business hours.

School District of North Fond du Lac Update

Another school year is upon us and we are off to a terrific start. We continue to have a tremendous amount of success in achieving our district vision statement of "Working Together for the Success of All". This statement demands a sincere level of collaboration and teamwork that has been continually evidenced through sound relationships at every level of our organization.

In August, the Board of Education met for their semi-annual Board Developmental Workshop and established priorities for the school year. The priorities emphasize enhancing student academic and standardized test performance, promoting effective leadership, and increasing pride and ownership in our district. Each priority calls for the collaboration of the Board, administration, staff, students, parents and community members. These priorities, along with our district curricular focus on reading/literacy development and instructional culture will guide our alignment of time, energy and resources. Through a sustained focus on student learning and relationship building, the School District of North Fond du Lac is poised to fulfill these priorities and continue to grow.

Part of that growth will evolve from the

district's adoption of a Balanced Literacy approach for the instruction of reading and writing. The program stands firmly on the premise that all students can be successful with reading and writing. This balance between reading and writing allows students to receive the instruction needed in order to experience success while allowing students to work at a level that is not frustrating for them. Staff members researched the model heavily last year and visited schools where the model was being implemented. Training will occur throughout the 2007-2008 school year with full implementation scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year.

We take great pride in serving the students, parents and greater North Fond du Lac community to assist in developing the next generation of community leaders. Please contact Superintendent Dr. James Sebert at 929-3750 or at jsebert@nfdl.k12.wi.us with any questions you may have regarding the district. He is also available on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for Coffee and Conversation throughout the community. A schedule of Coffee and Conversation dates, times, and locations as well as additional information on your school district can be found by visiting the district website at www.nfdl.k12.wi.us.

Touchstone Living Center Flu Shots

We will be offering flu and pneumonia shots to the community on November 7th, 2008. The cost of the flu shot will be \$30, the pneumonia shot will be \$40. We are working with Medicare, Aetna, Evercare, Security Horizon, and Humana Gold Choice. We are able to bill the previous insurance companies. There are no appointments necessary, just stop on in. We hope to see you there!

Crime Tip Line Offered

The Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of a County Wide Crime Tip Line. Effective immediately, members of the public can call 920-906-4777 to anonymously report information regarding criminal activity anywhere in Fond du Lac County. The tip line was implemented by the Fond du Lac County Law Enforcement Executive Association. The Police Department would like to acknowledge and thank Fond du Lac County for donating one of their phone lines and the programming required to provide this service.

Upon calling the crime tip line, callers will be given the option of either talking directly to a law enforcement dispatcher, or they may use a menu system to leave a voice message for one of the following Fond du Lac County law enforcement agencies:

Sheriff's Office "1"
Fond du Lac Police Department "2"
North Fond du Lac Police Department "3"
Ripon Police Department "4"
Waupun Police Department "5"
Campbellsport Police Department "6"
Brandon/Fairwater Police Department "7"
Oakfield Police Department "8"
Rosendale Police Department "9"

This crime tip line should not be used in emergency situations. Callers wishing to report life threatening or other similar emergencies should call 911.

The Police Department encourages residents of to use this Crime Tip Line to help us better protect our community.



WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

Fall is the perfect time to start winterizing your home for the coming cold months. Performing a few simple maintenance projects around your home could save you money and frustration later in the middle of winter.

I have compiled the following list of tips to help get you safely and comfortably through the winter months:

Have your furnace checked by a professional, make sure the thermostat is working, the filter is clean, and that your chimney is clear of obstructions.

Clean out your roof valleys, gutters, and downspouts. A clogged drainage system causes melting snow and ice to refreeze in the gutters. Eventually so much ice builds up that gutters and overhangs can be damaged, or in the worst case scenario, water from new melting snow can't drain anywhere but through the roof and into your home.

On the outside of your home: caulk joints and cracks in the foundation and siding, install storm windows if you have them, check the caulking and weather stripping around doors and windows, insulate exterior spigots if they cannot be drained.

On the inside of your home: install window seal kits if your windows are drafty or consider replacing them before the cold months ahead. Test your smoke detectors to make sure they function properly and install a fresh battery if necessary. If you have a wood fireplace make sure the chimney is clean and free of build up or bird's nests and close the damper until you are ready to use the fireplace.

Following a few easy maintenance routines annually will help make your home safe and comfortable during winter months. Enjoy the fall colors and have a great winter.

By Peter Feters
Village of North Fond du Lac
Building/Zoning Inspector

Sump Pumps

Village residents who run their sump pumps into the street should be aware that from November 1 through April 1 it is illegal to pump water onto the street surface, because of the icing problems it creates. Residents are asked to disconnect the piping that runs into the street and to redirect the water into their backyard. Sump pumps **may not** be diverted into the interior plumbing of the home.

North Fond du Lac Optimist Club

The North Fond du Lac Optimist Club is having its Annual Pancake Day on Saturday November 10th at the presentation school on Garfield St. The event will take place from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Prices are \$5.00 if tickets are bought in advance
\$6.00 at the door
Children \$2.00
Children under 2 are free
Come join us for pancakes and a good time!

Village Newsletter Locations

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

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Community Center
Spillman Library
Steenberg Communities
The Classic Cut
PDQ
NFDL Mighty Mart
Johnson Dental

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 e-mail list to receive the newsletter.

Snow and Ice Removal

It is the responsibility of all property owners to remove snow and ice from their property. The following is an excerpt from the Village's ordinance regarding snow removal:

- (1) **Responsibility of Owner, Occupant, Etc.** It shall be the responsibility of every property owner within the Village of North Fond du Lac who has sidewalks abutting their property, to remove or cause to be removed, snow or ice to the full width of said sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. If ice has formed and cannot be removed, it shall be sprinkled with salt, sand, ashes or deicer or create non-skid surface.
- (2) **Removal by Village.** If the provisions of paragraph (1) are not met, the Director of Public Works or his agent, shall cause said walks to be cleaned or sprinkled with an abrasive or deicer as outlined in paragraph (1). All expenses involved shall be assessed as a special tax against the parcel at the current rate as outline in the Village policy manual.
- (3) **Putting Snow in Streets.** It shall be unlawful to place, shovel, or blow snow into any street within the Village.
- (4) **Penalty.** The penalty for violation of any provision of this section shall be as provided in Section 18.04 of this code. Each day the violation exists constitutes a separate violation. Fine could range from \$1 - \$500.



Fall Fertilizing

Fall is here and its time to put away the lawn mower and dig out the shovels. You have to admit it, you are secretly pleased that your lawn care responsibilities are on hold over the winter. But you may not be done yet. Late fall (around Halloween) is the best time of the year to fertilize for a healthy lawn year round.

By late fall (October) the lawn has passed through the stressful summer months and is ready to rebuild itself. Here are some tips for fall fertilizing:

Perform a soil test to see what nutrients your lawn really needs

Use a 0 or low phosphorus fertilizer if your lawn doesn't need additional phosphorus

Apply fertilizer when the average daily temperature drops to 50 degrees

Look for 7-10 days where the high temperature is consistently 50 degrees and around 30 degrees at night

Keep these things in mind and you and your lawn can happily hibernate from lawn care for the winter.

The Northeast Wisconsin Storm water Consortium is a partnership of area communities working together to educate you on how we can make great strides in protecting and enjoying our environment.

6th Annual Holiday Lighting Contest

This year will be the sixth annual lighting contest. To keep up with tradition, Katie and Chuck will sponsor the contest. Judging will take place the week of December 23rd. There is no need to register. Judging will be based on originality, Christmas theme, and effort. There will be a first place award of a \$50 gift certificate, and a second and third place \$25 gift certificate.

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Jim Scharf, Trustee -	921-6625
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Village Departments

Administrator /Treasurer	929-3765
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EMS	929-3760
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Library	929-3771
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Police	929-3760

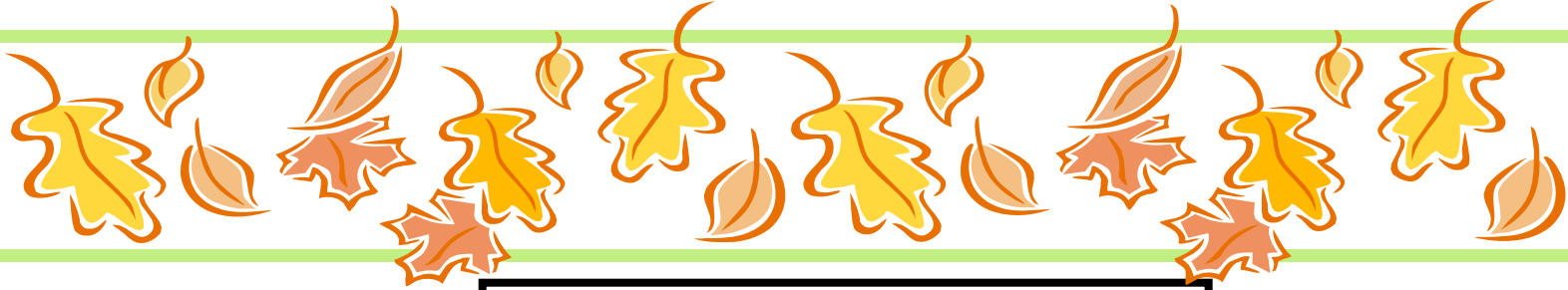
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| 4. Gum disease/oral cancer | 13. Sealant Analysis |
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