

# THE VILLAGER

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## From the Administrator

During the weeks before the New Year, the media focuses on looking at the major news items for the year as well as making predictions for the upcoming year. I thought I would do the same by recapping 2010 and what I hope to see accomplished in 2011.

The Village staff changed during the course of the year. One of our Public Works personnel left for another job. We are still in the process of filling this position. A long time employee of over 20 years, Claire Lotto has decided to retire. An article in this Villager spotlights Claire and her many years of dedicated service to the Village. We all wish her well and hope she enjoys the next phase of her life.

You may have noticed a new refuse truck picking up your garbage. The old truck has been run well past its normal life. At times we were hoping the box would stay on the frame and last until the new truck arrived. When talking to the truck operators, they say that the new truck operates much smoother and is not as hard on the refuse containers. The normal life of a refuse truck is eight years. The Village was able to extend the life of the old truck for 10 years by being very diligent in keeping it well maintained.

The Village completed the project of drilling well #5. The well is 812 feet deep and is able to provide a high volume of water. For several years, the DNR has been encouraging the Village to drill a new well. We have three wells where well #2 and well #3 when blended with well #4 are within the radium guidelines. If well #4 is down for any extended period of time for normal maintenance, the radium level rises close to the DNR's allowed limit. Well #5 will be part of the active wells and supply water to the Village in the coming years. The well house and well pumps are scheduled for later 2013. Drilling well #5 in late 2009 and completing in 2010 saved considerable money due to contractors being very aggressive when looking for contracts.

The Town of Fond du Lac water tower was completed, painted and put into service. You can see the tower off to the right as you enter onto south Highway 151 from Military Ave towards Madison. 100% of the water tower costs are being paid by the Town of Fond du Lac. The Village provides water to a number of businesses and residents in the Town of Fond du Lac. The water tower provides the necessary water pressure for future business and residential growth. The Town of Fond du Lac has been a great neighbor to the Village.



The North Fond du Lac Municipal Court grew by adding three new members. The Cities of Green Lake, Princeton, and Berlin joined the Village of North Fond du Lac, Village of Rosendale, Village of Brandon, Village of Campbellsport, Village of Fairwater, Village of Oakfield, City of Fond du Lac, City of Markesan, Town of Ripon, Town of Empire, Town of Taycheedah, and Town of Osceola for a total of fifteen members. Judge Jerry Jay and staff processed over 10,000 citations in 2010. The Municipal Court continues to receive inquiries from municipalities and townships about how the court operates and the possibility of joining. The Judge and staff do an excellent and

professional job treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Financially, the Village did very well with the help of staff. The three unions agreed to a wage freeze for 2010 with furlough time. Through planning and being very conscience of keeping costs down, we were able to keep the Village portion of the 2011 tax levy to less than a 1% increase. Our debt service continues to go down every year. Our financial audit by Baker Tilly gives the Village a very good grade for what we are doing and the state of our finances. *Continued on inside of back page.*

**There will be a forum of the candidates for Village Board on a Monday in March at 6 PM, following the Board Meeting.**



### A Community Survey

The Village wants your thoughts on issues facing the Village and possible projects. If you are a property owner, a copy of the survey was in your real estate tax bill. Please also find the survey on our home page at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org), or at the Village offices or at the Library. You can drop it off at the Village dropbox 24 hours a day, hand it in during office hours at 16 Garfield, give it to a Librarian, or send or drop it off at the County with your property taxes. Thanks for caring!

Don't forget the Library's Annual Book Sale, April 10-April 16th, during National Library Week.

## Every Drop Counts...

Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks?

Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. That's why WaterSense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year during Fix a Leak Week.

Fix a Leak Week 2010 saved millions of gallons of water across the nation!

### The Facts on Leaks:

- Leaks can account for, on average, 10,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year, which is enough to fill a backyard swimming pool.
- The amount of water leaked from U.S. homes could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons per year. That's equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. All are easily correctable.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills.
- Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet valves, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment and can be installed by do-it-yourselfers.



## Fix a Leak Week

March 14-20, 2011

### Checking for Leaks

To check for leaks in your home, first you need to determine whether you're wasting water, then identify the source of the leak.

Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

### Fix a Leak: Toilets

If your toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water or more every day.

A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper (sometimes called a "valve seal"). Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for your water woes. To fix this leak, consult your local hardware store, home improvement retailer, or licensed plumber.

### Fix a Leak: Faucets

A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets. Many tutorials are available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets.

### Fix a Leak: Showerheads

A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year.

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks. For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handyman or licensed plumber.

Tip: It's also a good idea to check and, if needed, replace the washer or "o" ring inside the showerhead while making this repair.

### Fix a Leak: Outdoors

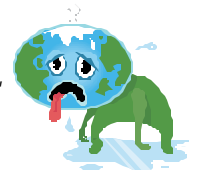
If you have an in-ground irrigation system, check it each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing.

Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

### Leaks Still Flowing Overboard?

Have you done all that you can to try to eliminate leaks from your home but *still* can't nip that drip in the bud?

If you've already determined you have leaks and you find these step-by-step solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures. If you consult with a plumbing professional, and look for the WaterSense label if you are considering a new toilet or faucet, you could increase your home's water efficiency.



For many ideas on ways to save water, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/resources/publications.html>

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE VILLAGE POOL!!



### 1. DROP OFF YOUR ALUMINUM CANS at PDQ, 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS.

The NFDL Optimist trailer for collecting aluminum cans for the Village Pool will be located at PDQ ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

### 2. COME TO THE BRAT FRY FOR THE POOL ON MARCH 26TH.



### 3. SAVE UP YOUR RUMMAGE TO DONATE TO THEIR SALE AT VILLAGE PARK AS PART OF THE VILLAGE-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE, ON MAY 21ST THIS YEAR.

### 4. BUY A SEASON PASS FOR YOUR FAMILY

### 5. GO TO THE POOL MORE OFTEN



## Claire Lotto Retires from the Village Administrative Offices

For over 20 years, Claire Lotto was the smiling face and cheerful voice that everyone was looking for when they called or stopped by the Village offices. Claire arrived at work early to give extra time to the Village every morning, getting the office opened up. She insisted on it; wouldn't take off extra minutes at lunchtime to compensate herself for those precious minutes given in the morning, ever!

Her family moved to the Village in 1978; she was pregnant with Zack at the time. They first lived on Maine Avenue, and moved to Minnesota Avenue 14 years ago. Zachary now works at Oshkosh Truck, and is a proud member of the National Guard. He recently also bought a home in North Fond du Lac.

Claire began work at the Village in April of 1990. Her titles were Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable/Billing Clerk. She most enjoyed waiting on people. In those days, she remembers that ambulance bills were processed here, with a typewriter and carbon paper. Back then, it took four hours to print water bills, (after two weeks of reading meters). The dot matrix printer (used to print the bills) was so loud, the Administrator would hide in his office, as he could not stand the noise. They used software called Mr. Bill, and recorded every payment in a ledger book, with daily accounting. Back then, we also collected real estate property taxes here, and had people standing in the entryway on the last days before they were due; and many paid in cash. Claire says "It was a godsend when the County took it over," which happened about ten years ago.

Over the years, with remodeling and staff changes, Claire says she sat in nearly every chair and office, including what is now the Administrator's office, the Clerk's office, the Deputy Treasurer's office, and what is now the Billing Clerk's area. She worked under six different Administrators in her twenty years. She chuckles as she recalls when a newer phone system was being installed and it didn't work; Jodie Goebel, then the Clerk-Treasurer, ran some cups and string through the offices, so they could talk to each other.

In retirement, Claire is looking forward to gardening and traveling. Claire was honored for her ever faithful service at the Board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She will be truly missed here in the office. But she is not far away. When you see her, wish her the best!

## The School District of North Fond du Lac Update—January 2011

The school year is approaching the half way point! It is amazing how time flies. We continue to knock on wood and hope for good weather! I would like to begin this month's article with a special thank you to John Will and his family. Sadly, on December 15<sup>th</sup>, John died in an automobile accident. John dedicated over 34 years to the School District of North Fond du Lac. He was instrumental in many building projects and served our District well in many different capacities. He will be greatly missed. On behalf of the entire School District of North Fond du Lac, Thank You John for making our District better!



Check out our presence on the web! The School District of North Fond du Lac is dedicated to evolving to best communicate with our customers and constituents. We have a website – [www.nfdl.k12.wi.us](http://www.nfdl.k12.wi.us) – that is dedicated to up-date information and stories. Please let us know if we can enhance or include anything on our web sites that would be helpful. We have also begun to utilize social media outlets. Please "befriend" us on Facebook (Nfdl Schools and Aaron Sadoff-School). The District will also begin utilizing Twitter in the near future. If anyone has ideas of how our District could best utilize these great tools to best help our students and communities, please contact Karen Hoff ([khoff@nfdl.k12.wi.us](mailto:khoff@nfdl.k12.wi.us)) with your great ideas.

On the horizon is Wisconsin's annual open enrollment period, which this year will be open from February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>. Open enrollment in Wisconsin allows for parents and guardians to apply for admission in up to as many as three alternate districts for the following school year. More information is available on-line at the District website.

The State's open enrollment program has truly created a marketplace in the world of education. We are thoughtful of the choices that parents and guardians can make on the part of their students and continue to work hard to ensure we meet the needs of every learner. Our approach has two prongs; first to serve all of the students within our district boundaries with high quality educational and co-curricular opportunities. Second, continue to strive to be a district that attracts students from outside our boundaries due to those high quality offerings that lead to student success, growth, and opportunity.

As a community member reading this edition of The Villager, we believe you have much to be proud of and much to look forward to as our School District evolves. The sky is the limit for the School District of North Fond du Lac. If you haven't checked us out for awhile, please attend a game or concert, or stop in for a tour of our fine schools and facilities. You will see firsthand that we continue to enhance the learning and extra-curricular opportunities we provide in the best interest of the students we serve!

We take great pride in serving the students, parents and greater North Fond du Lac community. Please contact me, Superintendent Aaron Sadoff at (920) 929-3750 or [asadoff@nfdl.k12.wi.us](mailto:asadoff@nfdl.k12.wi.us) with any questions or to schedule a meeting. I can always make time to meet with the members of this great community and would embrace the chance to talk about the School District of North Fond du Lac.

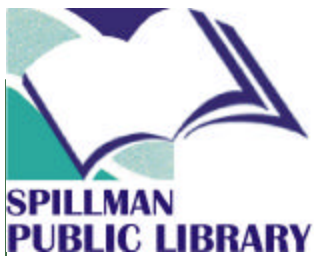
We look forward to a great year, "Working Together for the Success of All." *Aaron S adoff*

**Superintendent, North Fond du Lac Public Schools**



## Village Newsletter Locations

The Villager is available via e-mail, or on line at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org). If you wish to be placed on the e-mailing list, please call the village offices, or write to us at [drichards@nfdl.org](mailto:drichards@nfdl.org). Normal distribution locations are: PDQ, Mighty Mart BP, Dr. Johnson's Office, Classic Cut, Spillman Library, the Community Center, and the Village offices.



**SPILLMAN  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## What's New at Spillman Public Library?

### Story Times

Free for kids and their grownups!  
No registration is required, lasts 30 minutes.

Story Time, a wonderful way to nurture your child's love of books and reading, will resume in February.

- Family Night (All ages) Thursdays from 6:30 to 7 PM.
- Preschool Story Time (Ages 2-5) Fridays from 10-10:30 AM.

Here are the themes for our late winter and early spring story times. We will be exploring lots of new books:

February 3 and 4	Under the Snow, Melissa Stewart
February 10 and 11	Children Make Terrible Pets, Peter Brown
February 17 and 18	Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You, Nancy Tillman
February 24 and 25	Brontorina, James Howe
March 3 and 4	The Gruffalo, Julia Donaldson
March 10 and 11	Tuck Me In! Dean Hachen and Sherry Scharschmidt
March 17 and 18	Little Pea, Amy Krouse Rosenthal
March 24 and 25	Courage, Bernard Waber
March 31 and April 1	Piggy Pie Po, Audrey and Don Wood
April 7 and 8	Spork, Kyo Maclear
April 14 and 15	Dog Loves Books, Louise Yates
April 21 and 22	No Story Time due to Easter
April 28 and 29	The Boss Baby, Marla Frazer
May 5 and 6	3rd Annual Tea Time!



### Santa at Spillman Library



On Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Santa went throughout the Village of North Fond du Lac to greet area children. The big weekend storm had just subsided, and it was bitterly cold. After his tour of the village, Santa greeted children at the library. He talked with children and invited them to come to the special story time in which Santa read a special version of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.



Children gathered to hear the story, and shared their wish list with St. Nick. Children were invited to select a children's book to take home with them. Children were also encouraged to do make-and-take craft mouse. Cookies (donated by 'Rippin' Goo Cookies) and milk (provided by the library) were provided.

We at the library hope you have a wonderful new year in 2011!



**Become an "On Track Reader",  
Join Spillman Public Library's Book Club  
Third Saturday of each month.**



- Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2011 - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
Discuss *The Lakeshore Limited* by Sue Miller
- Saturday, February 19th - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
Discuss *The Help\** by Kathryn Stockett (if available)
- Saturday, March 19th, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. (To Be Announced)
- Saturday, April 16th, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - (To Be Announced)

\*The title may change depending on book availability.

### National Library Week Annual Book Sale

April 11-16th, Spillman Public Library will celebrate National Library Week with our annual book sale. We encourage you to stop in to purchase used and new books for a very low cost, with the majority of items priced at 25 cents - \$1.00. We will sell books, DVDs, videos, CDs, and audiobooks.

The following week, from April 18-20, we will do our "Fill Our Bag" Sale to clear out our leftover items. Patrons can fill our plastic bag for \$3.00.

We appreciate community support of our library!



### Some of our Elderly Citizens Need Help with Shoveling their Walks and Driveways

You will see the policy for removing snow in the Village on page 8. Also, you may notice that some people do not and other people cannot or should not attempt to

shovel their walkway. Village staff members go around writing down people's addresses of the homes needing shoveling. Then, a note is dropped off, telling them that if it is not done in 24 hours, the Village will have it done, and bill the owner.

We sometimes get calls at the Village Offices from people needing someone to help them with their walkways and/or clearing their driveways. Key Club members provide this service as available, but are not always able to provide consistent service.

If you are able to help a neighbor when you notice their walkway, and know they are elderly or disabled, please consider doing so. This act of kindness or consistent service for a modest fee just may help them feel more secure in their homes, and less frustrated and out of control in the wintertime.

Also, if you want to make a few bucks shoveling, post a notice on the Village bulletin boards. Or go out there after a snow, and see who you can help.

### Donations of Library Materials in 2010

Andrews Family	Miller, Carla
Baker, Keetra	Monzel, Andrea
Baleiko Family	Murphy, Diana
Behnke, Sherry	Murphy, Janet
Bergman, Barbara	Nehring, Jeff
Bliefnick, Julie	Newton, Linda
Breaux Family	Norton, Kira and Family
Brey, David	Patt, Cheri
Brinkman, Renata	Prickett, Keith and Janel
Carter, Vickie	Rasimus, Margie
Chitwood, Sue	Redmond, Andrew and Elizabeth
Cratchy, David and Carol	Roberts, Susan
Dolinac, Stacey and Danielle	Rockhoff, Elda
Drazkowski, Amy and Elias Mand	Searcy, Don and Judy
England, Bob and Mary Lou	Schaefer, Kelly
Farkas, Pam and Gary	Schmitz, Jill
Fryer, Rebecca and Elaina	Scharf, Jim
Fryman, Tonya	Schmitz, Robert (Red)
Galle, Renee	Schutz, James
Halsey, Barb and Wayne	Steinbrecker, Barb
Hively Family	Stephany, Judy
Huebschman, Elroy and Connie	Streetar, Mike and Jan
Huseman, Ethan	Stoegbauer, Janet
Immel, Barb	Sweeney, Karen and Rachel
John, Inga	Thiel, LeeAnn
Jurkowski, Jackie	Thielitz, Susan
Kissell, Rick	Trampf, Muriel
Klawitter, Richard	VanderLoop, Rebecca and Jeremy
Krug, Arla	Wagner, Marilyn
Larson, Jane	Wagner Family
Leemon, Amy	Wetherbee Family
Lemke Family	Worm, Darleen
Lippincott Family	Zoch, Pat
Mallinger Family	
Martin Family	
Maurer Family	
McCullen, Jim	
Michels, Brandon	
Michels, Helene	
Michels, Patty and Jeff	

### Thanks to All Who Made Food for Families a Successful Program Again this Year!

On Tuesday, December 21, 2010, the North Fond du Lac Police Department/Police Benevolent Association concluded its annual Food for Families program by delivering a complete Christmas dinner, gifts, and other non-perishable food items to the 13 North Fond du Lac families that the Department adopted this holiday season.

Each year a number of area individuals, families, clubs organizations, churches, schools, and businesses help make this program possible through their generous contributions. The Benevolent Association would like thank everyone who made this year another great success. Those that helped make this year's program possible are:

- Community United Methodist Church of North Fond du Lac
- Community United Methodist Women's Fellowship
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church of North Fond du Lac
- Bessie Allen Middle School & PTO
- American Legion Dreier Bushee-Vanderboom
- Friendell Snowmobile Club
- Mary's Helping Hands
- Women of Presentation
- NFDL Theater
- AARP Chapter #614
- AMVET Post #41
- AMVET Auxiliary Post #41
- Classic Cut
- NFDL Fire/EMS
- NFDL Municipal Office
- PDQ
- US Bank NFDL
- NFDL Optimists
- Presentation Pantry
- Divine Savior
- Baker's Pride Bakery
- Butcher's Block
- Horace Mann High School
- Several gracious citizens



This is the 24th year that the North Fond du Lac Police Department, Police Benevolent Association has been adopting families during the holiday season. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be able to help spread Christmas cheer throughout this great community!

Special thanks to Police Clerks Karie Tackett and Teresa Mielkie for once again spearheading a very successful effort!!





## Safe Winter Driving Tips from the Fond du Lac County Highway Department

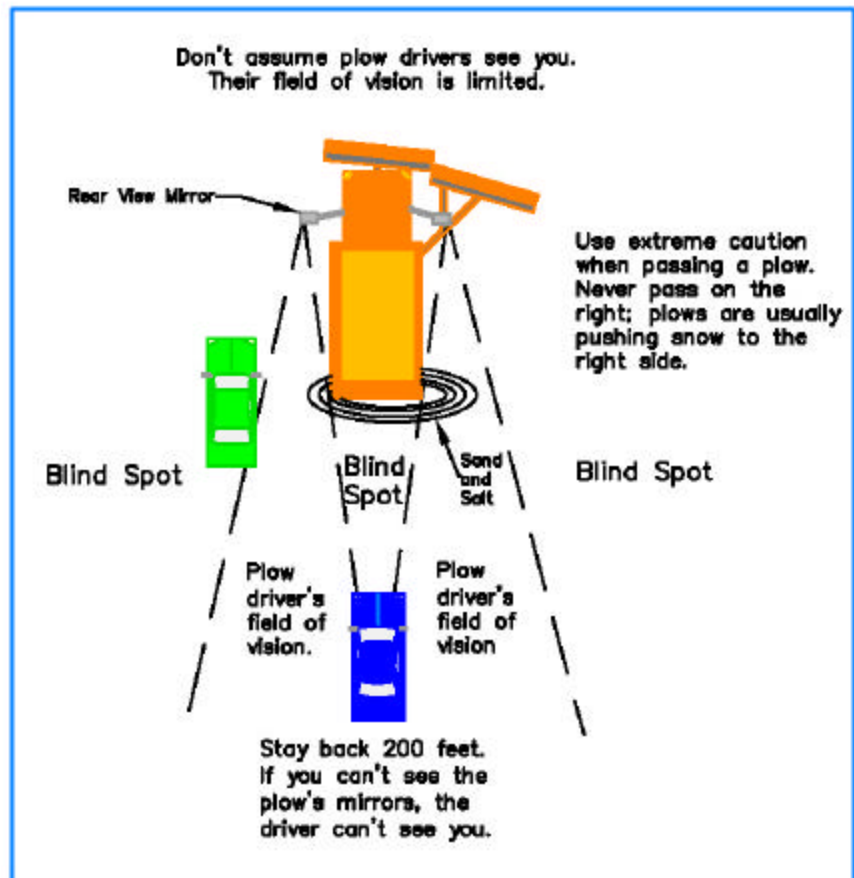
Thomas Janke - Fond du Lac County Highway Commissioner

- **Know the current road conditions.** Call **511** or log onto the winter road conditions report Web page at <http://www.511wi.gov>. Avoid travel in inclement weather.
- **Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights** - including the hood and roof -before driving. Turn on your headlights so you can see and be seen.
- **Pay attention.** Put the cell phone and other distractions away.
- **Slow down and leave plenty of room for stopping.** Don't try to out-drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- **Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows.** The law requires you to slowdown or move over when approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles, including snowplows, parked on the side of the road when they have their flashing lights turned on.
- **If approaching a snowplow, stay back at least 200 feet (it's the law!) and don't pass on the right.**

### Use Common Sense While Driving Near Plows

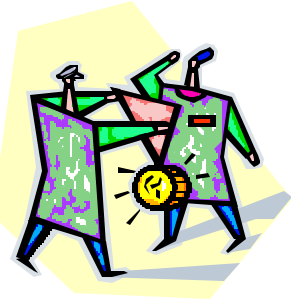
- **Remember that snow plows can move unpredictably when performing snow removal operations.** Plows will stop periodically, back up, and raise their boxes to shift loads to discharge salt. They may veer off slightly from their normal path to avoid obstructions or other vehicles. Plows are large and wide so take additional space to maneuver and turn around. When encountering a plow that is stopped in the highway or at an intersection, give plenty of space between your vehicle and the plow and pay attention. Don't assume the plow is going to proceed forward. Don't assume the operator knows that you are traveling behind the plow. If you can't see the plow's mirrors then the operator can't see you.
- **Remember that the road in front of the plow is usually in much worse condition than the roadway behind the plow.** Plows will typically travel under 35 miles per hour so there is a temptation to pass them. For your safety, it is recommended that you stay a safe distance behind the snowplows. If you do decide to change lanes, be extra careful. The passing lane may be in worse shape than the driving lane. There may also be a snow ridge between the two lanes. Avoid making an abrupt lane change.
- **Allow plenty of room when passing a snowplow.** Do not return into the lane ahead of the plow too quickly since the plow blade extends several feet ahead of the plow. Some snowplows are equipped with a "wing plow," an eight-foot to ten-foot extension off the sides of the truck. Be aware that the hazard exists and may be hidden in the blowing snow.
- **During plowing operations, visibility can be reduced by blowing snow.**
  - Keeping a safe distance between your vehicle and the plow is very important in order to avoid accidents.
- **When approaching a snow plow on an undivided roadway, move as far away from the center line as you safely can, away from the plow.** Blowing snow may obscure the actual width of the snowplow's blade. Remember snow plows with their side wings are wide vehicles and tend to hug the centerline.
- **Use brakes carefully.** Brake early. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
- **Do not pump anti-lock brakes.** If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump brakes. The correct way is to "stomp and steer!"
- **Watch for slippery bridge decks and on and off ramps.** Even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition bridge decks may ice up sooner than the adjacent pavement.
- **Do not use your cruise control in wintry conditions.** Even roads that appear clear can have sudden slippery spots and the short touch of your brakes to deactivate the cruise control feature can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- **Do not get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle.** Remember that your four-wheel drive vehicle may help you get going quicker than other vehicles, but it won't help you stop any faster. Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles and actually may take longer to stop. Don't get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle's traction. Your 4x4 can lose traction just as quickly as a two-wheel drive vehicle.
- **Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do.** Actions by cars and trucks ahead of you will alert you quicker to problems and give you a split-second extra time to react safely.
- **Remember that trucks are heavier than cars.** Trucks take longer to safely respond and come to a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.

***If you have to travel during adverse weather conditions, remember to slow down, be patient and allow yourself extra time***



## . Two Officers Receive Awards

On December 20, 2010 Officers Matthew Birschbach and Jacob Eagan were awarded the North Fond du Lac Police Department Medal of Meritorious Service award. Additionally, State Representative John Townsend, together with Senator Randy Hopper, presented both officers with citations from the Wisconsin Legislature. These honors were bestowed upon the officers after they demonstrated remarkable commitment to the protection of life by willingly exposing themselves to significant risk during the early morning hours of November 28, 2010.



Officer Jacob R. Eagan began investigating the source of a bright flash of light in the night sky that resulted in a power outage in the Village of North Fond du Lac. Officer Eagan quickly came upon a car that had crashed into a power pole and was now on fire. Officer Eagan immediately notified the Communications Center and made contact with a person standing across the road from the crash scene.

Officer Matthew D. Birschbach arrived on the scene to assist Officer Eagan minutes later. Upon approaching the car, Officer Birschbach observed a man trapped inside the burning vehicle and shared his observations with Officer Eagan. Officer Eagan immediately notified the Communications Center of the trapped man.

In an effort to save the man's life, Officer Birschbach broke out several windows and attempted to pull the man from the burning car. Officer Eagan retrieved the fire extinguisher from his squad and immediately began attempting to knock down the flames that had now engulfed the front end of the vehicle. Because the man was pinned inside the heavily damaged car, Officer Eagan used several fire extinguishers and continued to make repeated attempts to suppress the flames while Officer Birschbach continued to attempt to free the man from the wreckage. Officers Birschbach and Eagan were ultimately unable to free the man from the car; however their combined efforts prevented him from dying in the car fire and greatly minimized burn injuries to the man. He was eventually extricated from the vehicle by fire department personnel and transported to the hospital by helicopter.

By repeatedly entering the burning car to remove the driver and to save the life of the trapped man, Officer Birschbach exposed himself to significant risk. Fortunately, he suffered only moderate smoke and chemical inhalation and lacerations. In his repeated efforts to suppress the fire and to save the life of the trapped man, Officer Eagan exposed himself to significant risk. Fortunately, he suffered only minor smoke inhalation and abrasions.

While law enforcement officers are indeed trained to refrain from nearing burning vehicles, an officer's commitment to the protection of his or her fellow man is oftentimes strong enough to cause him or her to expose oneself to greater risk of bodily harm or death than is necessary or even expected.

Please join us in thanking Officers Birschbach and Eagan for their unselfish dedication to the protection of life and in congratulating both officers on this achievement.



**Fond du Lac County News** submitted by Sherry Behnke – FDL County Supervisor – District 10

### Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services Needs Volunteers and Foster Parents

Kim Mooney – Fond du Lac County, Director – Department of Social Services

Food Pantry is a critical service provided residents of Fond du Lac County that have run short of money to purchase food. Money short falls occur for many reasons within these families. Often in my experience the food pantry is given to individuals that live in poverty with very low income levels. Food Pantry provides, at times, the only food a child/family may eat for days at a time. The beginning of welfare programs in counties goes back to 1920s - food is fundamental to the development and to the missions of all social service departments.



Opportunities include: [Food Pantry Driver](#) - [Volunteer Drivers](#) - [Volunteer Office Helpers](#)

***If interested please contact Deb Schneider at 929-3400 for volunteer opportunities.***



There are adults in the community that can no longer manage their affairs. The courts have found them to be incompetent. Many adults in these situations have determined, through advance directives who will care for their affairs. There are people in our community that do not have family or friends that can speak for them to make critical health care decisions when they become incompetent. These people rely on Volunteer Guardians. **Needed: [Volunteer guardians for frail elders and persons with disabilities.](#)**

***If interested please contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 929-3466***

There are children in our community that are removed from their parents due to abuse and neglect. These children need a home where they can be loved and have their basic needs met. There is a need for receiving homes that can take children into their homes with little notice. Our general pool of foster parents then takes the children until they can be returned home or a different permanent solution is found.



There is also an important role foster parents can play and that is to be a support to other parents who are dealing with children with significant needs. By being available to these families for respite it is often valuable in keeping children from being abused and neglected to begin with. Opportunities include: [Receiving Homes](#) - [Foster Parents](#) - [Respite Foster Parent Providers](#)

***If interested please contact Sheila Soyk or Tanya Abbott for foster parent opportunities at 929-3400.***

**Thanks for considering helping others.**

## Candidate Profiles for Village Trustee



### PROFILE OF JAMES "JIM" SCHARF

213 Blackbird Street  
North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937  
"Running for election as Village Trustee"

- ◇ Moved to NFDL in 1977
- ◇ 2 Grown Children
- ◇ Been active with the Village since 1980
- ◇ Married to my wife Judi for 23 years
- ◇ Involved with the North Fond du Lac Optimist Club since 1983
- ◇ I have volunteered for various organizations:
  - Girls Little League Baseball
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Red Cross
  - Salvation Army

Goals are to:

- ~Keep taxes low
- ~ Keep the community safe and moving forward to keep up with all new policies of the local, State and Federal Governments.
- ~To listen to all the people who have positive and negative feedback and take this information with me to all meetings.
- ~I am proud to say that I am a part of the Village's 5 Year Out Look Plan, which was recently started so that the community knows where we are at and where the Village will be going in the next 5 years growth wise and monetarily. Stream lining the budget to keep taxes affordable for all.

I am running for election to help improve communication between the Village Residents and the Presiding Elective Officials. I love living in the village for that small town feeling. People know your name and are caring. My goal this term is for the people to know that I am here to listen to their ideas and take their concerns to the meetings. And to encourage all Village Residents to get more involved in our close knit caring community.



### VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES FORUM

There will be a candidates forum following the Regular Board of Trustees meeting, on **A Monday in March at 6 PM.** It will be held in the **Board Room at 16 Garfield Street,** and will also be **telecast LIVE on Cable Channels 21 and 980.**  
**Watch the web and bulletin boards for details.**

#### WHAT IS REQUIRED for SNOW and ICE REMOVAL in the VILLAGE OF NORTH FOND DU LAC?

**OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** It is the responsibility of every property owner within the village who has sidewalks abutting their property, to remove or cause to be removed accumulated snow and ice within 24 hours after it ceases to fall.



- (a) This includes snow:
  - that may have drifted overnight;
  - may have been plowed;
  - may have splattered off the streets; and
  - clearing out handicap ramps through to the street, if any are in front of or off the corner of the property.
- (b) If ice cannot be removed, it shall at least be sprinkled with a material to help prevent the sidewalk from being dangerous to pedestrians until such time as it can be removed in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, Darrin Parsons.
- (c) It is unlawful to discharge storm water onto a village street between November 1 and April 30.

**REMOVAL BY VILLAGE.** If the provisions above are not met, the director or authorized agent shall cause said sidewalks to be cleaned or sprinkled with the abrasive or de-icer. All expenses will be assessed as a special tax against the parcel.

**SNOW IN STREETS.** It is unlawful to place, shovel or blow snow into any street.

**DEAD END STREETS.** Properties located on a dead end street are required to shovel only the walk through the drive to give pedestrian traffic access to the street.

**SNOW EMERGENCY.** When extraordinary conditions exist, a state of emergency will be declared through the use of public radio and the press. When an emergency is declared all winter parking regulations will be suspended and all vehicles will be removed from the street for the duration of the snow removal operation.

**PENALTIES.** The penalty for violation is \$25.00 for a first offense, \$35.00 for the second offense, and \$50.00 for the third offense and every offense thereafter.

Each day the violation exists is a separate violation. *Any questions should be directed to Mitch Vis at 929-3765.*

## Candidate Profiles for Village Trustee, continued

### PROFILE OF MIKE STREETAR



My name is Mike Streetar and I'm running for Village Board Trustee. I'm a Horace Mann HS graduate, served 10 years in the Air Force, I've been married for 20 years, I have one daughter, and I am a mailman with a route in NFDL. Some of the projects I've supported as a Trustee are: re-construction of Wisconsin Ave, Illinois Ave, Indiana Ave, Winnebago St and the task of re-painting the water tower. They were all completed while keeping the tax rate in line. We've also seen additions to the Village with our 2 clinics, F. Zeigler Enterprises, and the Northern Lights Apartments in our Northgate Industrial Park-which expanded our tax base.

I believe in giving back to my community by getting involved. Some of the things I've been involved with are: NFDL Historical Society charter member and current president, president of North Fondy Fest/Pride Day for 3 years, Girls Softball coach for 3 years, former NFDL Optimist Club member for 10 years, coordinated and raised funds to move caboose in 2007 (no Village funds were used for the move), Library Board member, M.C. for St Baldrick's Foundation fund raiser (for kids with cancer), and FDL Letter Carrier Food Drive Coordinator for 11 years. I enjoy representing the residents of NFDL and really appreciate your support over the past 8 1/2 years. I have the experience to continue working with staff to help steer the Village in the right direction. I hope I can continue serving our Village for another term.

### PROFILE OF MICHAEL J. WILL



My name is Michael Will and I am currently pursuing the opportunity to continue to represent the citizens of NFDL as a Village Trustee. My wife and I have lived in the Village for past 24 years and reside at 426 Chapleau St. My wife Linda graduated from NFDL High School and has been employed with the district for 18 years. I'm an employee of 19 years with the State of Wisconsin as a HVAC/R Technician. I have 2 children that have graduated from NFDL High School. My son Michael is a 2005 graduate of UW-Green Bay with a degree in computer science. My daughter Bobbi Jo is a 2010 graduate of UW-Madison with a degree in elementary education. I have been involved in many community activities including: trustee on the Divine Savior Lutheran Church board, Cub Scout leader, and coach of youth soccer for 15 years. I helped organize

the NFDL Soccer Club, which was instrumental in the installation of the NFDL high school soccer field. I served on the Soccer Board for 4 years, 3 of which I held the position as president, and organized Pride Day's youth soccer tournaments. In the last 3 years I have enjoyed serving on the following committees: North Fondy Fest, Save the NFDL swimming pool, NFDL Community Development Authority, and NFDL Planning Commission. I have also helped with NFDL Optimist's brat fry & pancake day yearly events.

In 2008, I wanted and was given an opportunity to represent and be a voice for the residents of NFDL. I have tried to be that person by asking enough questions to keep the residents and myself informed on what is going on with their village. I believe this helps the board with making their decisions. I will continue to work to keep the Village of NFDL tax rate as flat as possible, while still reducing the village's debt level. Also, I will continue to be mindful of the delicate balance between being a good steward of taxpayer's money and maintaining the vital village services.

We must support/maintain our local businesses and find a way to attract new businesses in our village. This will help to us grow our tax base and strengthen our ability to meet future needs. We must continue trying to gain control over the high costs of water/sewer bills.

My wife and I enjoy the small/safe village atmosphere. There are many positives the village has to offer including the North Fond du Lac library, senior/community center, parks and the ongoing support from our youth /adult organizations. In addition, the business leaders who have always been generous with their time and resources, the many residents that are willing to be involved with our emergency services, and the high level service & professionalism by our Village of NFDL Employees have all made this a great place to live.

Best Regards,

Michael Will

**There will be a Primary on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 15TH.**

**Only one race has a primary, and that is the race for State Supreme Court.**

**The SPRING ELECTION is on Tuesday, APRIL 5TH.**

**POLLS ARE OPEN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 280 GARFIELD STREET FROM 7 AM til 8 PM.**

**Two Village Board seats are up for election, with three candidates (above).**

**On the April ballot, in addition to Village Trustee, there are also elections for**

**one School Board seat, State Supreme Court,**

**Circuit Court Fond du Lac County Branch #5. and for Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Court Judge.**



### Move Over Law: Drivers Must Provide a Safety Zone for Stopped Law Enforcement and Other Emergency Vehicles

Mick Fink – Fond du Lac County Sheriff

When law enforcement officers are working on the side of the highway during a traffic stop or to assist a stranded motorist, they are constantly facing the grave danger of being hit by vehicles traveling at high speeds just a few feet away. This time of year can be particularly perilous. On icy roadways, officers while inside or outside their parked vehicles are at risk of being struck by sliding and spinning vehicles when drivers lose control.

To protect law enforcement officers, emergency responders, road maintenance workers, and others who work on the side of roadways, Wisconsin has a Move Over Law. The law requires drivers to shift lanes or slow down in order to create a safety zone for a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle that is stopped on the side of a road with its warning lights flashing.

On divided roads with multiple directional lanes, like interstate highways, you must move over to vacate the lane closest to the law enforcement or other emergency vehicle if you can safely switch lanes. If the road has a single directional lane or you can't safely move over, you must reduce your speed. Violating the Move Over Law can be expensive as well as dangerous. A citation costs \$263.50 with three demerit points added to your license.

Signs to remind motorists about the Move Over Law are posted on highways near main entry points to Wisconsin, which read: "STATE LAW. MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY VEHICLES."

Failure of motorists to move over or slow down is one of the major reasons that motor vehicle crashes kill more law enforcement officers on duty than any other cause. If motorists consistently move over when required, they will protect themselves, their passengers and our officers from needless crashes.

### Don't Forget Your Marriage License! Lisa Freiberg – Fond du Lac County Clerk

As the busy wedding season approaches, Fond du Lac County Clerk Lisa Freiberg has a friendly reminder for couples getting married – don't forget your marriage license!

Before getting married in Wisconsin, couples must obtain a license from the county where either the bride or groom has lived for at least 30 days. The license can be used anywhere in the state. There is a five-day waiting period, and the license is valid for 30 days once it's issued.

Applying for a marriage license is a simple, straightforward process, as long as the future bride and groom come prepared.

The following is an abbreviated list of what is needed:

- ◇ Certified copies of birth certificates
- ◇ Current valid photo IDs
- ◇ Proof of Fond du Lac County residency from one applicant
- ◇ Social Security numbers – the card is not needed

A brochure detailing the application requirements may be found on Fond du Lac County's website, <http://www.fdlco.wi.gov/Index.aspx?page=593>. Applicants may apply for a marriage license at the Fond du Lac County Clerk's office, 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is open until 4:30 p.m. As always, please feel free to call 929-3000 with any questions.

### Tax Credits for Lower Income Families

Michelle Tidemann – Family Living Educator, UW-Extension Fond du Lac County

Wisconsin residents can take advantage of a variety of tax credits. Below are two credits that families with lower incomes may want to look into.

#### Earned Income Credit (EIC)

The EIC is a special tax benefit for workers who earn low or moderate incomes. It lowers their taxes, supplements their wages, and makes work more attractive and affordable. Qualifying persons who file federal and state tax returns get back some or all of income tax withheld from their pay during the year. Even workers whose earnings were too small to have taxes withheld can get the EIC.



#### Homestead Credit

The Homestead Credit is a tax benefit for renters and homeowners with low or moderate incomes. It is designed to lessen the impact of rent and property taxes. Qualifying persons who file state returns get back some or all of their state taxes withheld during the year. Those who do not have earnings, or whose earnings were too small to have taxes withheld, can get extra cash back from the State.

Both Earned Income Credit and Homestead Credit are based upon program eligibility criteria that applicants must meet. For more information on EIC and/or Homestead Credit the following resources can provide help:

\*IRS: 1-800-TAX-1040

\*Wisconsin Department of Revenue:  
4638 University Ave.  
Madison, WI 53702  
(608) 266-2772 / (608) 266-2486

\*VITA: (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) January - April 15 (check local library or IRS website).





## Stepping On

*Building confidence and reducing falls.*

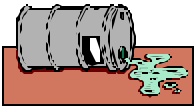
### Falls Are Not A Normal Part of Aging and Can Be Prevented! *Linda Berg – FdL County Aging and Disability Resource Center*

Stepping On, a fall prevention workshop, will be offered throughout Fond du Lac County at various times during 2011. The workshop focuses on helping older adults, age 60 and over, to reduce the possibility of falling. In the year 2008, fall-related deaths suffered by people age 65 and older far exceeded deaths caused by motor vehicle accidents. Falls are also the most common cause of both fractures and traumatic brain injury in older adults. Many individuals who fall are injured to the extent that they must give up living independently in the community and move to either an assisted living facility or a nursing home.

Topics to be covered in the workshops include: home hazards that may cause falls, avoiding the risk of falling while out in the community, what to do if a fall does occur, features of a safe shoe and much more. Guest speakers talk and take questions.

Past participants from the first class have stated that the class is fun, informative, and works to help prevent falls. Class size is 12 individuals. Classes are held for two hours per week for seven weeks and the cost is \$10.00 per person for the entire session. All materials are provided for class members. If you have fallen in the past, or would like to learn how to prevent a first fall, please contact either Linda or Jamie for more information about the next Stepping On class.

*Stepping On is an evidence based program that has been rigorously evaluated by the State of Wisconsin. The evaluation results show that the education and strengthening exercises provided in this workshop have a significant impact on reducing risk factors for future falls. For additional information, please contact either Linda Berg at the Aging and Disability Resource Center at (920) 929-3429 or Jamie Krueger at All About Life Rehabilitation Center at (920) 923-7040.*



### Shelter-In-Place: **Knowing what to do in a Chemical Emergency...**

*Kay Mittelstadt -Lock – Preparedness Coordinator, Fond du Lac County LEPC*

Throughout Fond du Lac County Industry uses numerous hazardous chemicals. These chemicals are transported by rail or semi to facilities that store them until use. Should there be a spill, or release, the consequences could be disastrous. There is a procedure that everyone can do to minimize or eliminate exposure called Shelter-In-Place. Sheltering-In-Place means going into a structure, such as your home, and creating a barrier between you and the released chemical.

Residents will be informed of the need to Shelter-In-Place via a combination of various notification routes such as door-to-door notification, the National Weather Service, NOAA radios, and print and broadcast media. In the event of an emergency take shelter, and **stay tuned to your local radio or TV station for important information.**

It is recommended to have a **Shelter-In-Place Kit** ready at all times which should include items such as duct tape, pre-cut plastic for windows and vents, radio, flashlight, and extra

batteries; first aid kit and non-perishable food and bottled water; and a Shelter-In-Place sign for your window. It is advisable to place your kit in a pre-selected room with few or now windows that will be most ideal for your Shelter-In-Place room.

A brochure developed by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the purpose of educating Fond du Lac County residents on Shelter-In-Place procedures can be viewed at the Fond du Lac County website [www.fdlco.wi.gov](http://www.fdlco.wi.gov), or obtained at the County Clerk's counter at the City/County Building at 160 S. Macy St. A video demonstrating Shelter-In-Place procedures produced by Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), can be checked out at all Fond du Lac County libraries, or viewed via the Fond du Lac Public Library website [www.fdlpl.org](http://www.fdlpl.org) or the Fond du Lac County Website.

For more information on Sheltering-In-Place, contact the Fond du Lac County Emergency Management office at 929-2911.

## CENSUS RESULTS ARE IN:

Preliminary 2010 figures released in late December indicate an increase in the Village of North Fond du Lac's population to 5055.

This compares with 4557 in 2000.

This is an 11% increase in the last ten years.



## 2010 Pet Licenses

All cats and dogs in the Village of North Fond du Lac must be licensed annually.

Tags and licenses will be issued upon proof of rabies vaccination.

They are due by March 31 of each year, or pay a late fee of \$5.



A male or female dog license is \$15 per year, the fee for a neutered or spayed dog license is \$10 per year. A cat license is \$10 per year for a male or female cat and \$5 for a spayed or neutered cat.

*Reminder: you cannot have more than 2 dogs and 1 cat or 2 cats and one dog in the Village, unless you owned them prior to the ordinance change on October 17, 2005. Exceptions are granted on a case by case basis by the Village Board.*



## Ban on Texting While Driving

A new state law bans texting while driving in Wisconsin.

The law makes it illegal to drive “any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message.” A citation for violating this law may cost drivers up to \$400 along with four demerit points assessed against their license.



Wisconsin is now one of 30 states and the District of Columbia that ban texting on a cell phone or similar electronic device while driving. Wisconsin’s texting ban is a primary enforcement law, which means law enforcement officers may stop motorists suspected of this offense alone.

While all forms of distracted driving are dangerous; texting while behind the wheel is especially hazardous because the driver’s eyes, hands and mental focus are all diverted from the safe operation of the vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributed an estimated 6,000 traffic deaths and one-half million injuries to distracted driving in 2008.

Chief Lamb would like to remind all drivers, “Safe driving requires your undivided attention. Any lapse in attention to traffic or road conditions can result in tragic consequences for you, your passengers and everyone else on the road. No text message is more important than a human life.”

## Don’t Let Criminals Cash You In

When it comes to identity theft, the credit card phone scam is one of the oldest in the book. Before the advent of the Internet, there was the telephone, and telephone scams ran like wildfire. Now that the focus is on avoiding Internet identity theft, the light shed on phone scams seems to have dimmed, but it’s important that you realize these scams are still out there and are still active. The Police Department has recently been made aware of several incidents in which residents received phone calls attempting to solicit credit card information.



Here’s how the scam works: You receive a call saying that there’s a problem with your credit card and the account has been deactivated. In these most recent incidents, all of the calls were restricted and all were automated messages. The messages indicated that in order to reactivate the account, the residents should enter their 16-digit credit card numbers.

This is obviously a scam. Never give your credit card info out when you receive a phone call. Legitimate companies don’t call you to ask for a credit card number over the phone. Don’t ever give out your account number over the phone unless you initiate the call and you know the company is reputable.

Let’s thrive:  Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

## Growing together in our community

We’ve seen a lot of changes in our community—and even more for the families in it. It’s a privilege to watch the families in our community grow and change, knowing we are here when they need us. We’re here to help you protect what you value most.

### Foot of the Lake Team

406 Prospect Ave • North Fond du Lac, WI 54937 • 920-322-1363

**Aaron Bilitz, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
920-322-8898

**Matthew Becker, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
920-933-4916

**Ronald Horn, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
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Financial Associate  
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**Larry Poch, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
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**Sharon Eilertson, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
920-907-8060

**Debora Jaeger, FIC**  
Financial Associate  
920-933-4967



## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

### Elected Officials

Jim Moore, President - 922-7212  
Keith King, Trustee - 921-2265  
Tammy Keller- 929-4038  
Mike Streetar, Trustee - 539-1126  
Mike Will, Trustee- 921-1103

### Village Departments

Administrator 929-3765  
Village Clerk 929-3765  
EMS/Fire 929-3760  
Inspections/Zoning 929-3765  
Library 929-3771  
Municipal Court 924-2479  
Police 929-3760  
Public Works 929-3765  
Community Center 929-6811  
Water & Sewer Utilities 929-3765

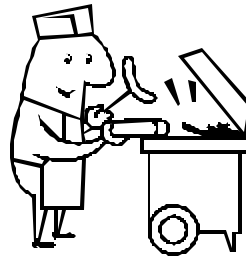
**For Emergencies-Call 911**

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Visit us on the web at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org)

*Regular Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6 PM, and are broadcast live on Cable Channel 21 and 980.*



**SUPPORT  
THE POOL!  
BRAT FRY  
FOR THE POOL  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 26TH!**



**ALSO, THE OPTIMISTS ARE ACCEPTING  
YOUR ALUMINUM CANS IN SUPPORT  
OF THE POOL. THE TRAILER WILL BE AT  
THE PDQ ON THE 1ST AND 3RD  
SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH.**

### The SALVAGE GUY in NFdL Offering

- \* Metal Junk Pick-up (no charge)
  - \* Demolition (free estimate)
  - \* Maintenance of Property (yard work, small repairs)
  - \* Pest Control (live traps—spray)
- Call Matt at (920) 266-7923.**

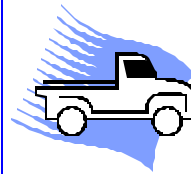


Figure 1: Radon Mitigation System view from the outside.



### Radon Action Month:

#### **Do you know whether the air inside your home is safe to breathe?**

January is the time to think about the quality of the air we breathe inside our houses, where most of us are spending a lot of time on these cold days.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible radioactive gas which causes an estimated 21,000 deaths per year in the United States. It is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

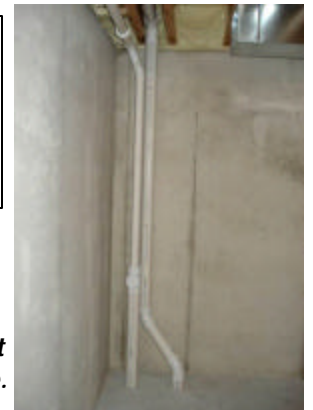
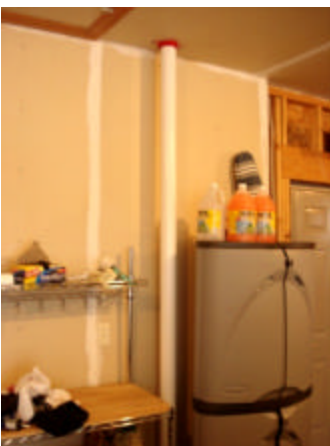
Radon is measured in Pico curies per Liter (pCi/L). A measurement above 4 pCi/L is considered high. The greatest risk to you is in the lowest level of your home where radon is emitted from the soil. All homes, even newly constructed ones, can have radon present, and the only way to know is to test. Homes should be tested for radon in the lowest level of living space. Testing is inexpensive, and all houses can be fixed to be radon free. If you are building a new house, require your builder to make it radon resistant from the start, which is less expensive than mitigation after the house is already built.

In Fond du Lac County, you can pick up a test kit at the Health Department on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the City/County Government Center at 160 S. Macy to pick up a test kit. It is recommended that you start with a short-term test of 4-7 days which costs \$8. If the results are high, you can use a long-term test, which costs \$20.00, for at least 90 days to verify the results of the first test. Alternatively, you can hire a professional who is certified in radon measurement. This is something to consider especially if you are testing as part of a real estate transaction.

**In the 54937 zip code, the average measurement of 45 recent radon tests was 3.2 pCi/L. The highest reading was 12 pCi/L.**

**Figure 2 left: Radon mitigation system runs through the garage from the basement to the roof.**

**Figure 3 right: Radon mitigation system runs from below the basement slab up through to the main floor of the house.**



For more information on radon, including a list of certified radon measurement and mitigation professionals, contact Fond du Lac County UW -Extension (920.929.3173, <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/homeradontesting>) or the Fond du Lac County Health Department (920.929.3085), <http://www.fdlco.wi.gov> and search for "radon").

## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
January 15th and every Third Saturday	On Track Reader's Club, Library 9-10 AM
January 18th	X-mas Tree Pickup
January 21st	Senior Holiday Party at Community Center 11:30 AM
January 25th	X-mas Tree Pickup, last day!
January 31st	Real Estate Property Taxes due to County Treasurer
February	Story Times Resume at the Library Thursdays 6:30-7, Fridays 10-10:30 AM
February 15th	Primary election for State Supreme Court, Community Center 7 AM-8 PM
February 15th	Surveys –We ask that you hand them in by this day.
February 19th	On Track Reader's Club, Library 9-10 AM
March 14-20	Fix a Leak Week
March 19th	On Track Reader's Club, Library 9-10 AM
March	Candidates Forum, Village Board Room 6 PM
March 26th	Brat Fry for the Pool
March 31st	Pet Licenses Due for 2011
March 31st	Winter Parking Regulations End
April 5th	Spring Election -Community Center 7 AM-8 PM
April 11-16th	Annual Book Sale—Library & National Library Week
April 16th	On Track Reader's Club, Library 9-10 AM
April 18-20th	Library "Fill Our Bag" Sale

⇒ REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS, 1ST AND 3RD MONDAY of Each Mnth

⇒ OPTIMIST CANS FOR THE POOL, at PDQ -1ST AND 3RD Saturdays

⇒ ON TRACK READERS 3RD SATURDAYS- 9-10 AM Library

⇒ STORY TIMES - RESUME IN FEBRUARY- Library

Thursdays 6:30— 7 PM(All ages)

Fridays 10-10:30 AM (Ages 2-5)

WEBSITE [WWW.NFDL.ORG](http://WWW.NFDL.ORG)

BOARD MEETINGS TELEVISED ON CHANNELS 21 AND 980.

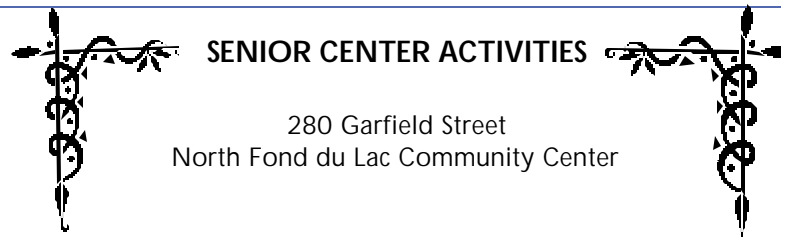


## 2010 Partisan Election Results

For the November election, approximately 2843 voters were registered voters in NFDL. 161 of these registered at the polls on Election Day. We had 57% voter turnout, as 1612 voters voted, compared with 51.7% in the State. The races for Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court were uncontested.

Here are the results in the contested races:

- Governor/Lieutenant Governor, 664 voted for Barrett/Nelson, 912 for Walker/Kleefisch, 3 for James, and 2 for Langer in the Village.
- Attorney General, 562 votes were cast for Hassett and 1003 for Van Hollen.
- Secretary of State, 715 voted for La Follette and 834 voted for King.
- State Treasurer, Sass 668, Schuller 882.
- U.S. Senator, Feingold 655, Johnson 928, Taylor 23
- U.S. Rep. in Congress, Kallas 454, Petri 1131
- State Assembly District 52, Czisny 607, Thiesfeldt 977.



## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

280 Garfield Street  
North Fond du Lac Community Center

- ◆ **Sheepshead**—Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1:15 PM.
- ◆ **Bingo**—1:00 PM on Fridays.
- ◆ **Movie Group**—9:30 AM Tuesdays (not in summer).
- ◆ **Oneida Casino**—Bus stops by for pickup if needed, each Tuesday at 7:15 AM. *If you want to go to Oneida on any Tuesday, call Penny at 929-6811 before 1 PM on Monday.*
- ◆ **Blood Pressure Screenings** on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM.
- ◆ **Pot Luck Lunches** Third Friday, except summers at 11:30 AM.

All regular events are cancelled when the rooms are rented out, or on election days. Cancellations posted on the door.

Calendars are available at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org) and at the Center, or call Penny for details.



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## North Fondy Fest 2011 June 17th and 18th

Here is just a hint of some of the exciting activities we have planned this year:

- **Friday June 17th** there will be a **Chicken Dinner** along with some live entertainment.
- **Saturday June 18th** will start with a **Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast**. The **Parade** will start at Noon with prizes awarded for the best float design. The theme for the parade this year is "Everyday Heros" (Military, Fire, Police and EMS etc.)
- **Raffle** tickets will be sold again for \$10 each and will include a top prize of **\$5000**.
- Our headliner this year is the band "**Cherry Pie**". They will play from 8pm-Midnight on Saturday.
- **Kickball, and Softball Tournaments** will be held both days also so watch for sign up sheets at PDQ sometime in May.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday and clean-up on Sunday so if you or someone you know wants to put in some volunteer hours, please contact Laurie King @ (920) 922-8911 or [lking@nfdl.org](mailto:lking@nfdl.org)

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JUNE  
17-18**



Watch for a full line up of events in the next "Villager".

**From the Administrator**—Continued from page one

As 2011 begins, we continue to look at what can be done to be more efficient, continue to make sure we maintain our equipment, facilities and infrastructure, continue to look for opportunities for growth, and continue to work on ways to communicate the actions of the Village to our residents. Following are some thoughts and ideas to accomplish this.

A Village survey was included in the property tax mailing asking for input on several questions. The responses from this survey will be used to help determine what Village residents feel is important and help create a vision for the future.

We plan on moving a few things around at the Municipal offices to make better use of the facility. The Municipal Court is growing to the point where it needs more room. We plan on moving the Court proceedings which is now held on Thursdays from the Board Room to the Community Center. The Court offices will remain at the Municipal offices. Currently on Thursdays, the parking is very limited and moving the Court proceedings to the Community Center will allow for ample parking for the Court. Storage continues to be a challenge so we plan on carving out a small portion of the Board Room for additional storage. This will still leave ample room for Board meetings.

I thought we had solved our audio problem with our televised Board meetings with replacing our amp system. Recently I have been hearing that the audio has not been very good so I will have to re-visit the equipment. I continue to be pleasantly surprised as to how many people say they watch our Board meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month. It is a good way to stay informed as to what is happening in the Village. Each department head recaps what has happened over the last couple of weeks and announces upcoming events.

We plan on replacing one of the Village dump trucks. Like other equipment we replace, it has been used well beyond a normal life span. The truck we are replacing is a 1990 Ford which was purchased in

1989. The new truck will be used for normal dump truck needs during the summer and snow plowing in the winter. We also plan on purchasing a used bucket lift. The Village has a number of uses for a bucket lift during the year. We now have to rent or contract to complete jobs requiring a lift.

There are no major street reconstructions planned for 2011. Michigan Ave is scheduled for 2012 and will be reviewed during the 2012 budget process. Portions of several streets are planned for resurfacing. They are Southview, Thurke, Clinton, Broadway, Jefferson, Chapman, Winnebago, and Blackbird.

The North Fond du Lac Optimist Club will complete another addition to the playground equipment at Optimist Park. With the help of an Eagle Scout project, a sand box and additional benches have been added to the park as well. Optimist Park has become a very popular place to have events and a place for kids to have a good time.

The Village Swimming Pool committee is continuing to work on planning for the future of the Village Pool. We have had a firm evaluate our existing pool and suggest enhancements. We will continue to meet to work on creating a plan to take to the Board. The plan would include proposed enhancements, timetables, and funding options. The goal of the committee is to make sure the pool can remain open, be financially responsible to the Village, and provide enjoyable activities for those who use it. Stay tuned as we will need the help of the Village residents to make it happen.

I think I have used up my allowed space in the Villager so will end with the thought that I hope everyone will be patient and considerate as the Village staff tries to accomplish the goals for 2011. Have a safe and enjoyable rest of the winter. Just think, winter is almost half over.

**Chuck Hornung**

Chuck Hornung, Village Administrator



***Some Recent Village Board Actions That You May Be Interested In:***

- At the request of the Plan Commission, the Board increased the size of a garage (attached or detached) allowed without a variance, to a maximum of 864 square feet, only if no other accessory structures are on the property. This updates the ordinance, to essentially allow the equivalent of one three-car garage.
- At the request of the Zoning Administrator, his duties were expanded to allow him to approve, on a case-by-case basis, waivers from code to allow for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. This will provide quicker approval, if reasonable, for ramps to be fitted on smaller lots, or other changes to be made to provide accessibility to homes.
- An ordinance change provides the ability of bars serving liquor to allow smoking and drinking in an outdoor area on a case-by-case basis, without being licensed as a beer garden.
- Procedures were changed to eliminate Committee of the Whole meetings (except as needed or requested) in favor of discussion and possible action on agenda items of the Village Board meeting.
- Procedures were changed to limit a citizen comment at Board meetings to a maximum of five minutes on items not listed on the agenda.
- Procedures were changed to limit advertisers of the Villager to Village businesses only. This is based on the idea that the ads are very reasonably priced to promote Village businesses, and that the Villager is a publication for municipal purposes (only).
- Funds were approved to invest in the sound system in the Board Room so that cable broadcasted meetings have better sound quality for citizens who watch the meetings on television.
- As part of the 2010-2011 Capital Budget allocation, the Village is exploring what would be needed to move the Lakeside Municipal Court proceedings to the Community Center on Thursday afternoons. This is an attempt at a long term solution for parking problems on court days as well as space problems at the Municipal offices, as some offices and storage would be moved to allow room for staff as well as conference and meeting space.
- Procedures were changed to run the test sirens on Saturdays for a full three minutes, to provide longer life for the batteries that power some of the sirens, so that they work in an emergency. (You may have noticed that they are running longer than in the past.)
- Fees for swimming lessons and passes were changed to bring in more revenues at the Pool, and also discounts were approved for lessons and passes at the Pool for families who are eligible for the reduced lunch program at school. ???????s Call the office.

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