

# THE VILLAGER

Spring 2002

## From the President



Revenue sharing cuts and how to meet the challenges has been a big topic with both the board and the staff. When the governor first announced his plan to cut state shared revenues totally by 2004, it would have meant a loss of \$1.5 million dollars in annual revenue to the village. The Assembly proposal is still detrimental to the village. Their proposed per capita cut means a loss of \$158,082 in 2003 with an over all loss of 50% of state shared revenue by 2004 and **the worst part of the Assembly bill is a freeze on the levy with a cap on the ability to tax new growth.** The Senate bill maintains the current law as it relates to shared revenue and taxation. This of course is something along the lines of “robbing Peter to pay Paul”.

Realistically, we will fall somewhere in between the two proposals as the bills are now in the legislative conference committee where hopefully a compromise will be achieved in a timely fashion. My belief is that the village must sacrifice a portion of their shared revenue, at least for a period of time, and to that end the board and staff have prepared a list of ways to cut back on village expenditures.

Some of the cuts will be more visible than others, but we will meet the challenges of these tight fiscal times.

Things that may affect you directly include a cut back in the number of hours that the pool is open this year. Annually it costs about \$94,000 to operate and staff the pool with offsetting revenues of approximately \$11,000. To help offset some of the expenditures and raise revenues, the board has taken several measures. First, open swimming hours will be limited, held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and closed to the public on Sunday. To generate revenue to help offset the costs of operation, the pool will be available to rent for private parties between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday evenings and on Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.. The cost is \$20 per hour (minimum of two hours) for up to 19 people. More information can be obtained at the pool or at village hall about the rentals. Additionally, the fees for day and seasonal passes will be raised along with non-resident passes and swimming lessons.



## President's News Cont.

This will be the last issue of the newsletter that is mailed to your home. From now on, copies will be available at the village hall and the library or on line at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org) unless something else is being mailed and the newsletter adds no extra cost. If you would like the newsletter e-mailed directly to your home, please send an e-mail to [bgabrielson@nfdl.org](mailto:bgabrielson@nfdl.org). If you do not have a computer at home, please feel free to take advantage of the computers at the library and those that are soon to be installed at the senior center (these are used computers, we are not spending money on new ones).

Other things that have been cut from the budget include a security system for the village hall and public works garages, night lighting at the ball diamonds, various materials from the police, fire and EMS departments, public works equipment, library and community center materials, strategic planning and other expenditures.

On a brighter note, the village has been notified that it received two substantial Community Development Block Grants in 2002. The first one is a \$736,000 low to no-cost housing loan program for improvements to the housing stock in the village. More information will be available on that in the coming months and we hope to make our first loans by summer. The second grant is for \$594,700 for improvement to the water, sanitary sewer and storm water systems and a detention basin in the village in the area of Indiana, Lincoln and Ohio Streets.

At the suggestion of a resident, the public works department has looked at and revised the brush pickup schedule. Brush pick-up will now be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, the drop off site remains open all day every day. Bulky pick-up may not be held at all this year.

## Water Flushing System

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains and hydrants between May 7—28. Flushing removes deposits of iron and minerals that are harmless but can affect the color, odor, and taste of the water.

Flushing will be done from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day in different areas of the village according to a set schedule. Please refer to the zone map and the schedule below to determine when flushing will be done in your area.

When you see men working in your area on that day, use little or no water for 30-45 minutes to ensure that the water has settled down and that the discoloration is not drawn into your water system. If you come home and find discoloration in your water draw the discolored water off through the cold water tap only. Do not run your icemaker, dishwasher, or washing machine until the discolored water has been drawn off to avoid damage to your water heater or laundry. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department at 929-3765.

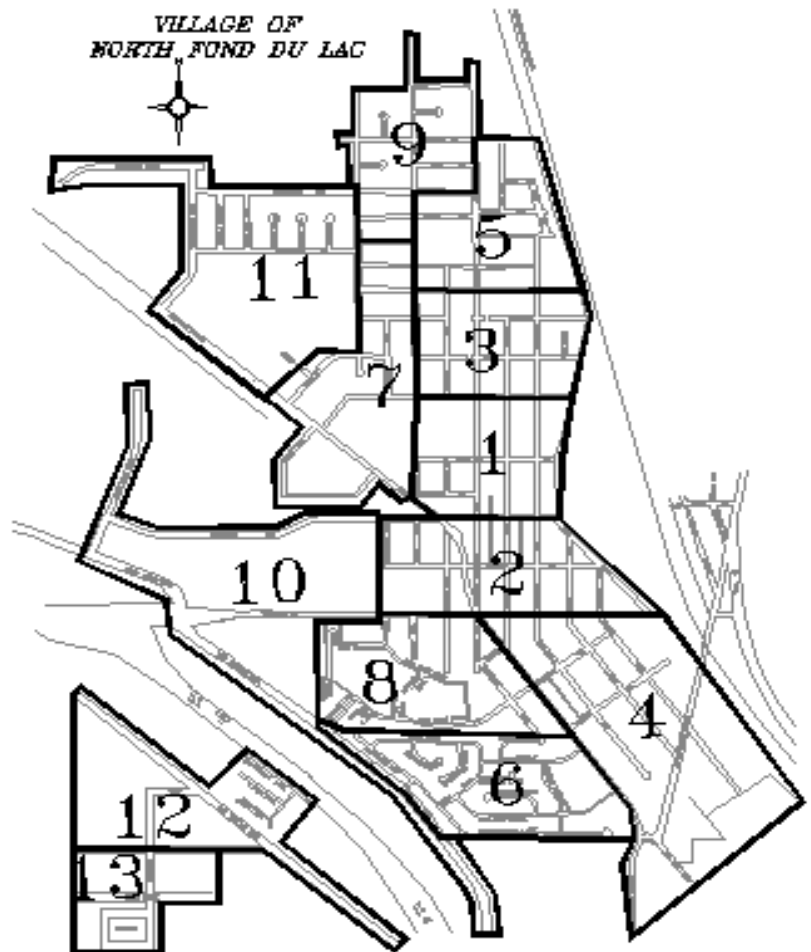
### FLUSHING SCHEDULE

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	May 7
2	May 8
3	May 9
4	May 10
5	May 14
6	May 15
7	May 16
8	May 17
9	May 21
10	May 22
11	May 23
12	May 24
13	May 28

## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
April 15	Brush pick begins on the 1st and 3rd Mondays
April 15	Garden waste pickup begins and ends May 20
May 21	Plan Commission Mtg. 7:00 p.m.- Municipal Bldg.
May 27	Offices Closed. Memorial Day Holiday
June 18	Plan Commission Mtg. 7:00 p.m.-Municipal Bldg.
July 4 & 5	Offices Closed. 4th of July Holiday
July 8	Camp Oneota begins- NFDL Community Ctr.
July 16	Plan Commission Mtg. 7:00 p.m.-Municipal Bldg.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees is on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building board room. These meetings are televised live on cable channel 14. The board also meets as a Committee of the Whole for workshop discussions of the village issues on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing after if necessary the regular board and the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.



# AT THE LIBRARY

Spillman Public Library is pleased to inform computer users in the community that 5 more electronic databases have been added to the library's web page. They come from Grolier publications and include: Encyclopedia Americana, The New Book of Knowledge, Lands and Peoples, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, and America the Beautiful. Users can access these resources from home or work without charge. Some may require your library card number so have that handy. First time at-home users will need to create a free account using the sign-up form at [http://auth.grolier.com/login/login-bin/send\\_signup\\_form](http://auth.grolier.com/login/login-bin/send_signup_form).

These databases are very useful for students working on assignments. They are offered as part of the library's membership in the Winnefox library consortium. If you do not have a computer or an Internet connection at home, the library has a public use Internet for your convenience. This terminal has a fast T-1 line connection through Winnefox which is based at the Oshkosh Library. To access these electronic resources, go to the North Fond du Lac library's web page and click on Electronic Resources link. The 5 new ones are being added to 4 previous databases mentioned in the last Villager. A test preparation is also available in which you can take practice exams for the GED or

military ASVAB tests.

The library's web page also has an updated Search Engines link which can be accessed by clicking on Internet Links. It includes Google, Ask Jeeves Kids, and Kids Click! Did you know that your library also offers a computer for public use that has Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and Power Point? This can also be reserved ahead of time, if you want to come in at a specific time to use it. The only charge is for the copies printed. And because of security reasons, any floppy disks that are needed must be purchased at the library for a minimal cost.

Good news for the younger library patrons! The Geo Safari electronic learning game is once again available at the library after being sent in for repair. There are various packets of interest to test your knowledge. These include: sports, history, animals of the world, reading games, a basic map set, and puzzles and thinking games.

Remember to check your library for books and magazines on gardening and landscaping as well as building a deck or patio and other summer projects and for information on vacation places. Also keep the library in mind for books to take to the beach, cottage, on a plane and for audio books to listen to while on that long trip.

## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

### Elected Officials

J.A. Moon, President - 921-9695  
Dennis Oster, Trustee - 923-5281  
E-Mail [doster@dotnet.com](mailto:doster@dotnet.com)  
Mike Koles, Trustee - 924-9843  
Jan Pinto, Trustee - 921-5642  
Mike Streetar, Trustee - 926-0223

### Village Departments

Administrator	929-3765
Clerk-Treasurer	929-3765
EMS	929-3760
Fire	929-3760
Inspections/Zoning	929-3765
Library	929-3771
Municipal Court	924-2479
Police	929-3760
<a href="mailto:publicsafety@nfdl.org">publicsafety@nfdl.org</a>	
Public Works	929-3765
Senior 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)

## Terrace Tree Program

The Village of North Fond du Lac will be having a terrace tree program again this year. The village will provide cost sharing for up to two-trees planted in a terrace at a residential property. The cost sharing amount is \$25.00 per tree. The property owner usually will have to pay between \$60.00 and \$125.00 per tree depending on the type of tree. The trees are normally 2 to 2 ½ inches in diameter and are 8 to 12 feet tall. The village forester must approve the location of the trees and the type of trees planted. The village will order the tree and plant it for you. The property owner is responsible for watering the tree. If you are interested in the program, contact Roger Herried at 929-3765 by May 1, 2002. The village normally plants trees in the fall and the spring.

[www.northfonddulaclibrary.org](http://www.northfonddulaclibrary.org)



**Camp Oneota**  
**North Fond du Lac Community Center**  
**Monday through Thursday**  
**10:00—3:00 p.m.**  
**July 8th—August 15**

This summer we will conquer, learn, create, and have loads of fun! At Camp Oneota we'll learn the history of North Fond du Lac and grow closer within our own community. Every week we will take a special trip to a new place. Some of our trips include a Timber Rattler's Game, Noah's Ark, Camp Sleep-over, and special places within our own community. Some of the trips will require a little extra money to cover the price of tickets and transportation. During the rest of the week everyone will enjoy sport groups, craft projects, group games, team building projects, and other meaningful activities. One meal will be made by the youth for a special project each week. Each camper will receive a t-shirt showing they participated in the camp. Prizes are given out for many activities. This camp is open to ages 7-14 years old. The cost for this camp during pre-registration is \$20.00 for NFDL residents and \$30.00 for non-residents. Any registrations after June 21st will be \$25.00 for NFDL residents and \$35.00 for non-residents. Participation is limited, so hurry. There will be sign-ups for each weekly trip upon registration. Join us this summer to learn and have fun in your community!

**Camp Oneota Contact Information**  
**North Fond du Lac Community Center**  
**Jennifer Frounfelter, Director**  
**280 Garfield St., NFDL, WI 54937**  
**(920)929-6811**  
**nfdlseniorctr@charter.net**

## Summer Reading Program!

### "Your Library: The Imagination Destination"

Come to the library for a summer filled with great times and great books.



- All children finishing 4 weeks of reading will receive a free book!
- Join the fun and help us reach our reading goal. If we do, any reader who completes at least 4 weeks of reading can take a dip in our Jell-o pool on July 26<sup>th</sup>!
- You can sign-up for the Summer Reading Program and get your supplies at the library anytime after Memorial Day.
- Mark your calendars for the following activity dates:

**Special Guest Artist—Robbie Clement** Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.  
**Friendship Learning Center - Gymnasium**

Robbie involves the whole audience in his lively music. You'll sing, dance, make funny faces and enjoy stories.

**Summer Storytime session** June 13<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>

Children will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and games during these 30-minute programs.

**Family Storytime** - Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime**—Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Lunch Bunch programs** June 14<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup> Fridays - Noon to 1:30

Kids in grades 1-5 welcome. Bring a lunch and join the fun. After lunch we'll make crafts, play games, read stories and have special guest presenters.

The program will end on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> with the "Big Finish"—special stories, treats, prizes and, of course, the Jell-o pool!

\*NOTE: There are no programs during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any special needs or requests, please call 929-3771.

## The Construction Season & Permits

Each year housing projects are started without first obtaining the proper permit(s). The purpose of a building permit is to ensure the integrity of your project. Often times projects started without a permit have code violations which can make a project more costly than it has to be. The Village by ordinance can double permit fees for not obtaining a permit prior to starting a project. Even worse, there are occasions when a project has to be modified or redone to meet code. The purpose of this article is to provide you with some guidelines on what requires a permit and what does not require a permit.

Painting, carpeting, and wall papering do not require a permit. Examples of projects that usually need permits include: Remodeling, replacing windows, garages, sheds, parking lots, fences, swimming pools, signs, awnings, cabinets, porches, canopies, new roof/shingling, siding, decks, additions, new structures, electrical work, plumbing work, new heating system, replacing heating systems, moving buildings, demolition of buildings, installation of elevators, escalators, sidewalks, driveways, and storage tanks.

If you have an upcoming project or have a question about the permit process, please contact Roger Herried at 929-3765.

## Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	.1400	.1400 mg/l	9/21/00	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservative
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	1.32pp	1.32ppm		NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promote strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.46	3.46 mg/l	9/21/00	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10	.02	.0003-.047	7/23/01	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

## Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)	15	0	6± 2 (average)	2-15	12-10-00	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l)	50	n/a	9+2 (average)	3-50	1999	NO	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l.
RADIUM (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0	3.1	3.1	12/26/2000	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

## Drinking Water Quality Report



Your village water utility operates 3 deep wells which pump an average of 450,000 gallons of water a day. The water utility complies with strict Federal and State regulations and meets or exceeds the standards for tap water. Customers with water service lines made of lead pipe may experience lead levels in their drinking water above the Federal standard. Lead and copper are not found in significant amounts in the groundwater which is your village's source of drinking water. Due to the naturally corrosive nature of our water however, lead and copper can leach from pipe walls and plumbing fixtures when it comes in contact with these metals. The village utility conducts lead and copper samples yearly in a select group of homes in areas likely to contribute to elevated levels of lead and copper. Your water utility meets state and federal lead and copper level standards as a whole but individual homes may not. None of the homes out of 20 sampled, in 2001, exceeded the lead and copper standards. The utility is required to test in 2002 for lead and copper at twenty locations.

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

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

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

## Definition of Terms Used in the Chart on the Following Page

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