

THE VILLAGER

Fall 2002

From the President

The village board recently met for an entire day to develop its 2003 operating budget. This is a challenging activity and one we, as a board, do every year. The village portion of next year's tax rate is expected to increase only modestly from \$7.76 to \$8.50/thousand. In addition to that amount, you must add the tax rates for the school district, Fond du Lac County, Moraine Park Technical College and the state. Even though you pay your taxes at village hall, the money is split between five different entities for operational costs. A copy of the draft budget is on display at village hall. The budget hearing and adoption is scheduled for November 18.

The statewide elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5. All wards in the village will vote at the Community Center. Whatever your political preference, it is your right and duty as a citizen of the State of Wisconsin to help select our state's leaders.

Another opportunity that arises every year is your right to run for local office. Nomination papers will be available in December for the following offices: (2) Trustees (Jan Pinto and Dennis Oster), Village President (James Moon), and Municipal Judge (Jerry Jaye). The offices of trustee and president are two years each. The Municipal

Judge's term is two years. Each of these offices pays a stipend. For more information contact the village offices.

The village board also recently completed a revision of the village's code of ordinances. The ordinances had not been revised for sometime and in some cases were out of date. The process took nearly three years as the reviews conducted by the staff and the committee of the whole were very time intensive. The new code was adopted this past summer and a copy is on display at the village offices and Spillman library. You can also access the code on the village's website, www.nfdl.org. You can also find other good information on the village including meeting agendas, minutes, library and other community programming information, information regarding the police department and public works construction projects in the community.



**REMEMBER TO
VOTE
NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

NFDL Police Department's Senior Outreach Program

It's an unfortunate fact that in our society senior citizens are oftentimes the targets of criminals, but thanks to an aggressive new outreach program in the Village of North Fond du Lac, some area seniors will be armed with the information and resources they need to avoid becoming victims.

The NFDL Police Department recognizes the special needs and fears of its senior citizen population. Through a new cooperative partnership with Heather Meadows and the newly opened Northgate Senior Campus, District Officer Colette Sykora will hold regular office hours at both locations each month. The overall focus of this program is to reduce the fear of crime, enhance police services provided to older residents and improve the quality of life for seniors.

These goals expand from the original community policing strategies developed by Chief William Lamb in 1996. The Village of North Fond du Lac has been divided into six separate districts with an officer assigned to each. On a daily basis, each district officer intensely monitors and follows-up with all police related activity in their respective area. Analyzing this data allows officers to quickly eliminate or mitigate issues before they become problems. Since the program's inception, the department has been recognized with several prestigious community policing awards, including the Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police Sir Robert Peel Award.

Additional information about this new senior outreach program or the North Fond du Lac Police Department's community policing strategies is available by visiting the department's website at: www.nfdl.org or by calling (920) 929-3760.

AT THE LIBRARY

SPILLMAN LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATIONS

The Spillman Public Library recently received some "free money". The Wisconsin Focus on Energy program donated \$350 to be used to help update the energy related book collection. This grant will also provide the library with several portable watt meters that library users can check out to calculate the energy usage of their appliances. Anyone interested in this should stop in at the library and borrow a watt meter.

A sincere thank you to Marine Credit Union for its donation of two computers to the library. These have been reprogrammed by the Winnefox library system technology staff for our use. Now there is a second public Internet access computer at the library and as use of the Internet has been steadily increasing, this windfall came at a very opportune time. This is especially true as the library had just been informed that it was not eligible (according to the Gates criteria) to receive any free computers from the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation. The second computer is being used at the checkout desk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch Bunch programs for elementary age boys and girls will be held on several Fridays that are school free days:

October 25 - Laughing out Loud
November 22 - Pancake Brunch
January 3 - Game Day

Children's Book Week will be celebrated from November 18 - 24 this year. The theme is "BOOK TIME".

Children can stop in at the library and pick up game activity sheets and enter our prize drawing.

The second session of preschool storytime will be held from November 7 - December 6. As a reminder, they are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (this is really an all ages family storytime) and on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

www.northfondulaclibrary.org

If you have ever wondered whether your library has the new book title that you may have seen at a local store or heard about from a friend, just check the library's web page and click on the "New Additions to Our Collection" link. This is an updated monthly listing of all materials added. Click on the "library's catalog" link to find everything else available at your library and also items that may be borrowed directly from the other libraries in our shared automated system. Remember that you can place a "hold" on items you want from the catalog from your home computer. If you don't have a computer at home, staff at the library can help you find what you want or you can use the library's computers.

**National Children's
Book Week
November 18 - 24**

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

J.A. Moon, President - 921-9695
Dennis Oster, Trustee - 923-5281
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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
publicsafety@nfdl.org	
Public Works	929-3765
publicworks@nfdl.org	
Community Center	929-6811
nfdl seniorsctr.@charter.net	
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



**TRICK
OR
TREAT HOURS**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27**

3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Pet Licenses

All cats and dogs in the Village of North Fond du Lac must be licensed annually. Failure to obtain the license by March

31st will result in a late fee. Tags and licenses will be issued upon proof of rabies vaccination. 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 \$5 per year. If you license three or more



animals you are required to also purchase a multiple pet license for an additional annual fee of \$25.



Waste Oil Recycling

The waste oil recycling site is again open at the Village Garage at 55 Indiana Avenue, after being closed for a period of time for improvements. The site will only be open during the following hours:

Summer

Mon-Thur. 6:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Winter

Mon-Thur. 7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
October 27	Trick or Treat 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
November 5	General Election. Polls open 7 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
November 18	2003 Budget Hearing—7:00 p.m. the Municipal Bldg
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices Closed
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday. Offices Closed.
January 1	New Year Holiday. Offices Closed.
January 31	2002 tax bills 1st half due

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 following the regular board and the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room.

CDBG for Housing Rehabilitation

The Village of NFDL recently received notice of a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation. The funds will be loaned at 0% interest to eligible households for home repairs. There is no cost to fill out an application and all information submitted is strictly confidential.

Funds are available for the following types of projects:

Homeowners-A 0% loan with a deferred payment is available for home repairs.

Tenants-Loans are available to assist with purchasing a home.

Landlords-Installment loans are available for landlords who rent to tenants that are low to moderate income.

For more information contact
Melissa DeVries at 1-800-552-6330

Leaf/Brush Pick-up

The Public Works Department will pick up leaves and other lawn and garden waste on October 28, November 4, 11 and 18. Leaves and waste must be bagged and placed on the terrace for pick-up in such a manner that it does not block access to refuse containers. Residents may also take their leaves and waste to the drop-off site located next to the Municipal Garage at 55 Indiana Avenue.

The last brush/branch pick-up of the year will be November 11. There will be a special Christmas tree pick-up that will run every Monday from January 6 through the 27, 2003.



Pet Control Complaints

The North Fond du Lac Police Department has seen a recent increase in the number of animal complaints made by citizens of the community. Some of the most common complaints the police department receives include calls about animals at large and animals not properly leashed or otherwise controlled. The police department is asking the pet owners of the community to help us eliminate this problem. We strongly encourage all pet owners to thoroughly familiarize themselves with all provisions of the municipal ordinances pertaining to animal control and to comply with these local laws. The municipal code of ordinances can be viewed on the Village's website at www.nfdl.org or by calling, writing, or visiting us for a copy.

Officers of the department will be watching more closely for animal control violations and will be more strictly enforcing these ordinances. Pet owners found in violation of pet control ordinances may be fined between \$100 and \$162 for the first offense. Second and subsequent offenses may result in higher fines. We are hopeful that all pet owners will voluntarily comply with pet control ordinances and that we do not have to issue citations to anyone. Improperly controlled pets can pose a serious health risk to the citizens of our community and we must address violations accordingly.

Remember, along with pet ownership comes the responsibility of properly controlling and maintaining it. If you do own a pet, please make sure you're doing your part.

If you have a pet control problem or concern in your neighborhood, please contact the North Fond du Lac Police Department immediately so we can try to correct the problem. You may reach the department by calling 929-3760.

North Fond du Lac School District Traffic Issues

School Resource Officer Troy Damsteegt has been working carefully with school district officials to improve traffic flow and enforce parking regulations at various school locations. The most notable of these changes have been noticed by the parents of students at Friendship Learning Center, the Early Learning Center (kindergarten building) and the Kids Connection Daycare. Parents and visitors at each of these buildings are asked to cooperate with these policies and regulations to enhance the safety of the students.

Friendship Learning Center (FLC): In past years many staff members and parents have expressed concerns regarding the traffic flow at Friendship Learning Center. As anyone who has been at the school as the children arrive and depart has recognized, the lack of uniformity made driving more difficult and, more importantly, it also posed a serious risk to the safety of our children. The Police Department assisted the School District in establishing new procedures regarding vehicular and pedestrian traffic at Friendship Learning Center. Those procedures are as follows:

All buses and any vehicles picking up and/or dropping off disabled persons:
Enter the parking lot from Thurke Ave. near Broadway St. All vehicles shall park on the east side of the traffic lane for drop-off or pick-up. When leaving, follow the arrows west through the north side of the parking lot and exit onto Prospect Ave.

All other motor vehicles:
Enter the parking lot from Prospect Ave. Please enter in the far west driving lane. When leaving the parking lot, please exit from the far east driving lane. Parents may park in any designated stall within the lot, but please cooperate with us in keeping all traffic flow 'one way'.

All bicycles:
Enter and exit the school grounds by using the entrance nearest the crossing guard on Broadway St. at Thurke Ave.

The School District and the Police Department are asking for your cooperation in following these designated routes. The safety of our children depends on it! Please review this information with anyone who may drop off or pick up your child at Friendship Learning Center.

Early Learning Center (ELC)/Kids Connection: State law and municipal ordinance prohibit vehicles from parking on the west side of Minnesota Ave. from the hours of 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. The area in front of the school must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and buses. The area is posted with signs and the curb has been painted yellow. Vehicles found parked in this area during prohibited times may be ticketed. Parents are reminded to park either on the east side of Minnesota Ave. or on the west side in areas north and south of the restricted area.

