

# THE VILLAGER

Spring 2005

## From the President and Administrator

The spring elections are over and now we know who our Village Board is for the next year. Congratulations to James (Jim) Moon on his reelection to Village President. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Village for another two years. Congratulations are also in order for James Moore and James Scharf, our newly elected Village Trustees. Mr. Moore was appointed January 1, 2005 to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of John Duffy. Mr. Scharf has been to every meeting for some time now. All office holders are anxious to hit the ground running.

The Village is sad to see Jan Pinto leave the Board after many years of public service. She has been rather ill lately, so we are pulling for a speedy recovery.

Elections, due to the nature of change, create challenges, but we prefer to think of them to be opportunities. Now that we have a new board, it is time to put our heads together and make some plans for the future. The first couple of months into the term, the board will be meeting to get educated on the state of the Village and make long term goals to bene-

fit our citizens. Those meetings are, of course, open to the public. When the meetings are posted, we need the input of as many citizens as possible. This is your community. Let's all work together to make it better!

Saturday, April 16 brought another page in history to our Village. Senator Russ Feingold visited our Village by having a listening session at the Community center. It is not every day when one of our two members of the Senate visits North Fond du Lac. President Moon and I were able to have a short meeting with Senator Feingold before the session started. President Moon represented the Village very well. The Senator even invited President Moon to sit up front with him during the session.

Senator Feingold started the session about ten minutes early due to his tight schedule. I was really concerned at that point, because we only had twelve audience members. But as the advertised starting time came closer, we had well over fifty people in attendance. That was a

nice turnout for our Village.

The listening session was held in which the Senator took questions from the floor. I was really impressed by some of the knowledge exhibited by the questions asked. I also noticed and the Senator did comment that the audience did seem very divided in their views. A couple of the questions did make me blush due to the boldness in their nature, but the Senator fielded the questions as most of us would expect.

By now you have all noticed the construction going on at Winnebago Street/County 00. The process is and will continue to be inconvenient during the construction time. No one is more inconvenienced than those who live on Winnebago Street. We are sorry for the troubles, but they are unavoidable. The good news is that Ptaschinski Construction is working very fast and expects to be finished the first part of June (weather permitting, of course). The Fond du Lac County part of the project will be complete by mid-summer. If you have any questions, please call the office at 929-3765 and talk to the Public Works Department.

## Village Wide Rummage Sale

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**

Do your spring house cleaning now and sell your unneeded collectables. For best results place your own ad in the newspapers and put up signs.

For further information call Kay @ 923-5765 or Shirley @ 922-9659.

# LIBRARY NEWS

We are getting geared up for the 2005 Summer Reading Program. The theme is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." The Summer Reading Program kicks off on Wednesday, June 8, 2005. Please call 929-3771 for more details.

Preschool Activity  
(Ages 2 ½ - 5)  
Wed. and Fri. at 10:00-10:30a.m.

Elementary Age  
(K-5<sup>th</sup> graders)  
Wed. and Fri. at 1:00-2:00p.m.

Family Night  
(All ages)  
Thurs. at 6:30-7:00p.m.

There are several Special Events:

June 15 at 10:00 a.m.  
Stacey Schlude: Face Painting  
(all ages)

June 17 at 1:00 p.m.  
Stacey Schlude: The Balloon Kid  
(elementary ages)

June 29 at 10:00 a.m. Special performer  
David Drake: "Puff and Stuff"-  
Music and storytelling  
Note: at Friendship Learning  
Center

July 6 at 1:00 p.m. and July 7 at  
6:30 p.m.  
Dick Weinberger: Demonstration  
of a hammered dulcimer and a  
mountain dulcimer.

August 19 from 12:00 - 2:00p.m.  
Royal Picnic in the Park at Le-  
Mieux Park: Bring a bag lunch  
and the library will provide  
drinks, dessert, crafts and fun!

Parents, remember to keep your  
kids reading this summer in or-  
der to keep up their reading  
skills. The Summer Reading  
Program is a great way to do this  
and have a lot of fun at the same  
time.

## Summer Reading

Summer reading isn't just for  
CHILDREN. The library will  
again be sponsoring an adult and  
teen reading program. It proved  
very popular last summer so will  
be repeated this year. Sign up  
starts in June.

Pick up your Library Hours  
magnet if you haven't done so  
yet. A handy reminder of when  
the library is open.

The newly forming North Fond  
du Lac Historical Society meets  
at the library on the second  
Wednesday of the month at 6  
PM. Anyone interested in village  
history is welcome to join us at  
these informal meetings. If you  
have any old pictures, newspaper  
clippings, or other memorabilia  
of the village, please bring them  
to the library.

A reminder that October 12th  
will mark the 100th anniversary  
of the establishment of the Pub-  
lic Library here in the village.

## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

### Elected Officials

J.A. Moon, President - 921-9695  
Chuck Hornung, Trustee - 923-1751  
Jim Scharf, Trustee - 921-6625  
Mike Stretar, Trustee - 926-0223  
Jim Moore, Trustee - 922-7212

### Village Departments

Administrator	929-3765
Clerk-Treasurer	929-3765
EMS/Fire	929-3760
Inspections/Zoning	929-3765
Library	929-3771
director@northfonddulaclibrary.org	
Municipal Court	924-2479
Police	
Emergencies	<b>911</b>
Non-Emergency	
Calls for Services	906-5555
Police Administration	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)

All departments may be contacted  
through links on our website.

Special events are being planned  
for that week. A storytime room  
mural is being painted this sum-  
mer as one way to memorialize  
this anniversary. More news will  
be in the Keeping On Track in  
North Fond du Lac column in the  
Reporter as well as in the next  
Villager.



## Building Permits

Each year housing projects are started without first obtaining the proper permit(s). A building permit ensures the integrity of your project. Often projects that are started without a permit have code violations which can make a project more costly than it has to be. The Village, by ordinance, may double permit fees for not obtaining a permit prior to starting a project. The purpose of this article is to provide you with some guidelines on what work requires a permit and what does not.

Painting, carpeting, kitchen cupboards, 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 Building Inspector Peter Fetters at 929-3765.

## Building Inspector's Hours

As the building season swings into full gear, the village's building inspector, Peter Fetters has set regular hours to be in his office for appointments with residents and contractors. Peter will be in his office at the Municipal Building daily 8 AM to 10 AM and by appointment. You may call 929-3765 to schedule an appointment.

## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
May 24	Residential water bills due.
May 30	Offices Closed— Memorial Day.
June 4	Swimming Pool Opens.
June 25	Pride Day.
July 4	Offices Closed— July 4th Independence Day.

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

## 2005 Summer Programs

Time to start planning for the summer months! Registration begins Monday, May 2nd, 8:00 am, at the North Fond du Lac Community Center for all swim classes and Camp Oneota sessions. The Pool opens Saturday, June 4th at 1:00 pm. The following are the planned swim classes for the summer.

Session 1-June 20 through June 30.

Session 2-July 11 through July 21.

Session 3-August 8 through August 18.

Each session runs two weeks in length, meeting Monday through Thursday. The first two sessions are free to North Fond du Lac School District residents, otherwise the cost is \$20 for NFDL residents and \$25 for non-NFDL residents. This year the Fond du Lac County Red Cross has incorporated new levels in place of the old ones. If you have questions regarding the new levels and what level your child is in please feel free to contact Jennifer Frounfelter at 929-6811 or email her at [jfrounfelter@nfdl.org](mailto:jfrounfelter@nfdl.org) or Laura Damsteegt at [ldamsteegt@charter.net](mailto:ldamsteegt@charter.net).

Registration forms and brochures on the new levels can be found on the village website, through the school summer brochures, at the schools, municipal offices and the community center.

Camp Oneota has two sessions this upcoming summer starting in July.

Session 1-July 11 through July 28.  
Session 2-August 8 through August 25.

Each session runs Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Only 35 campers per session will be accepted, so sign up early!

The cost for camp is \$45 per session for NFDL residents and \$50 for non-NFDL residents. Registration forms for this program can be found on the village website, at the municipal office or at the NFDL Community Center.

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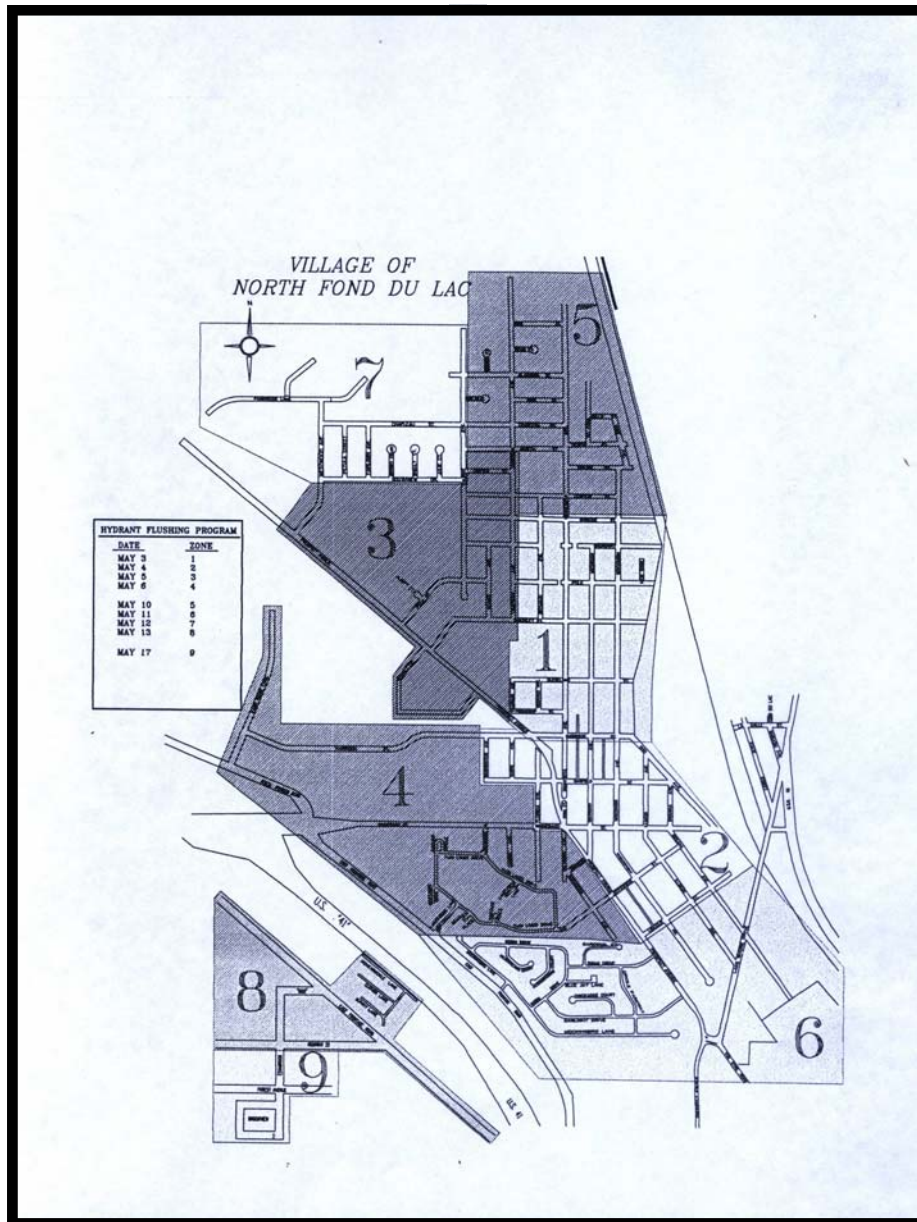
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## Water Flushing System

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains and hydrants between June 3-17. Flushing removes deposits of iron and minerals that are harmless but may affect the color, odor, and taste of the water.

Flushing will be done from 6:00 am-4:30 pm each day in different areas of the village according to a set schedule. Please refer to the zone map and 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	June 3
2	June 7
3	June 8
4	June 9
5	June 10
6	June 14
7	June 15
8	June 16
9	June 17

## Brush Collection

Brush pickup began April 4. Brush is defined as small brush wood, branches, and tree limbs that are no larger than 3" in diameter. Larger branches and tree stumps are not considered brush and must be disposed of by private means. Curbside collection of brush is conducted on every first and third Monday of the month. If a holiday or observed holiday falls on the 1st or 3rd Monday pick up will be the following Tuesday.

Brush should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 am on collection days. The brush must be cut into lengths no longer than four-feet and stacked neatly with the butt ends of the branches facing the street. Small quantities of wood chips and compost are made available at no charge to residents and may be picked up at the municipal garage.

## Water Facts

1. 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated.
2. In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger
3. Lack of water, the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

## **North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS approved to practice higher level of patient care.**

In the last newsletter, I wrote that the North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS had applied to the State of Wisconsin Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to advance the services provided to the Intermediate/99 level of care. The timeline was to complete the process by the middle of this summer.

I am happy to report that all the meetings, paperwork, and inspections that were needed for this new level went much quicker than anticipated, and our service was approved to begin to practice at the new Intermediate/99 level on Thursday, April 14, 2005.

The EMT's on the ambulance service are excited about advancing the level of care from the EMT-Basic IV Tech level to the EMT-Intermediate/99 level. Advancing to the Intermediate/99 level of care is the next logical way that our service can grow to meet the needs of the community.

There are currently five paramedics serving on the ambulance staff at this time. In addition to those individuals, five EMT's have completed training to the Intermediate/99 level, and three other EMT's have completed their Paramedic training. As soon as these individuals finish their clinical time (and testing at the various levels) our ambulance service will have a total of 13 EMT's certified at the advanced level of care, in addition to the 15 EMT's certified at the Basic and IV-Tech levels.

his fall, three other EMT's plan to take the Intermediate/99 training, and four EMT's plan on taking the Paramedic training. That means that by this time next year, we will have a total of eight Intermediate/99's, and twelve Paramedics on our service!

The classes that the EMT's are required to take last for almost a year—and most of them are scheduled during the evening hours, until 10:00 pm. The required classroom hours and clinicals are hundreds of hours in length. After completing the required competencies, the EMT's then have to go through rigorous testing with the National Registry of EMT's—which includes both written and practical exercises.

So, if you happen to see an EMT in your neighborhood, please take a moment to thank them for their time and efforts on this project. They are sacrificing their personal time to improve their knowledge and skills in order to better serve this community.

**For additional information,  
please contact  
Dana Sechler, Fire Chief /  
EMS Director at  
(920) 929-3765, or  
[dsechler@nfdl.org](mailto:dsechler@nfdl.org)**

## **Bike Rodeo**

The North Fond du Lac Police Department, with assistance from Aurora Health Care, is planning a bicycle rodeo on Saturday, May 14, 2005. The bicycle rodeo is open to children ages 6 through 12 who reside in the North Fond du Lac School

District. The event will be from 10:00 am until approximately noon at the North Fond du Lac Municipal Building, 16 Garfield Street, North Fond du Lac. The Bike Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the North Fond du Lac Fire and EMS Open House.

The bicycle rodeo is an opportunity for children to assess their bicycle driving abilities and to learn about bicycle safety. The bicycle rodeo will include presentations on bicycle safety and a bicycle driver's skills test course. Pediatricians from Aurora Health Care will be on hand to speak with children and parents about bicycle and helmet safety. Staff from Aurora Health Care will also have bicycle helmets for sale at the event.

Citizens are reminded that bicycle licenses are required by ordinance and will be available to be purchased at this event. The Police Department encourages all participants to wear a bicycle helmet, and attendance by parents is strongly encouraged.

Entry forms are available at the North Fond du Lac Police Department, Friendship Learning Center, and at Aurora Health Care's North Fond du Lac Clinic. Please complete entry forms and return them to the North Fond du Lac Police Department by Wednesday, May 11th.

Questions may be directed to School Resource Officer Troy Damsteegt at 929-3740, ext 5107, or by e-mail at [tdamsteegt@nfdl.org](mailto:tdamsteegt@nfdl.org).

## **Road Construction Results in Changes for Motorists**

The police department has received a number of inquiries regarding the reduction in the speed limit on STH. 175 / Prospect Avenue. The speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph between Winnebago Street and McKinley Street in North Fond du Lac. This change has been made to make the intersection of Prospect Avenue and Harrison Street safer for traffic re-routed from Winnebago Street. This change in the speed limit is temporary, and the speed limit will return to 35 mph when Harrison Street is no longer serving as the detour route for Winnebago Street.

The police department is urging motorists to slow down. While it will be a small inconvenience for motorists driving through the area, police believe it is necessary to keep everyone safe. Chief of Police William Lamb said that he is hopeful that motorists will voluntarily comply with the reduced speed limit. Police will also be watching the area closely.

Police will also be monitoring the construction zone on Winnebago Street. Winnebago Street has been closed to all through traffic between North Pioneer Road and Florida Avenue. The road will be open only to local traffic during this time. Barricades have been erected, and the road is clearly marked as closed. When motorists drive around the barricades and through the construction zone, it puts the safety of road crews at risk and unnecessarily delays their progress.

Motorists north and southbound on Prospect Avenue intending to travel west bound on Winnebago Street can use Harrison Street west to Park Ridge; southwest to North Pioneer Road; south to Winnebago Street. The opposite would be true for traffic coming westbound on CTH "OO". An alternate and suggested route to use to avoid construction and delays will be Prospect Avenue to Scott Street; west to CTH "VVV" (Rolling Meadows Drive); north to CTH "OO" (Winnebago Street).

## **Parents Encouraged to Monitor Children's Computer Usage.**

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

Throughout the months of February and March, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received instruction about internet safety. School Resource Officer (SRO) Troy Damsteegt had a two-hour class with each of the students to discuss how they could be targeted as a crime victim. Students discussed on-line chat rooms, e-mail, and basic internet safety techniques. Students were shown how providing

something as basic as a telephone number can be used by a predator to get an on-line map to their home.


Parents are reminded that several child abductions have been related to the internet and on-line chat rooms. In several cases nationwide, children first met and talked to their abductor on-line in a chat room. After communicating for a period of time, the abductor lured the child to a location to meet in person. A similar crime, which resulted in sexual assault charges against two adults, occurred right here in North Fond du Lac. We need to make sure our children are aware of internet dangers so this doesn't happen again!

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

If you are interested in learning more about keeping your child safe on-line, please contact SRO Troy Damsteegt at 929-3740 ext. 5107. If enough parents are interested, a special parent meeting can be set up.



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