

The Villager

Winter 2005

From the President & Administrator

Happy New Year from the Village of North Fond du Lac! The beginning of a new year gives us a chance to look back at the previous year to relish in our accomplishments and learn from our mistakes. The Village saw the resignation of Trustee John Duffy (due to work commitments) from the Village Board and the appointments of Chuck Hornung and Jim Moore. Chuck brings some practical business experience to the Board. Jim brings previous school board experience and overall common sense to the Board. Administrator Karen Matze left for Suamico and Mell Smigielski left Spring Green for North Fond du Lac. Flooding once again took its toll on North Fond du Lac in the spring. The presidential election lines at the Community Center were long (President Jim Moon tried hard to make the best of things by serving coffee to those in line after dark). As we look forward to a new start in the new year, Winnebago Street will be redone, giving the entrance into the Village a new look. Wisconsin Avenue will be started in the fall of 2005 with the finish in spring 2006. Work on Mosher Creek will continue. A detention pond is being constructed west of Thurke Avenue and north of Prairie Fox Circle to help alleviate the flooding problems some residents saw on North Thurke Avenue.

As you know, the line for the Presidential election at our polling place was extremely long. Some voters had to wait up to three hours and others were frustrated at the long line and, regrettably, did not choose to exercise one of their most basic rights.

We all recognize that the long lines are a problem only during the Presidential election and not the others. It would be nice if we had the problem at every election. Though the Presidential election is perceived to be the most popular time to vote, it is the local elections that have a more immediate impact on an individual's life. As former House speaker Tip O'Neal said, 'All politics is local'. He understood that for even matters of national concern, the local reaction and how the matter affects the local setting tends to drive the overall opinion. Theodore Roosevelt even added at the turn of the 20th century that the presidency is nothing more than a bully-pulpit. He realized that the presidency is little more than a figurehead that could drive policy, but with little power to effect change. As the time nears to elect a Village President and two Village Trustees, keep in mind the importance of the offices and get out and vote.

Adding a new polling place to alleviate the long lines that we saw this past November does not make much

sense unless there is no other alternative. The cost of adding an additional polling place could reach up to \$12,000, so from a financial perspective adding a polling place does not look like a viable alternative.

The bottleneck of our whole voting process was at the poll list table (at no fault of the workers). Writing down everyone's name and address just takes a lot of time. After reviewing the election laws, the problem remained that each voter is given a voter number and because of that fact, conventional thinking would allow just one poll list per polling place. After speaking with the State Elections Office, we can configure the polling place so that we can split the poll list by last name (A-K and L-Z). One election official would give out the voter numbers as voters enter the polling place and then get routed to the proper poll list. The two poll lists would then be combined at the end of the evening. This process may help to reduce the long wait at Presidential Elections. With this easy-to-manage change along with the Help America Vote Act (requiring voters to be registered) being implemented in 2006, we are hopeful that the long lines in the 2008 Presidential election will be greatly diminished without spending significant dollars.



Lakeside Municipal Court has been relocated to the office next to the Village Board Room. Make sure you check it out when you stop in.

LIBRARY NEWS

www.northfonddulaclibrary.org

The library staff and library board members are pleased to announce that the year 2005 is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the village library. The exact date is October 12, 1905. Special treats will be offered throughout the year to library users in appreciation of their continued use of the library. It is indeed gratifying that for almost 100 years the members of the library board and village board of trustees during that time have given their support so that area residents could have a local library.

One of the token thank you gifts to library patrons is a small magnet with open hours, phone number, and web site listed for handy access. These will be available soon at the check out desk for anyone interested.

More good news, this time from the children's librarian, Hanna Wetherbee. If you have wanted to bring your child to story time but couldn't come on the Wednesday or Friday morning times (10-10:30), the library is now offering this opportunity on THURSDAY EVENINGS from 6:30-7. This evening program is for all ages and families are encouraged to attend together. All these programs will begin again in February.

Looking for something to do on a day off of school? On Friday, January 21st, the library is offering an hour long story and craft hour for kindergartners through grade 5 beginning at 1 PM. The theme is CHILL OUT AND READ! Come and join us for fun and fascinating penguin and polar bear stories. We will create a chilly craft and a cool snack!

Please call and register as space is limited 929-3771 The Summer Read-

ing Program is in the planning stages and is set to begin in June. The theme this summer is DRAGONS, DREAMS AND DARING-DEEDS...can't wait ! !

Thanks to all who donated materials (books, CDs, videos, etc.) to the library during the past year. Their generosity is appreciated. These include:

Amy Leemon , Inez Koechel
Matt and Elizabeth Koechel,
Edith Trepanier,
Connie Huebschman,
Peter Dart-Fashun , Jan Stoegbauer,
MissyKeepers,
Bonnie Bender , Marjorie Brashier,
Janel & Keith Prickett,
Angie Cardinal,
Kris Hill, Wendy Hayes,
Alison Scharf,
Cheyanne Lyn White,
MaryAnn Rosenthal,
Renee Bell, Clarence Rozek,
Patricia Fitch , Muriel Trampf,
Cathrine Smet,
Lee Ann Thiel, Sabina Martin,
Diana Murphy, Margaret Maurer,
William Klingbile,
Gerald & Hallie Stollenwerk,
And to anyone inadvertently missed
Thanks.

The annual Used Book SALE will be held again during National Library Week which is April 10th-16th. The theme for this year's celebration of that event is "Something For Everyone @ Your Library." The sale offers more than hardcover and paperback books. Videos, music CD's and children's materials will also be for sale.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

J.A. Moon, President - 921-9695
James Moore, Trustee - 922-7212
Jan Pinto, Trustee - 921-5642
Mike Streetar, Trustee - 926-0223
Chuck Hornung, Trustee - 923-5440

Village Departments

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Clerk-Treasurer 929-3765
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Police 929-3760

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Community Center 929-6811
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Utilities 929-3765

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Visit us on the web at www.nfdl.org

Mark April 11th through 16th on your calendar for coming to the sale at the library for bargains.



If you have a laptop computer, the library has good news for you. We now offer wireless connections to the library's Internet service. There is a handout sheet with instructions for users available at the library.

This connection can be used in the immediate vicinity of the library even when the building itself is closed.

Thermal Imaging Camera

On behalf of the North Fond du Lac EMS & Fire Department, I would like to thank each person who donated money into the donation cans around the Village, or who sent in a check to our designated equipment fund. As a result of the generosity of the members of this community, the NFDL EMS & Fire Department was able to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera this past month.

The Thermal Imaging Camera uses special space-aged technology to detect variances in heat and cold within any environment. It is used to "see" through smoke and walls, where the human eye cannot see.

The Thermal Imaging Camera can be used for various functions. The main purpose is to rescue a victim from a smoke filled environment, such as a burning structure. The secondary purpose is to detect heat within the walls of a structure to determine if there might be a possible fire within the infrastructure of a building. Lastly, it can be used to find someone lost in the woods or a cornfield. By flying overhead, we can see the temperature variations, and detect exactly where the individual is.

No matter how the Thermal Imaging Camera is used, it will help to save lives, property, and protect firefighters while fighting a fire.

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MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
January 31	Last day to pay 1st installment of property tax at Fond du Lac County Treasurers Office, 160 S. Macy Street. Personal property taxes and pet license can be purchased at 16 Garfield Street.
February 15	Primary Election-Polls open 7:00 a.m. –8:00 p.m.
March 25	Offices Closed-Spring Break.
April 1	Deadline for 2004 dog and cat licenses with no penalty.
April 5	Spring Election-Polls open 7:00 a.m. –8:00 p.m.

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 on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building board room.

Higher level of EMS care on the Horizon

The EMT's on the ambulance service have expressed an interest in advancing the level of care from the EMT-Basic IV Tech level to the EMT-Intermediate/99 level. At the budget hearing last year, the Village Board approved the 2005 budget to include funds to begin training to the higher level, as well as purchase the equipment that is needed for the advanced level of patient care.

I recently sent in the application to the State of Wisconsin Bureau of EMS to begin the process of advancement. They will review our application, and then hold some meetings in order to determine the best route for us to advance to the next level. This process will take several months, and we hope to provide the new level of service by the middle of this summer.

Emergency Medical Services was "born" nationally in the late 1960's. NFDL EMS began providing service in 1974. Since that time we have grown in many ways. 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.

The EMT's on the North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS are part of what is

called a "Combination Department". That means that our department is made up of full time, part time, paid-on-call, and resident program staff. There are a total of 29 EMT's (certified at various National Registry EMT levels) and 1 driver on our service roster. Below is a chart of the makeup of the current personnel on our department:

Full time Fire Chief / EMS Director (Certified as a NREMT-Paramedic)1
 Part time NREMT Paramedic.....1
 Part time EMT Basic IV tech's.....2
 Paid-on-call NREMT Paramedic's.....3
 Paid-on-call EMT Basic IV tech's.....9
 Paid-on-call EMT Basics.....10
 Resident Program paid-on-call EMT Driver.....1

There are 3 Resident Program EMT's. These individuals live in a house owned by the Village of North Fond du Lac. In lieu of paying rent, they each work a 12-hour shift on the ambulance every third day. This is a great way for the Village of North Fond du Lac to guarantee EMS coverage during the daytime hours, with very little cost to the budget.

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The members of the ambulance service are excited about this new venture. Also, the Village Board of North Fond du Lac is committed to providing an advanced level of EMS in its' community. We thank the citizens of this community for your support, and the support of the Board, as they continue to prioritize the funds needed for training, supplies, and equipment, in order to sustain an EMT-Intermediate/99 level of service for our response district.

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

Police Help Gun Owners Lock 'em Up

The North Fond du Lac Police Department will provide 500 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm," said North Fond du Lac Police Chief William Lamb. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home." The firearm safety kits, which include the cable-style gun lock, can be picked up at the North Fond du Lac Police Department during normal office hours, M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the North Fond du Lac Police Depart-

ment is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearm safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

"We are pleased to have the North Fond du Lac Police Department as a Project ChildSafe partner," said Dee Dee Dockins, a spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."

Winter Parking

At the time of this writing, we've experienced only the second accumulating snowfall of the 2004-2005 winter season. It is a great time to remind residents about the Winter Parking regulations. Please cooperate with public works crews by following the restrictions that have been established so that they can be most effective in keeping our roads safe.

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

Listed below are selected excerpts of Chapter 16 that relate to **Winter Parking**. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, please feel free to contact one of the local police officers to discuss your questions or concerns.

(2) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING.

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

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

(c) Violations of 16.09(2)(a) and (b) will be subject to the penalties stated in section 16.25.

(d) Snow removal season. A snow removal season is defined as November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

ORDINANCE SECTION 2. – Village Code section 16.25 is amended to read as follows:

16.25 Penalty. In lieu of or in addition to other penalties as prescribed, the penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be as provided in section 24.05 of this code.

(a) Each day that any such provision is violated by any person shall be and constitute a separate violation hereunder.

(c) Parking penalties for the first violation of the winter parking ordinance during any snow removal season will be \$15.00 (\$30.00 if not paid within 5 days). The penalty for the second violation shall be \$30.00 (\$45.00 if not paid within 5 days). The third violation shall be \$50.00 (\$65.00 if not paid within 5 days), and the fine for any fourth or subsequent violation of the winter parking ordinance during a snow removal season shall be \$100.00. (continued on next page)

(e) If a parking ticket is not paid within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of issuance of the citation, the Village will make application to the Department of Transportation in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes to suspend the vehicles registration and refuse to renew registration of any and all vehicles registered to the violator. Such suspension shall be in effect until such time that the Village gives written notice to the Department of Transportation that the forfeitures imposed has been satisfied.

Elections

A spring primary election will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2005. This election will be held to narrow the field of candidates for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There will be no race for local offices on this ballot.

The Spring Election to be held Tuesday, April 5, 2005 will decide which candidates will fill two trustee positions and the office of village president for the Village of North Fond du Lac. The candidates running for the two village trustee positions are Mary J. Cottrell-Bledsoe, James Moore, and Jim Scharf. The candidates running for the office of village president are James A. Moon and Jan Pinto.

All wards vote at the Community Center located at 280 Garfield Street. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you are unable to come to the polling place to vote you may vote by absentee ballot. A ballot can be mailed to you up until the Friday before the Election Day or you may vote absentee in person up until the Monday before the election.

The Village of North Fond du Lac does not currently have voter registration. Beginning in 2006 the village will be required to maintain voter registration records. If you were unable to sign the voter registration form at the November 2, 2004 election, please take a moment at either the Spring Primary (February 15, 2005) or Spring

Election (April 5, 2005) and sign form.

Pet License

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. 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. If you license three or more animals you are required to purchase a multiple pet license for an annual fee of \$25, plus the license fee for each animal licensed.

Rainfall

Last year's heavy rainfall caused many homeowner's to sustain flood damage which was not reimbursed by any kind of insurance. The Internal Revenue Service does have a publication, which may help you to find out if your losses are reportable. The publication is called 2004 Losses Kit for Individuals and helps to claim unreimbursed casualty losses on property that was destroyed by a natural disaster. The publication is available at Spillman Library along with other tax forms that you may need.

Winnebago Street Reconstruction

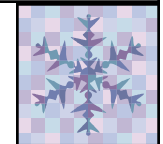
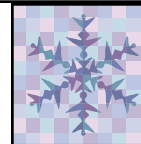
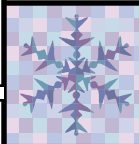
The spring of 2005 will see the start of the reconstruction of Winnebago Street from Florida Avenue to Pioneer Road. This project will be the last section of major street within the village to be fully improved with curb and gutter. This section of road has seen a steady increase in traffic volume since the reconstruction of Prospect Avenue. On a typical day 4,700 cars utilize this roadway. This traffic volume is second only to Prospect Avenue south of Winnebago Street, which has a traffic load of 6,000 vehicles per day.

It is anticipated that construction will start in early May and conclude sometime in October. During the construction, use of the roadway will be limited to local traffic. During this period we are asking that residents use Harrison Street as an alternate route.

The project improvements include curb and gutter, sidewalks, landscaped terraces, street lighting and traffic control lights at the intersection of Winnebago and Pioneer. The cost of these improvements will be shared between the village and the county, with some state dollars being involved.

There will be a pre-construction meeting and the successful bidder will be in attendance and available for specific questions. There will also be weekly construction meetings held on the project site. The times and dates of those meetings will be set once the contract is awarded.

For residents interested in the project but are unable to attend the meetings, you may make inquiries about the project by contacting Project Coordinator, Nick Leonard or Director of Public Works, Mike Tolvstad at 929-3765 or by e-mail nleonard@nfdl.org or mtolvstad@nfdl.org.




Sidewalk Shoveling

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

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

Businesses, Organizations, & Upcoming Events



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Casino Night



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Date: February 12, 2005

Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Place: Marghael's

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