



Village of

Little Chute

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011

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**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S
2012 BUDGET MESSAGE &
ANALYSIS**

**GUIDE FOR VILLAGE
RESIDENTS FROM THE
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
(includes 2012 Garbage/
Recycling Schedule)**

CHANGES TO VOTING WARD BOUNDARIES AND WARD NUMBERS

As a result of the 2010 Census, the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted new State Senate and Assembly Districts and the County and Village were also required to establish new district/ward boundaries.

Little Chute voters will be notified in January 2012 if they have been assigned a new ward number and/or voting location. The Village will continue to utilize the Village Hall and Gerard H. Van Hoof Civic Center for its polling sites. The new ward assignments will be in effect for 2012 elections. However, if there are recall elections in the Village for State or Assembly offices, it is our understanding at this time that voters would vote according to their 2011 voting wards.

The new village ward map is available for you to view on the Village's website: www.littlechutewi.org/wardmap. You may view the County Supervisor's ward map at <http://www.co.outagamie.wi.us> and select redistricting on the home page.

State Senate and Assembly District maps may be viewed on the State Legislature website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov>.

☎ If you have any questions, you may contact the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk at 788-7380.

VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 &
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 AND ALSO ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012



PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION HOURS

The standard hours for office collections are printed on the face of the tax bill. As a reminder, the hours for office collection are:

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Treasurer's office is **closed**:

Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, **January 2, 2012**

The last day to pay taxes in person at Village Hall with a 2011 dated receipt is:

Friday, December 30 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm

Payments put in the night deposit box on Dec. 31 will be processed with mail that is postmarked Dec.31. Payments can be made at Capital Credit Union - (Little Chute offices only) on Dec. 31.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Payments are payable to: **Village of Little Chute Treasurer.**
- **Bring or mail the 1st Installment stub** (upper left hand corner; it shows payment date **by January 31, 2012**) with your payment, which provides the 1st Installment or Full Payment amount. Mailed payments must be postmarked by January 31 to be considered timely.
- For your convenience a night deposit box is available under the canopy entrance along the Grand Avenue side of Village Hall. Deposits are emptied each day and are credited as of the previous business day.
- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you desire a receipt beyond your cancelled check. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay property taxes by check.
- If you receive an escrow check from your mortgage company, the entire amount must be applied to your tax bill. Only if the escrow check exceeds the entire tax amount may local treasurers issue a refund. **Cash refunds will be limited to \$50.00 only at the Village Hall.**



- Refund checks will be issued twice a week.
- If there is an incorrect mailing address on your tax bill, please notify us. We will forward the information to the County Treasurer for you. If there is an ownership or legal name change that is not reflected on the tax bill, those changes must be recorded by the taxpayer at the County Register of Deeds.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Taxpayers can make payments in December and January at the Village Hall. Two alternate options will be available for property tax payers again this season.

Payments at Little Chute Capital Credit Union branches. **The first option** is to offer alternative sites for tax payments. Any and all taxpayers will be able to make first installment or full tax payments at Capital Credit Union branches in Little Chute. These are at 125 E. North Ave. and the branch within Larry's Piggly Wiggly. Any and all taxpayers may use these sites. Little Chute tax bills will only be accepted at these Little Chute branches.

There are at least three advantages: Capital Credit Union can transfer the proper amount from the customers account directly to a Village account. The additional hours the credit union will be open including later hours and on December 23, 24 and 31 and January 2, 2012 when Village Hall is closed. In addition, Capital Credit Union offers immediate tax payment refunds as long as the refund amount does not exceed \$500.00. Please contact Capital Credit Union to verify Holiday hours.

For taxpayers with special handling such as address changes, new lottery credit claims, third party escrow checks, these transactions **must** be done at Village Hall.

Payments by Credit Card. **The second option** relates to the payment of property tax bills by credit card. The taxpayer may use the Village's website through the first installment due date of January 31,

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or use the Outagamie County website for the County treasurer for either the first or second installment payment.

The taxpayer may either go to the Village website (www.littlechutewi.org) and click on the "Online Payments" link, or go directly to Official Payments website (www.officialpayments.com). Once on the credit card website, the taxpayer may go through the menu starting with Local Payments, or simply enter the jurisdiction code for the Village of Little Chute – 6738. An additional alternative is to use a toll-free number to make an automated credit card payment for Village purposes. ☎ The toll-free number is 1-800-2PayTax (1-800-272-9829). To speak with a customer service person at Official Payments, you may call 1-800-487-4567. The customer service number also provides Spanish translation.

Under this system, the taxpayer will initiate the transaction; a card will not be swiped at the Finance office. In fairness to all taxpayers, there will be a transaction fee added to the payment for those who choose to use credit cards. The fee is 2.75% of the payment amount for credit cards, or \$3.00 for electronic payments, up to \$10,000. Electronic payments over \$10,000 will have a fee of \$15.00.

For second installment payments due by July 31, only the County Treasurer's office will accept credit card payments. The County's website is www.co.outagamie.wi.us.

FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES

In 2008, the State Legislature authorized a First Dollar Credit as a means of property tax relief. The program has continued in 2011 with decreased state funding. It is intended to apply to all property (residential, commercial, manufacturing) that has an improvement value printed on the tax bill. The legislation excludes mobile homes and leased property from the distribution. It will not apply to vacant land.

The method of calculation will be similar to the Lottery Credit, but at a slightly lower amount. The

formula will consider the equalized tax rate of the school district applied to a maximum value of \$6,800. The final amount will be evenly applied to both installment payments unlike the lottery credit that is applied only to the first installment.

LOTTERY CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Residential property owners are eligible for a lottery credit to reduce their property tax bill. The two criteria are:

1. It must be an **owner occupied** primary residence.
2. You must have lived there **as of January 1 of the current year**.

If you continue to reside in the same owner-occupied residence, and have received the lottery credit previously on your property tax bill, you do not need to take any action.

The lottery credit is a form of state legislated property tax relief. Proceeds of the state lottery are used to offset property taxes of owner-occupied property. The amount is determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR), varies each year, and is factor of the school tax levy where the property is located. It is applied to the first \$9,000 improved value of each residential property. Therefore it is different for each school district, but within a district all residential properties receive the same credit, regardless of value.

This article also notifies those who purchased or built a new home in 2010 and occupied it by January 1, 2011. The county treasurer has authority to assign a lottery credit to each parcel that is eligible. However, it requires action by the home owner. The homeowner is responsible to notify the local treasurer (Village Hall) or the county treasurer (Outagamie County Courthouse) and certify their eligibility by signing a Lottery Credit Application. The owner may use the internet (www.dor.state.wi.us), and then click on Forms, then Lottery & Gaming Credit. Forms are also available at the Village Hall or courthouse. If a homeowner fails to apply by November 1 for the 2011 credit, they can still apply when paying the tax bill. These transactions are handled only at Village Hall.

WISCONSIN'S NEW VOTER PHOTO ID LAW



Wisconsin Law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary. An acceptable photo ID will be required before receiving a ballot at the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections. The new voter photo ID law also requires voters to sign their name on the poll list before receiving a ballot.

What is an acceptable ID?

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- U.S. passport
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:

Date of issuance; Signature of student; Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance. Student must also provide proof of enrollment with ID.

An acceptable photo ID is not required to have a current address. However, proof of your current residence is required if you are registering to vote.

How do I get a free photo ID to vote?

Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests a free ID for the purpose of voting. The regular fee is \$28.

Due to the need to provide a birth certificate and other documents to receive a DOT-issued ID,

individuals should start the process of obtaining a statutory identification well in advance of the 2012 elections.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 800-947-3529.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION VILLAGE TRUSTEES AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE APRIL 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Little Chute, on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed whose terms of office expire April 16, 2012. The term for Village Trustee begins on April 17, 2012. The term for Municipal Judge begins on May 1, 2012. Village Trustee terms are for two years. The Municipal Judge term is for four years.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Tammy Frassetto
Village Trustee	James Hietpas
Village Trustee	Dan Mahlik
Municipal Judge	Sue A. Hammen

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2011 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary for Village offices is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

2012 ELECTION DATES

- Spring Primary (if necessary) February 21
- Spring Election & Presidential Preference - April 3
- Partisan Primary - August 14 (moved from Sept.)
- General Election - November 6



GERARD H. VAN HOOF MEMORIAL LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER NOTES

Sometimes it's good to stand back, take a deep breath, and take a fresh look at what's in front of you, so you know where you want to go in the future. That's just what the library's Planning Committee did this year by undergoing a long range planning process to evaluate current collections, programs, services, and community needs, and then shaping that information into a plan for the future.

Over a 7-month period, the Planning Committee looked at peer library comparisons, evaluated measures provided in the Wisconsin Public Library Standards, issued several surveys (public, staff, Library Board), held community focus groups & interviews with community leaders, examined data, shaped a Statement of Values & revised the Mission Statement, and developed goals and objectives to guide the library through the year 2015.

What did we find out?

Here's the good news:

- √ The programs and services of the library are very well-liked by patrons, who especially appreciate the library staff.
- √ 94% of library user survey respondents said that they were either extremely or very satisfied with the library's services.
- √ 96% indicated that the library staff is extremely or very helpful.
- √ Library Board members and staff take great pride in the library and the work that they do for it.

Here are the challenges:

- √ While the library offers many services that are comparable to those of libraries in similar sized

communities, it does not compare favorably with its peers on several measures.

- √ The library's measures were "Below Basic" in 6 out of 8 categories in the Wisconsin Public Library Standards, including Staff FTE, Periodical Titles, Audio Recordings Held, Video Recordings Held, Materials Expenditures, and Public Internet Computers.
- √ It appears from the data collected that the library is constrained in its ability to provide recommended levels of materials, public computers, and staff by its operating budget.
- √ In 2010, the Villages of Kimberly and Little Chute appropriated an average of \$30.60 per capita for library purposes. This compares to the Outagamie County municipal average \$46.33 per capita, Outagamie Waupaca Library System system-wide average of \$47.20 per capita, and the statewide average of \$40.28 per capita.
- √ The community looks to the library for technology, literacy, and program support at no cost to its residents.

An integral part of the process included shaping a Statement of Library Values that will serve as the guiding principles that shape everything the library does. They will guide planning, decision-making, and the programs and services the library provides to its users for at least the next five years. The Statement of Values follows.

We value people:

- We treat library users and staff with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- We respect the diverse cultures, thinking, and learning styles of the people we serve.
- We respect people's right to privacy and **confidentiality when using the library.**
- We believe in teamwork.

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We value information and intellectual freedom:

- We are passionate about early literacy, lifelong learning, and instilling the love of reading in people of all ages.
- We are ideas champions who facilitate access to information & resources that will assist people in shaping their own beliefs, goals, voice, and personal development.
- We provide current information in a variety of formats to meet the needs and interests of our community.
- We provide up-to-date technology and staff trained to assist people in its use.

We value service:

- We are innovative and creative and strive for excellence in all that we do.
- Our staff, volunteers, and trustees welcome and serve all equally.
- We believe people should have a positive experience when using the library.
- Our staff is approachable, friendly, well-trained, and committed.

We believe in integrity and accountability:

- We are here for our users and are responsive to their changing needs.
- We seek to turn problems or challenges into opportunities.
- We provide a clean, accessible, and welcoming facility that is an asset to the community.

We value culture and community:

- We enhance the quality of life of the community through our collections, programming, and services.

- We encourage, inspire, and support the creative and cultural endeavors of library users.
- We contribute to the economic viability of the community.

While the library is well-loved and has an excellent base upon which to build, we have a great deal of work to do to improve the services we offer to the community. A summary of the Library Plan: 2011-2015 is available on the library's web site at http://www.kimlit.org/about_us/planning/2011-2015PlanSummary.pdf if you would like more details about the plan, including our long range goals and objectives. Remember to check the library's web site at <http://www.kimlit.org> for information about upcoming programs, services, and more.

NOTICE

The library will be **closed** on Christmas Eve Day. We will also **close at 5:00 pm Monday through Friday** for the week of December 26 through December 30. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm.

Happy Holidays!

New Family Program at the Library

The Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library invites families with preschoolers to participate in an exciting new early literacy program entitled "1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Old MacDonald's Farm." Using Old MacDonald's Farm as theme and mascot, this program will be an on-going, multi-year project to encourage parents to read aloud 1000 books with their children before they enter school. The program is open to any preschooler in our service area.

When a child is registered at the library, he or she will receive a reading journal to record the first 100 books read to the child. Families are then encouraged to return to the library every time they finish reading and listening to 100 books, until they reach the ultimate goal of reading 1000 books together.

Why are we offering 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Author Mem Fox states in her book

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Reading Magic, "Reading aloud and talking about what we're reading sharpens children's brains. It helps develop their ability to concentrate at length, to solve problems logically, and to express themselves more easily and clearly. The stories they hear provide them with witty phrases, new sentences, and words of subtle meaning. Before long children begin to understand the look of the print and the way words work in sentences... No wonder experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they learn to read for themselves. A thousand! That sounds daunting. But when we do the sums, it isn't as bad as we might think. Three stories a day will deliver us a thousand stories in one year alone, let alone in the four or five years prior to school. We can do it!"

Families can register at the library in Kimberly or Little Chute. More information about the program is available on the library's website at <http://www.kimlit.org/youth/1000BooksB4K.asp>.



Children's Entertainer Tom Pease helped Kick Off the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program in November



**THANK YOU TO THE
LITTLE CHUTE
GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERS**

The Little Chute Garden Club members did an outstanding job decorating the Village planters for the Christmas Season.

① If you are interested in

finding out more about the Little Chute Garden Club, please contact Ellen Mischler at 788-4679 or email: luminapump@aol.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following individuals that reached significant years of service to the Village of Little Chute in 2011.

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Don Fuhrman - LC Community Band

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tom Coenen - Asst. Chief LC Volunteer Fire Dept.
Marty Janssen - Street Superintendent, DPW
Bill Konitzer - LC Community Band
Bob Vanden Heuvel - Chief, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jon Brockman - Asst. Chief LC Volunteer Fire Dept.
Steve Andres - Lt., LC Volunteer Fire Dept.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lance Steidl, Officer, Fox Valley Metro PD
Pat Verhagen - Dept. of Public Works

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Frank Hada - LC Community Band
Sheryl Pendleton - Kimberly/LC Library

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jason Danen - Officer, Fox Valley Metro PD
Bruce Danz - LC Community Band
Justin Johnson - LC Community Band
Theresa Johnson - LC Community Band
Randall Lefeber - Lt., Fox Valley Metro PD
Marty Marasch - LC Fire Inspector
Jean Seidl - LC Crossing Guard
Jason Verbeten - Dept. of Public Works

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tim Eiting - LC Volunteer Fire Dept.
Judy Geerts - Election Inspector
Jeff Jasiak - LC Volunteer Fire Dept.
Karen Mulry - Election Inspector
Brian Peterson - Parks, Rec. & Forestry Dept.
Luke Schrader - LC Volunteer Fire Dept.
Brandon Stahmann - Officer, Fox Valley Metro PD
Carol Van Der Burgt - Election Inspector
Donna Van Grinsven - Election Inspector

PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT NEWS

PARK SHELTER RENTALS

The current policy on park shelter rentals allows the public to reserve shelters up to one year in advance. Park shelters can be reserved for use from May through September by calling the Park & Rec Dept. at 788-7390. Information on park shelters (shelter choices, locations, pictures, rental fees) is located on the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/parks.

HEESAKKER PARK ICE SKATING/HOCKEY RINK



The Village of Little Chute will have one ice rink at Heesakker Park as soon as the weather permits. Please note that it must be below zero for three consecutive days before we can start to flood the rink. The rink

will be lit up by a floodlight next to the rink and it will have a net on one end for people who wish to play hockey. Please be considerate of other skaters at all times since everyone will be sharing one rink for two types of activities! There is NO supervision or warming shelter at the park, so please watch your children! Remember to keep all sticks & stones off the ice, and don't walk or skate on the rink if the water isn't completely frozen.

SUMMER PART-TIME APPLICATIONS

If your child is interested in applying for a summer job with the Little Chute Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept for 2012, please have them stop in to pick up an application starting on Tuesday, January 3. The application can also be downloaded from the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. The application is for anyone interested in applying for an opening as a recreation (tot lot & sports) supervisor, parks & forestry laborer, softball scorer, lifeguard, or pool cashier (admission & concessions). The final deadline for turning in summer part-time applications is Friday, March 2.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Are you looking for a place to meet new people or have some fun with your friends? Then come to the Senior Activities Program at the Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center (room N2) on Wednesdays and various



Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Activities planned by our senior activities coordinator, Sharon Jansen, include cards, luncheons and more. The Senior Activities Schedule, which lists meeting dates and activities, is posted on the door to the library/civic center building and can be viewed at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. There is no charge for participation and no registration is necessary (except for special meals); just come when you can and bring someone along! The Senior Activities Program is available to Little Chute residents/taxpayers age 55 or older, and they can bring their friends.

2012 BOYS BASEBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/12)

If your son will be age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/12 and wants to play in a boy's baseball league during the summer of 2012, then please mark your calendar with the following registration information. The Little Chute Baseball Club coordinates the boy's baseball leagues for boys who are age 7 to 15.

The club's early-bird summer baseball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Civic Center on Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and on Tuesday, January 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend the baseball club meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17th. Registration fee checks will be held by the club treasurer and processed for payment on 5/1/12. Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at registration time to receive Little Chute resident rate, otherwise non-residents pay an additional fee.

Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only). Parents who do not register their son during the early-bird registration period will be charged a higher per child

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fee and registrations will only be accepted if the club has not reached their child maximum in a specific league and their teams have not been finalized. Register early and save money!

Parents will NOT be able to register for any age 7 to 15 boys baseball league in the Park & Rec Dept Summer Program Book, they must register with the baseball club directly. Club baseball registration forms are available in the lobby of the Park & Rec Dept. For more information and registration forms, please visit the baseball clubs website at www.littlechutebaseballclub.com

2012 GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/12)

If your daughter will be age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/12 and wants to play in a girl's softball league during the summer of 2012, then please mark your calendar with the following registration information. The Little Chute Softball Club coordinates the girl's softball leagues for girls who are age 7 to 14. The club's early-bird summer softball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Civic Center on Saturday, January 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Tuesday, January 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at registration time to receive Little Chute resident rate, otherwise non-residents pay an additional fee. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only). Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Club will determine the number of teams in each league based on registrations received; a league may be limited to only one team. Don't delay in registering your daughter for summer softball. Parents will NOT be able to register for any age 7 to 14 girls softball leagues in the Park & Rec Dept Summer Program Book, they must register with the softball club directly. Club softball registration forms will be available in the lobby of the Park & Rec Dept in late December.

2012 SOCCER REGISTRATION (age 4 & older as of 8/1/12)

Registration for the Spring/Summer 2012 Soccer Leagues is currently underway. Players age 4 thru

adult (using players age as of 8/1/2012) desiring to play soccer in 2012 need to register directly with the Heart of the Valley Soccer Assoc. (HOVSA). Registration forms are available in the lobby of the LC Park & Rec Dept (1940 Buchanan St.). Completed form must be mailed with registration fee to the HOVSA address listed on the form.

① If you have registration questions, please contact HOVSA representative Mike Buman at 540-2971 or email tboomen@aol.com. If you have other questions or concerns, please contact President Gary Coenen at 788-5589.

The 2012 soccer season, which is a ten week program, runs from the last week of April through the last week of June. Players age 4 through adult are encouraged to register; use age as of 8/1/2012 to determine league choice. Teams are filled on a first-come basis, but team roster size is limited, so please register now to avoid missing out on the fun! You will NOT be able to register for a soccer program in the Park & Rec Dept Summer Program Book; you need to register now for spring/summer soccer.

YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Little Chute Park & Rec Dept will be offering a 12-week youth dance program starting in late February. Classes will be 30 minutes long and will be held on THURSDAY evenings at the Little Chute Library/Civic Center. The dance instructors will be Jessica Koebe and Melissa Peerenboom. Classes will be held from Thursday, February 23 through Thursday, May 17 (no class on 4/5). All students participate in the program's dance revue, which will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, May 20 (rehearsal on stage on 5/18). Registration forms will be available in early January at the Park & Rec Dept. and at the Little Chute Library, or it can be downloaded from the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. Little Chute residents/taxpayers may register from Monday, January 16, to Thursday, February 2, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee is \$35 per child. All registrations will be dated when received for use with deciding which classes are formed and placement in those classes. Classes offered will be tumbling (age 4 & 5), jazz (age 6 & up),

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pom&dance (age 6 & up) and hip hop (age 8 & up). Registration form requires using child's age as of 1/1/2012. Classes formed are determined by preferences on dance registrations received. Starting on Monday, February 6, non-residents will be allowed to register for remaining class openings (fee is \$45/non-resident child). If you are interested in registering your child for the winter/spring dance program, please mark your calendar so you don't forget. ☎ If you have questions, please call Donna at 788-7390 ext.202.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Little Chute residents/taxpayers DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN FOR PICKUP OF CHRISTMAS TREES! Please place your tree curbside once all lights, ornaments, garland, and the majority of tinsel has been removed. Trees should not be wrapped with tree bags. Mobile home residents should also put out their tree to the street within their mobile home park.



Starting Tuesday, January 3, the Village forestry crew will be scheduled as deemed necessary for Christmas tree pickup with the chipper. Please be patient, since they will be chipping a lot of trees within the village. Wreaths or boughs containing metal wiring must be disposed of in your polycart because the chipper cannot chip items with metal.

BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

☎ Please remember that all Little Chute property owners/renters MUST CALL IN their property address to the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Dept at 788-7390 to have their address added to the brush chipping list (residents do not have to call in for pickup of Christmas trees). If calling after hours, please choose extension 202 and leave a message that you have brush out and include your complete street address. When the brush pickup list is sufficient enough to send out the chipping crew, they will be sent to the addresses on the list. If you don't call in your brush, you will not be

picked up. If you hire a company to trim and/or take down trees on your property, they are responsible for brush removal; the Village will not pickup brush trimmed by a company you hired.

Brush Pickup Rules - Place your branches curbside with the cut ends facing the same direction; stack piles neatly. Mobile home park residents must bring their brush to the nearest Village street (streets within the mobile home parks do not belong to the village). Brush should never lie in the street or on the sidewalk. KEEP BRUSH AS STRAIGHT AND AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. Brush that is shorter (4 feet in length or less), thorny brush, and evergreen branches need to be bundled with string, not wire. Brush that is too short in length to bundle must be disposed of as yard waste (please see public works article on yard waste disposal for more information).



ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS - CHEESE FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Cheese Festival Board of Directors will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live in the Village and will be graduating in the Spring of 2012. Students who attend Little Chute High School must obtain the Cheese Festival scholarship application from their School Guidance Office. Students who attend other area high schools and live in Little Chute may pick up an application in the Administration Office at the Village Hall beginning February 6. Deadline for returning the scholarship application is March 1, 2012. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have donated time working at one of the two most recently held Cheese Festivals. ☎ For more information, contact Vicki Schneider at 788-7380 ext. 204.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
2012 GREAT WISCONSIN CHEESE FESTIVAL
JUNE 1, 2 AND 3**

For a schedule of events (posted in mid-spring) go to www.littlechutewi.org/cheesefest



**FOX VALLEY METRO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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Guiding Principles

Compassion

Respect and empathy for each individual’s dignity through listening and understanding.

Integrity

Bound by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics serving with courage and fairness. We are dedicated to our oath to uphold the public trust.

Professionalism

Committed to providing the highest quality of police service and leadership to the community with dedication and objectivity.

POLICE DEPT. CONSOLIDATION

Effective July 1st, 2011, the Fox Valley Metro Police Department officially merged with the Combined Locks Police Department. The consolidation efforts are ongoing.

The Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. will utilize both the current facility on McKinley Ave. in Little Chute as well as a portion of the Combined Locks Civic Center on Wallace St. in Combined Locks. The current Little Chute facility will be the department’s headquarters and will continue to be used for the daily operation of business. The Combined Locks facility will be used for storage as well as have additional workstations and interview rooms for the Officers’ use.

The renovations to both the Combined Locks facility and Little Chute facility are complete. There will be an open house ceremony in 2012 for the public to view the new facilities.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS



With the winter months arriving be sure to follow the below tips from AAA. Partner with the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. to reduce traffic crashes.



1. Clean off the snow on top of your vehicle before driving- flying snow can cause problems for drivers around you.
2. If you do start to slide or become out of control, always try to steer the vehicle in the direction you want the front of the car to go.
3. Black ice is called “black” for a reason- it is difficult to see, so use caution at all times especially after the dropping of temperatures.
4. Keep a safe following distance behind the vehicle in front of you, in case they encounter difficulties, you will have room to stop.
5. Make sure your vehicle has at least a half a tank of gas, gas lines can freeze if the temperature is right.
6. Keep an eye on your vehicle’s tire inflation, fluctuating temperatures can alter inflation levels.
7. Change your windshield wiper blades and use an antifreeze windshield fluid in your vehicle.
8. Regularly bathe your vehicle- road salt can be harmful to your paint job.
9. Check your vehicle’s battery life and replace if necessary.
10. And finally, in snowy or icy conditions, please only drive when it is absolutely necessary.

DOG LICENSES

The 2012 dog licenses are available for purchase at the Fox Valley Metro Police Department. Per Village ordinance, all dogs 5 months of age or older must be licensed in the Village.

The cost for a license is as follows: \$7.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered (\$12.00 after April 1st) or \$12.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered (\$17.00 after April 1st).

OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN



Per Village ordinance, vehicles are not permitted to park along Village streets between 2:00 am and

6:00 am., between December 1st and April 1st.

Vehicle owners may request permission from the Fox Valley Metro Police Department to leave their vehicle parked on Village streets during this period.

To request overnight parking permission, individuals should contact the overnight parking request line at (920) 788-7512 and follow the automated system.

UNSOLVED CRIMES

Fox Valley Metro Police Department is seeking public assistance in resolving unsolved crimes.



Individuals providing information on crimes in our area can remain anonymous and receive a reward for the successful capture of suspected criminals by

calling Fox Valley Metro Police Department at 920-788-7505 or call Crime Stoppers at 920-788-9090. Email: tips@stopcrimenow.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce residential crime. If you are interested in participating or starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood, please call Community Support Officer, Jeff Steeber, at Fox Valley Metro Police Department 788-7505 or email at jeff.steeber@fvmpd.org



FOX CITIES VICTIM CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

The Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team is a volunteer organization designed to assist local police departments in providing support services to victims, witnesses, and family members of crime victims. It provides immediate comfort, support and referral information for those who have been victimized by crime or involved in a critical event or trauma.

Volunteers Needed

The Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team is in need of volunteers to assist the Fox Cities law enforcement agencies of Fox Valley Metro, Grand Chute, Appleton, Town of Menasha, Menasha, and Neenah in providing "on-scene" advocacy, support and assistance to members of the community and their families who are victims of crime or who are in crisis. Anyone who is interested contact Beth at 886-6044 or 209-9153 or e-mail Emontou@ci.neenah.wi.us.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Fox Valley Metro Police Department hosted a Fall Citizen's Police Academy. The Academy was a huge success. Thank you to all the participants.



The Citizen's Police Academy:

- Provides the Citizen and Police Officer a chance to meet and talk about the law enforcement profession as performed at the Fox Valley Metro Police Department. This can aid the citizen in understanding not only what the police do but how

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they do it and why. It also gives the Officers a chance to meet their customers and find out what services they expect and to what standard.

- Citizens have a chance to ride with an on-duty police officer.
- Discuss and learn about such topics as Police School Liaison Program, Investigations, Traffic law, Legal Issues, Police Weapons, OWI and much more.
- This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your police department and criminal justice.

The Citizen's Police Academy is open to individuals who are at least 16 years old with no criminal record. Preference will be given to people who live or work in Little Chute, Combined Locks, Kimberly or the Kimberly Area School District. There is no cost for this program.

④ To enroll or get information on the Citizen's Police Academy, stop in or call the Fox Valley Metro Police Department (920) 788-7505 or email Community Support Officer Jeff Steeber, at jeff.steeber@fvmpd.org.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Fox Valley Metro Police Department provides numerous programs for citizens. These include:

- Cellular Phone Loan Out
- Citizens Police Academy
- Citizen Ride-along (Ride along with an Officer for a day)
- Engraver Loan out
- Fingerprinting (only available to citizens who live or work in the village)
- Key Box Program
- Neighborhood Watch
- Residential Security Program (Post Card)
- Vacation House Checks
- "The Club" Loan Out

Also, if your civic group or business would like an officer to speak to them on any police related subject, officers are available to make presentations.

FOX VALLEY METRO WEBSITE

Check out the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept's at www.foxvalleymetro.org for information on available programs and upcoming events.

REMINDERS FROM THE LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



- With the increased use of your furnace in the winter, check to make sure your CO Detector is working properly.
- Check/clean your chimney on an annual basis.
- Adopt a Fire Hydrant - Keep the nearest fire hydrant in your neighborhood clear of snow and ice.
- When reporting a fire, if it is possible, leave your porch light on.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

The USFA and NFPA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Keep your Christmas tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.



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Parks, Rec. & Forestry Dept.	1940 Buchanan St.	788-7390
Public Works Dept.	1940 Buchanan St.	788-7395
Gerard H. Van Hoof Library	625 Grand Ave.	788-7825
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2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

Wed.	4	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	9	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	11	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	17	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	17	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	18	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	25	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Wed.	1	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	8	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon.	13	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon.	13	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
TBA.		Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	15	Village Board	6 p.m.
Tue.	21	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	21	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	22	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

MARCH

Tue.	6	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	7	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	12	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	14	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	20	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	20	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	21	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	28	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Village Hall with the exception of the Fire Commission which meets at the Safety Center and the Joint Library Board which alternates between the James J. Siebers Memorial Library and Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library Design Review Board meetings will be announced. CDA - Community Development Authority meetings will be announced.

Schedule is tentative, please call ahead to confirm or check the Village's website at www.littlechutewi.org.

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