### NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

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STORM WATER EDUCATION
Kids Can Help Too!
& Fish Don't Swim in Chlorine

### A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT MICHAEL VANDEN BERG

If you get the feeling that there is a lot happening lately in our quiet little village, that's because there is a lot happening in our quiet little village. If you're one of the few people who have not yet seen the windmill, you're missing a sight to behold and it's not even completely finished yet. You have to give the windmill committee much credit. They have always kept their ultimate goal in mind as they navigated through the trial and tribulations that a project of this magnitude inevitably has.

The pedestrian bridge connecting the trail system in Heesakker Park with Island Park is substantially completed and open for use. I knew the bridge and trail would be neat, but it has exceeded my expectation. If you haven't seen the bridge or walked the trail, it's a must do.

Finally, I would like to thank Dan Mahlik for his service on the Board and the Village of Little Chute. It was a pleasure working with him this past year. Dan decided not to run for another term as trustee. I would also like to welcome the new trustee, Larry Van Lankvelt. Larry will be a good addition to our board.

Have a great summer.



NOTICE
VILLAGE OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th
and
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

# THE ATMOSPHERE OF CHANGE AND PROGRESS HAS ARRIVED IN LITTLE CHUTE

By Chuck Kell, Village Administrator

Oh, how much can a few things change in one year to transform a relatively small and quietly content Village into a place of excitement, proud heritage, and focus on a somewhat forgotten resource that once was viewed as the back door of the community and now is transitioning to a new main street. And so goes the Village of Little Chute with finally seeing the dream of so many volunteers and supportive donors experiencing the wonder and excitement of "Lift Day" for the Little Chute Windmill project. Congratulations to Little Chute Windmill Inc. President Don De Groot and his committee for their perseverance and to the charitable donors for this wonderful gift and monument to the citizens of Little Chute that was promised and delivered to the community without the assistance of any tax dollars from the Village. The Committee's efforts will never be forgotten and we must maintain a positive attitude and support for the premise that not only will the windmill be a proud community monument but that it will inspire and draw community business leaders and property owners to invest in our community and especially in the downtown to serve and welcome our new visitors that will make Little Chute a stop on family vacations, senior bus trips, and student educational outings.

I can only imagine how this cultural community monument would look during the Christmas season with its sails adorned in thousands of clear Christmas lights as one enters the community across the community bridge from Kimberly. Could this be a permanent "have to see" stop on the annual Fox Valley Tour of Lights?

And then there is the new Little Chute Heritage Parkway Trail connecting Island Park on the West with Heesakker Park on the East via a mile long scenic trail that has now opened our eyes, access, and appreciation to a riverfront resource that had largely been forgotten by this community. When I came here seven years ago

I found a community that had literally abandoned the use and enjoyment of Island Park because of a defunct canal system and bridge facility. I have heard from numerous residents that they didn't even know that Island Park even existed as a community park facility and that this was just a piece of land where people used to dump debris and the Village had a sewage treatment plant. Seven years ago there was no Village working relationship with the Fox River Navigational System Authority. This was some entity that nobody knew that was created by the Wisconsin Legislature and now owned a defunct canal system that most people felt would never be reopened. Well Little Chute, all of this has dramatically changed. The Village now has an excellent working relationship with the Fox River Navigational System Authority. In fact the Village Administration, Village Parks Administration and the Navigational Authority know each other by first name and we talk and cooperate frequently to benefit and implement the projects that will benefit the general public and the citizens of Little Chute from each of our unique perspectives. This working relationship and partnership has resulted in the Fox River and our Village Parks System along the Fox River becoming a new main street for our community, no longer the back door that nobody knew existed. This new working relationship and partnership has helped bring the Village Federal and State grants to construct the Heesakker Park pedestrian bridge over the canal and the trail system. And there is more to come with additional committed park improvements for Island Park to be developed later this year and the replacement of the Mill Street Bridge to Island Park currently being engineered and scheduled for construction beginning in late fall of 2013.

And so I will close with this very simple thought and message. Volunteerism, perseverance, collaboration and partnerships are what make communities great, make projects happen, and move our society forward. Little Chute is on a roll. Let's keep it moving!



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#### LITTLE CHUTE GARDEN CLUB

by member: Ellen Mischler

The downtown planters are planted! This year's color scheme is bright red Surfinia Petunias, Snow Princess Alyssum, and bright green Sweet Potato Vine. These are all vigorous growers and should fill the planter and spill over the sides! Thank you



to all of our adopters who have been watering over the years. We could use a few more people who would be willing to adopt a planter for the summer. This involves watering Monday, Wednesday, and Friday about 2-3 gallons

each time. During the summer, it get real hot and the planters dry out fast, plus because they grow so big, they use lots of water. If it rains, still check on the pot as the planters could still be dry. If you would like to take care of a planter for the summer, please call Ellen Mischler at 788-4679.

Here are some tips for growing plants in the planters that will work for your pots at home as well. When the plants are full grown and fill the pot, the rain tends to roll off the leaves and onto the ground rather than into the pot. A good way to check is to stick your finger into the dirt. The soil should feel moist all summer; but not waterlogged. Don't wait until plants wilt to water them, this is very damaging to the plants. It also takes them awhile to recover and get back to peak bloom; if they survive the wilt.

Are you bothered by deer and rabbits in your yard? This is a very inexpensive and effective home remedy. Take one tablespoon of garlic powder and mix it with one egg and a healthy squeeze of dishwashing liquid. Then add a bit of water so that it can be mixed well. Add this mix to two gallons of water and spray it on your flowers and shrubs every 7 to 10 days or after a rain. If two gallons is too much, divide the mix in half and add to one gallon of water and store the other half of the mix in the refrigerator until you need it. This works great on tulips, petunias and other favorites that you notice deer and rabbits have been eating. I would not recommend using it on plants you eat because it is an egg product.

### PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE

Taxpayers who paid a first installment or partial payment in December or January need to pay the second installment by August 1. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT IS PAYABLE TO THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY TREASURER, 410 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911. Do not mail your taxes to the Village Hall. The County Treasurer must receive the second installment.

A reminder that the Treasurer's Summer Hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday-**Summer hours** - 7 a.m. -3:30 p.m. **Special hours**: July 30, 31 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The County Treasurer sent a postcard in June to taxpayers with a balance notifying them of the special hours and special payment options. The County has arranged with many financial institution branches in the County to accept second installment payments.

These branches will collect tax payment through Tuesday, July 31.

The three closest locations for Little Chute residents:

<u>Capital Credit Union</u> – Little Chute, Kimberly & Freedom branches
<u>BLC Community Bank</u> – Little Chute
Unison Credit Union – Kaukauna branch ONLY

BLC Community Bank is a **NEW** location accepting tax payments for Outagamie County.

In addition, the County accepts credit card payments or e-checks with an online service (fee charged to taxpayer). One may access it in the following ways: <a href="https://www.outagamie.org">www.outagamie.org</a>. Pay Real Estate Taxes Online, then enter the tax information or by phone: 1-877-788-5160.

### OTHER TAX BILL INSTRUCTIONS

 Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you desire a receipt beyond your cancelled check. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay property taxes by personal or cashier check.

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- Tax bill copy: If you need a copy of your tax bill, you may contact the Village Hall office and we would be happy to send you a copy. If you have access to the internet, go to <a href="https://www.outagamie.org.">www.outagamie.org.</a> choose Deeds/Real Estate Taxes/Maps (GIS), and then choose Public Property Tax Data. Enter either the property address or parcel number, then hit the "Submit" button. Click on the underlined parcel number, scroll to the bottom, and then click on Tax Bill. You may then print it yourself. You can only search by parcel number or property address, not by name.
- Name or Address Change: If there is an incorrect mailing address on your tax bill, please notify the County Tax Lister who maintains all property tax descriptions. If you notify us we will forward the information to the County Treasurer's office for you. If there is ownership or legal name changes, they must be legally recorded by the taxpayer at the County Register of Deeds.

### LITTLE CHUTE COMMUNITY BAND PERFORMANCES



July 11	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
July 18	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
July 25	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
Aug. 1	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
Aug. 8	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
Aug. 15	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
Aug. 22	Parkside Care Center, LC	7:00 pm
Aug. 29	St. Paul Home, Kauk.	7:00 pm

The Public is welcome to all performances, so come on out and enjoy the music of the Little Chute Community Band. New members are always welcome to join the band. Dentact Carla Johann at 739-5178, Susie Hietpas at 788-5884 or Jan Hietpas at 427-4436 for more information.



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Downtown Little Chute

The 31st Annual Kermis Dutch Festival will be held downtown on Main Street. Come enjoy authentic Dutch and American food, Dutch Dancers, a variety of musical entertainment, craft/novelty vendors, Hoops contests, wooden shoe carver, scavenger hunt, children's entertainment/games and much more.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8 am - Tweewieler (Bike) Challenge 8 to 11 am - Pancake Breakfast 10 to 11 am - LC Communtiy Band 11 to 11:30 am - Klompen Dancers 11:30 am - Hoops 3pt & Free Throw Contest 11:30 am Capital Credit Union Coin Drop 12 to 12:30 pm - Music by the Hum Strummers 1 to 1:30 pm - Klompen Dancers 1:30 to 3:30 pm - Music by The Brink 3:30 pm - Hoops 3pt & Free Throw Contest 3:30 pm - Cookie Eating Contest 4 to 7:45 pm - Music by Rueben & the Receders 8:30 to 11:45 pm - Music by Adams Way

Vendors and sponsorship openings are still available. ① If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's Festival or a sponsor, please contact Tammy at 920-851-5921 or email:

TrusteeFrassetto@littlechutewi.org.

Follow Kermis Dutch Festival on Facebook for a complete and updated schedule of events or on the Kermis webpage at <a href="www.kermisdutchfestival.com">www.kermisdutchfestival.com</a>.



LITTLE CHUTE RETAILERS
ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE
DOWNTOWN
LITTLE CHUTE
TUESDAY, JULY 31ST
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### GERARD H. VAN HOOF MEMORIAL LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER NOTES

President (then Senator) Barack Obama once said, "At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."

At the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library, we believe that to be true, not only for children, but for people of any age, and that belief is reflected in our mission to inspire and support lifelong learning and the love of reading. This mission is supported by a variety of things, including technology, collections, and programming.

The 2012 Fox Cities Book Festival was a huge success with over 80 authors presenting over 90 programs in over 20 venues. The entire Festival was free to the public, supported by local libraries, organizations, and individuals who are passionate about connecting writers and readers. The Festival coincided with the arrival of the 2012 Fox Cities Reads program, which culminated in 6 presentations made throughout the Fox Valley by Bill Strickland, author of "Make the Impossible Possible." Audiences were inspired by his thoughts and will, hopefully, be moved to action.



(Author, Bill Strickland)

In addition to annual events like the Festival and Fox Cities Reads, we have ongoing monthly programs which include our afternoon and evening Reader's Groups and adult events on topics ranging from cycling to wine tasting to decorating and more. We have events for teens and children, including story times for babies through age 5, book parties, movies, and reading to therapy dogs.

And now summer is here, when we'll have our annual Summer Reading Program for all ages. The theme this year for kids is "Dream Big – READ!" and for teens, "Own the Night." Adults won't be left out



with the theme "Between the Covers." Library staff has planned a great program with a full 8 weeks of events, prizes, and fun to be had by all. Check out our web site at <a href="http://www.kimlit.org">http://www.kimlit.org</a> for more details about the program.

Why care about reading over the summer? Children who don't read over the summer lose three months of reading comprehension. This loss is accumulative and is a key factor contributing to the achievement gap between struggling and successful students. By the end of sixth grade, kids who do not read over the summer will be two school years behind their peers who did read!

Having access to books and having books in the home are essential to building strong readers. The public library offers free reading materials to all children and helps get books into the homes of children who do not have their own books. A library card is free and may be the most important card in your wallet.

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and let us inspire your love of learning and reading. We invite you to cross our threshold and become part of the magic!

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# 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 <a href="https://www.littlechutewi.org/parks">www.littlechutewi.org/parks</a>.

### ANIMALS IN VILLAGE PARKS – Ordinance Revised

The Village Board recently approved revisions to Village Ordinance 32-1(c)(20) regarding animals in Village parks. The revised ordinance now states:

No person shall bring animals onto park property, with the exception of leashed dogs on roads, paved trails, and chipped or gravel paths. Dogs are not allowed on playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic areas, lawns, or in park shelters. All persons shall secure their dog on a leash 8 feet or shorter in length and maintain their dog under control, meaning connected to a leash held by a person at all times. Dogs are not to run at large. It shall be unlawful for any person, who is the owner of, or in possession of, or charged with the care of a dog, to permit same to run at large within any Village park. Dogs must display current rabies tag and current registration tags. All dog waste must be immediately picked up and disposed of per provisions set forth in Chapter 6 of the Village of Little Chute Code of Ordinances.

This subsection shall not apply to certified guide dogs that are under control by the use of a harness or other restraint and are accompanying blind, deaf or mobility impaired persons, as proved under Wis. Stats. § 174.056. The Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry may authorize animals onto park property for special events.

### **DONATION RECEIVED FROM HARP FAMILY**

The Little Chute Parks Department recently received a generous donation from the Harp family. The funds were used to purchase and install five benches along the newly paved walking trail from Island Park to Heesakker Park. Thanks to the Harp family, many walkers will be able to take time to sit and enjoy the beautiful scenery at the park.



(Harp Family Members)

### SUMMER TEE SHIRT PROGRAM

A total of 1,328 tee shirts were sponsored in the Summer Tee Shirt Program by area businesses and associations for the youth in our summer recreation programs. We would like to thank all of the tee shirt sponsors for their thoughtfulness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Your sponsorship is an essential part of our summer programs. Thank you for the support you have given us and our community youth this year and in past years. Without your sponsorship, our programs would not be as successful.

2012 Shirt Sponsors: American Electric Service, American Legion Post 258, ATCAM, Bakers Outlet, Bel Brands USA, Berken Heating & Cooling, BLC Community Bank, Bob Romenesko Construction, Boots Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Building Services Group, Capital Credit Union, Cinder Care, Clif Peeters Masonry, Coenen's Auto Tech, D&M Interiors, Dave Wittmann Insurance, Don Hietpas & Sons, Eagle Graphics, East Wisconsin Savings Bank, Excellence Electric. EZ Glide Garage Doors, Fireline Sprinkler Corporation, Fox Valley Tool & Die, Gentleman Jacks, Great Lakes Mechanical, Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival, Gustman Chevrolet Sales. Hardware Hank, Heart of the Valley Senior Service Club, Horn Precast, J.A.K. Enterprises, JP Graphics, Kaukauna Utilities, Keith Petersen Plumbing, Kiwanis Club of Little Chute, L&B Cabinets, Lappen Security Products, Larry's Piggly Wiggly, Lee's Contracting, Little Chute Jaycees, Little Chute Storage Center, Optometric Services, Quad Communities Crime Stoppers, Rademaker Restoration & Remodeling, Reineking Chiropractic, SPE Inc., Tim's Body Shop, Unison Credit Union, Utility Sales & Service, Valley Grinding & Manufacturing, Van Dyn Hoven Insurance, Van Dyn Hoven Studio, Van Lieshout

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Law Office, Van Zeeland Manufacturing, Van Zeeland Nursery & Landscape, Vanderloop Shoes, VVH & Associates, and Warehouse Specialists.

#### 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 that is held this summer on various Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center (room N2). Sharon Jansen is our senior activities coordinator. There are groups of people playing various card games on scheduled Wednesdays, so come join them. The Senior Activities Schedule is posted at the library/civic center. All programs are free of charge (except for luncheons) to Little Chute residents/taxpayers age 55 & up, and there is no registration necessary – come when you can and bring a friend!

### THANK YOU FROM THE CHEESE FESTIVAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival Board of Directors would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, workers, and attendees that helped make this year's festival a great success. The community's support of the Festival is greatly appreciated and the dedication and assistance from everyone involved is what makes the Cheese Festival a successful event year after year. We look forward to the **25**th Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival which will be held on May 31, June 1 & 2, 2013.

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPORTS "RAIN OUT LINE"

Please remember to call the Little Chute Parks & Rec. Department "rain out line" at 788-7821 if you are questioning whether or not baseball/softball or soccer games will be played. An up-to-date recording on field conditions and game cancellations can be obtained by calling that number after 3:30 p.m. each day.

### **ATTRACTION TICKETS**

In conjunction with the WI Park & Rec. Assoc., admission tickets to Milwaukee County Zoo, Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park, Noah's Ark, and Six Flags Great America / Hurricane Harbor are offered at reduced rates.

Tickets may be purchased at the Parks & Rec. Dept, 1940 Buchanan St., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. Only cash or checks (must show current drivers licence) are accepted. Ticket sales end on Fri., Aug. 31. There is no refund for unused tickets. To For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.littlechutewi.org/recreation">www.littlechutewi.org/recreation</a> (choose the 2012 attraction tickets link in the left column) or call the Park & Rec. Dept at 788-7390.

### **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FEST**

Come help us celebrate family fun and an awesome summer at our 6th Annual Family Fun Fest which will be held at Doyle Park on Tue., July 31 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the fun activities with your family and friends. Our staff will be grilling up some great hamburgers and hotdogs - a meal with a hamburger or hotdog, bag of chips, and a soda will only be \$1.00 per person. There will be numerous FREE activities for kids to enjoy including giant inflatable's, balloon creations, kiddie express ride, prize give-a-ways, and various games. There will also be a DJ playing music during the event. Families can also enjoy free admission to the swimming pool from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., so bring your suits & towels along. Don't miss out on this awesome night of family fun!

### YOUTH OUTDOOR CARNIVAL

Come join all the fun at our annual outdoor tot lot carnival which will be held at Legion Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Wed., Aug. 15** (raindate Aug.16). There is no signup necessary; everyone is welcome to attend this event. There will be numerous games, inflatables, kiddie express ride, balloon creations, and a DJ. Game tickets only cost 10¢ each and kids turn in their prize tickets for various novelties, toys, and gift certificates. Take a break from playing to enjoy hotdogs, chips, soda, and dillybars at our food stand.

### YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Park & Rec Dept will be offering a 12-week Youth Dance Program this fall on THURSDAY evenings at the Little Chute Civic Center. Dance instructors will be Jessica Koebe and Melissa Peerenboom and they will teach 30 min. dance classes starting on Thur., Sept. 13, thru Thur., Dec. 6 (no class 11/22).

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All students will participate in the program's dance revue, which will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, Dec. 9 (rehearsal night is Dec. 7).

Registration forms will be available in early Aug. 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, Aug. 13, to Thursday, Aug. 23, 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), pom & dance (age 6 & up), and hip/hop (age 8 & up). Registration form requires using child's age as of 8/1/12. Classes formed are determined by preferences on dance registrations received. Starting on Monday, Aug. 27, non-residents will be allowed to register for remaining class openings (fee is \$45/non-resident child). If you have questions, please call Donna at 788-7390.

### **BRUSH PICKUP POLICY**

DLittle Chute property owners/renters MUST CALL IN their property address to the Park, Rec & Forestry Dept at 788-7390 (ext. 202) to have their address added to the brush chipping list. If calling after hours, 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 (contact Public Works Dept. for disposal information).

The Village has budgeted money to plant trees on

#### **TERRACE TREES**

the terrace for any taxpayer that would like to purchase them. Enclosed with this newsletter is a terrace tree application. Completed applications will be accepted at the Parks, Rec., & Forestry Dept on a first-come, first-serve basis, as long as the budgeted money lasts. The application can also be downloaded from the Village website at www.littlechutewi.org/forestry. Your cost per terrace tree will be \$60, with the balance being paid with budgeted money. The final deadline for applications is Aug. 15, if funds remain. Village staff will plant the trees, which are balled and burlaped with a minimum of a 1.5" trunk diameter, starting in Oct. as specified by the Forestry Manual. Property owners must have curb and gutter before they can have terrace trees. Specified requirements are that trees be 10 feet from driveways, 15 feet from utility water shut-off values or hydrant, 20 feet from overhead street light pole, 25 feet from existing trees in yard, 60 feet from nearest corner intersection, and minimum of 40 feet from each other.

### **NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPEN**

The bow-string pedestrian bridge with a scenic overlook connecting Heesakker Park to Island Park is now open. Families can enjoy the beautiful scenery while walking the mile long asphalt trail connecting the parks. There are three ways to access the trail and bridge – from Island Park, from the Garfield Avenue entrance of Heesakker Park, or from the Sanitorium Road entrance to Heesakker Park.



### NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### NOTICE OF ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

<u>Destruction of Noxious Weeds.</u> As required by state law, "...every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on land in the Village which he owns, occupies, or controls."



### Public Nuisance Declared.

The Village Board finds that lawns, prasses, and noxious weeds on lots r parcels of land which exceed eight priches in length adversely affect the

public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any lawn, grass, or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance...

Abatement of nuisance. If the weed commissioner shall determine with reasonable certainty that any public nuisance as defined in subsection (b) of this section exists, he shall immediately cause written notice to be served that the village proposes to have the lot grass or lawn cut so as to conform with this section and section 28-31. During the same growing season, there will be no other notice to property owners to abate. If a second complaint is received during the same growing season regarding the same parcel of land, and if the nuisance is not abated immediately, the village will cut the property and bill the owner for time, machinery, and administrative costs. The village board has indicated that they have zero tolerance in this issue. The abatement is the owner's responsibility.

#### **POLICY ON DOWNSPOUTS**

It has been brought to our attention that some companies advertise their services to install downspout drainage systems to solve standing water, troublesome downspouts, sump pump lines, and grading issues. The Village of Little Chute's Code of Ordinances, Sec. 34-2 Mini-storm sewers/storm sewer laterals. No downspouts shall be connected to a storm sewer lateral, except with permission of the building inspector for hazard mitigation and it shall be limited to one. There shall be no downspouts connected to a mini storm sewer.

For those areas with storm water flooding problems, one thing that would assist with reducing the water amount that does run through our sewers would be to disconnect downspouts from the storm lateral.

By having downspouts hooked directly to lateral lines or mini sewer lines, the water is traveling in a faster mode, thereby, causing backups and flooding situations. Contrary to what you probably have been told over the years, mini-sewers with laterals are not designed to handle downspouts, only sump pumps. By placing the water back on your lawn, it lengthens the time for the water to reach the street and then the catch basin, thus, giving the storm sewers more time to catch up with the flow. It also allows for infiltration into the soil, thereby, reducing the amount of water and debris entering the storm sewers and streams.

### **DISPOSAL OF ROOTBALLS FROM SHRUBS**

Rootballs are considered garbage. If the rootball is small enough to fit inside of your garbage polycart, it should go in there. If it is too big for your polycart, it should be placed curbside on your last garbage day of the month. Place it at least 4' away from your garbage polycart.

### CAUTION AROUND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Please watch out when you are around construction equipment (tractor/backhoe, sweepers, and/or construction crews). For safety reasons, please stay far enough away from them, slow down and use caution when passing them. The operators are trying to do their job, and at times they may not notice you.

### **PRIVATE SANITARY LATERALS**

In order to reduce the amount of clear water adversely impacting the sanitary collection system and sewerage treatment system in terms of expense, efficiency, and overall burden on treatment facilities, the Dept. of Public Works has begun Phase IV of the Village-wide Private Sanitary Lateral Program. In the interest of health, safety, and general welfare of Village residents, it is necessary for property owners to repair the deficiencies in the private laterals.

One hundred and one notices were mailed to property owners whose defective sewer laterals allow the inflow and infiltration of clear water into the Village's sanitary sewer system. Anyone that did not return their signed and dated Notice of Intent form by the deadline of August 31, 2012, will have a clear water management fee of \$50 placed on their Kaukauna Utility bill, starting with the next billing cycle and continuing every month thereafter. Also, anyone in Phase IV who chose not to use the Village contractor and whose private sanitary lateral is not replaced by August 31, 2012 will incur the clear water management fee of \$50 placed on their Kaukauna utility bill, starting with the next billing cycle and continuing every month thereafter.

Thirty seven notices were also sent to Buchanan St., Polk St., and Sanitorium Rd. property owners. Since these streets are being reconstructed later this year, the affected property owners were ordered to have their private sanitary laterals replaced by June 20, 2012 before other construction could begin.

Since it is very cost effective to do, some property owners have also elected to have their lead water service replaced at the same time. A typical water service would be located in the same trench as your private lateral, thereby only requiring one excavation.

M & E Construction of Kaukauna is the Village contractor for Phase IV. They began the project in May and will complete it by August 31, 2012.

### YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

The yard waste drop-off site has proven to be very popular with over 416 residents now using the site and after purchasing access control cards. About 205 residents have paid the \$5 reactivation fee for using the site this year, and currently 176 residents have paid the \$20 (first year) fee. The site opened in mid-July of 2011 and by late fall 238 residents had paid for access control cards. The site is available seven days a week from dawn to dusk to residents who purchase an access control card.

The initial cost for the access control card is \$20.00 for the first year, with a cost of \$5 for subsequent years (until the Board changes the fee schedule). Residents only may purchase their access control card beginning July 1 at the Municipal Services Building at 1940 Buchanan St.

Only yard waste (garden debris, small hedge trimmings (less than 6" in length), leaves, grass clippings, and lawn rakings) is allowed to be dropped off at this site. NO brush, garbage, recycling, etc. may be dropped off at the site. Residents who don't follow these rules will have their access control card discontinued, and will not be allowed to purchase another one in the same year.

The site itself is accessed on Nixon St. The yard is secured by an electric gate with surveillance video cameras. The Dept. of Public Works keeps a computer file listing the names and addresses of residents purchasing the access control card. Only people living at that address will be allowed to use the same access control card.

### **CURBSIDE PICKUP OF YARD WASTE**

Yard waste includes garden debris, small hedge trimmings that are too small to bundle, leaves, grass clippings, and lawn rakings. For residents who do not want to purchase an access control card to the yard waste drop-off site, they still need to purchase a \$2 yard waste sticker per bag of yard waste, and the Village crew picks them up curbside on Wed.only. Those residents not purchasing an access control card will not be allowed to bring their yard waste to the new site at any time. There will no longer be "free" yard waste drop-off in the spring or fall.

Yard waste stickers may be purchased at the Municipal Services Building (1940 Buchanan St.) or at Village Hall (108 W. Main St.)

### LARGER RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

The Dept. of Public Works has a number of 95gallon recycling containers in stock.



There are only 100 of these larger containers available. Anyone wishing to exchange their 64-gallon container for a 95-gallon container must prepay a one-time fee of \$50.00 before

cans will be exchanged. The \$50.00 fee can be paid in cash or check at the Village Hall, 108 W. Main St. or at the Municipal Services Building, 1940 Buchanan St. Both offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After the fee has been paid, the Dept. of Public Works will exchange the cans on your next recycling day.

① If you have any questions, please call our office at 788-7395.

### FREE PICKUP OF RESIDENTIAL TIRES

The Village will be collecting tires no larger than an 18" passenger car tire (rims acceptable) with a limit of four (4) tires per household from Mon. Sept.17, 2012 through Thur., Sept. 20, 2012. Any tires remaining on the curb as of 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 will **not** be picked up. This collection is limited to RESIDENTIAL TIRES only. Please place your tires curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Mon., Sept. 17. During this time period only, residents (NOT businesses) may bring tires 18" or less to the Outagamie County Landfill for no charge.

At any time, residents coming to the Outagamie County Landfill to dispose of tires will be charged their regular tire disposal rates. Anyone wishing to dispose of tires exceeding 18" in size may bring them to the Outagamie County Landfill for \$4.00 per tire or \$110.00 per ton. Please call 968-5721 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

### PICKUP OF LARGE NON-METAL AND LARGE METAL ITEMS

Large Metal Items will be picked up every 3 months on your last regular garbage pickup day of the following months: January, April, July & October. Place them curbside 4' away from your polycart by 6 a.m. or the night before. According

to Village Ordinance, large metal items can not be placed out earlier than the night before.

### E-WASTE RECYCLING

(computer monitors, TV's, printers, towers, copiers, fax machines, DVD's, VCR's, keyboards, telephones, and cell phones)

The Village crew no longer picks up electronics curbside because according to Wisconsin's electronics recycling law, disposing of electronics in the landfill is banned.

The Village crew will be looking for hidden e-waste in residents' garbage containers, and will remove them and not pick them up. The Village will have zero tolerance with hidden e-waste, and residents will receive a citation if we find electronics inside of their garbage container. If hidden e-waste is found in the waste stream, it could result in higher sanitation fees to the residents.

If residents go to the Outagamie County Solid Waste Facility to recycle their electronics, their fees are as follows: Monitors, TV's (smaller than 32"), printers, towers, video display devices, and fax machines - \$5.00 each; DVD's, VCR's, keyboards, mice, hard drives, speakers, flash drives, modems, and cell phones - free of charge. TV's 32" or larger are not accepted.



Tyou may request an E-waste brochure to be sent to your home by calling the Outagamie County Recycling Hotline at 1-800-501-1616.

For a listing of local Wisconsin DNR registered E-waste collectors/

recyclers, please go to <u>www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org</u> and click on electronics.

(State hazardous waste regulations prohibit a business from disposing electronics in the landfill.)

### PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works requires permits to be taken out for work to be done within the street right-of-way (new and rehab sidewalk, new and rehab driveway approaches, curb openings, curb replacement, new and replacement culvert installation, requests for line and grade, Erosion Control Permits, and Storm Water Management Permits.

You can obtain these permits by going to the front office at the Municipal Services Building at 1940 Buchanan St. Our office hours are Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We accept checks and/or cash for permit payments.

The permits obtained at the Municipal Services Building are as follows:

New concrete sidewalk ...... \$5.00

The intent of a permit is to make sure that sidewalks are installed in the proper location, at the correct grade, inspected, and quality concrete is being used.

Sidewalk rehabilitation ...... \$ 0.00

Sidewalk rehabilitation work also requires a permit, but there is no fee. By Village ordinance, <u>driveway approaches located between the sidewalk and the curb and gutter must be installed with concrete.</u>

- New driveway approach ...... \$10.00
- Driveway rehabilitation ......\$ 0.00
- Curb opening ...... \$10.00
- Replace curb ...... \$10.00
- Install new culvert ...... \$10.00
- Replace culvert ...... \$10.00
- Request for line & grade ......\$ 0.00
- Street Excavation Permit ...... \$25.00
- Erosion Control Permit.....Cost is determined by many variables

- © For more information about the Erosion Control Permit, check the Village website under Public Works and Streets Department, Storm Water, Permits. You may also contact the Assistant Director of Public Works at 788-7395 with any questions.
- Storm Water Management Permit......Cost is determined by many variables

\*\*\*Any contractor doing work within the public right-ofway must have a <u>Certificate of Insurance</u> and <u>License</u> and Permit Bond on file with the Village.\*\*\*

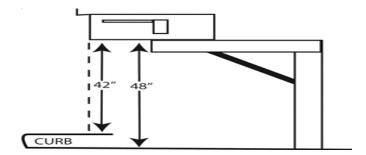
Permits required for repairing/ remodeling/
adding/replacing siding, residential remodeling/
additions, roofs, plumbing, electrical, porches,
decks, patios, sheds, fences, antennas,
satellite dishes, garages, pools, hot tubs,
jacuzzis need to be obtained at the
Community Development Office at Village Hall,
second floor, 108 W. Main Street, Little Chute.

#### **MAILBOX PLACEMENT**

The Street Department has experienced some problems during snow plowing with the placement of some mailboxes. The U.S. Post Office and the Village of Little Chute have requirements that must be adhered to in order for the snowplows to operate in these areas.

The face of the mailbox may not extend past the back of the curb and no further away than 1 foot behind the curb.

The mailbox height should be 42 in. from the top of the curb to the bottom of the mailbox. In areas where there is no curb, the height of the mailbox should be 48 in. from the top of the ground to the bottom of the mailbox.



## FOX VALLEY METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Partnerships in Policing" http://www.foxvalleymetro.org

### **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.

### LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS

With the summer months approaching and recent thefts from vehicles and residences, the Fox Valley Metro Police Department strongly encourages residents to lock their doors and windows on their houses overnight and whenever the house is unoccupied. Keep outside lights on at night to help with identifying prowlers.

Citizens are encouraged to lock the doors to their car when its not being used.

### NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE IV

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Fox Valley Metro Police Department partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and hosted a local National Take Back Initiative to collect unused and expired medications.

The event was again a huge success. Nationally, Americans turned in a total of 552,161 pounds (276 tons) of medications at the 5,659 sites across the country. Of the medications, Wisconsin sites collected 37,642 pounds (18.79 tons.)

The Fox Valley Metro Police Department will again partner with the DEA in Fall, 2012 to host another event. Details of the event will be posted on the FVMPD website.

#### **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

### EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

If you wish to receive emergency alerts, visit the below internet website and enter your information so that Outagamie County will be able to reach or notify you if there is an emergency. Law Enforcement alerts will be sent to people in areas that involve emergencies such as robberies/burglaries, missing person(s), severe traffic accidents causing closures or detours, etc.

http://platform.emtel911.com/reg/?client=outagamie

### **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

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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 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 please contact Beth at 886-6044 or 209-9153 or e-mail Emontou@ci.neenah.wi.us.

### **UNSOLVED CRIMES**



The 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.

### CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

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 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.

There will be an upcoming Citizen's Academy.

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 <a href="mailto:jeff.steeber@fvmpd.org">jeff.steeber@fvmpd.org</a>.

### **FOX VALLEY METRO WEBSITE**

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



The Fox Valley Metro Police Department utilizes a new communications service that allows them to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at <a href="https://www.nixle.com">www.nixle.com</a>. Messages may include current crime trends, local areas of concern, traffic concerns as well as other relevant safety and community event information. The service is reliable and free for our citizens to use.

The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

There is NO spam and no hidden cost. Standard text messaging rates do apply. Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of Little Chute and Kimberly and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at <a href="https://www.nixle.com">www.nixle.com</a>.

### REMINDER RULES FOR FIRE PITS

Only wood or charcoal allowed, pits must be 25 ft. away from structures, and attended by an adult at all times. ① See all rules regarding open burrning/ fire pits at <a href="www.littlechutewi.org/firedepartment">www.littlechutewi.org/firedepartment</a> or call the Fire Department at 788-7399.



### LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Little Chute Fire Department is looking for several quality individuals who would like to become firefighters.

All appointees must pass a physical. Applicants must be a resident of the Village of Little Chute and be able to attend Fox Valley Technical College classes. Applicants must be available on Monday evenings for the Fire Department meetings and drills.

Applications may be picked up at the Village Hall, 108 W. Main St. or download an application at <a href="https://www.littlechutewi.org/firedeptapp">www.littlechutewi.org/firedeptapp</a>. Deadline for accepting application is July 27, 2012. Tor more information contact the Fire Dept. at 788-7399.

### **FLAG AND MEMORIAL STATUES**

In a continued effort to keep our large flag flying at the entrance to Little Chute from Highway 41 and to maintain the Flag and memorial statues that salute the service groups of our village, Lt. Jon Brockman of the Little Chute Fire Department and retired firefighter Clif Peeters, placed a special sealer on the concrete base. Both the labor and the materials were donated by these two gentlemen.

The Fire Department is always looking for donations for new flags. The wind plays havoc with the large flags and they must be replaced often.





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### **VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

Administrative Offices	108 W. Main St.	788-7380
Fox Valley Metro Police Dept.	200 W. McKinley Ave.	788-7505
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
Water Plant	625 E. Evergreen Dr.	788-7522
Water Dept. On Call Emergency Nu	788-7526	
	Little Chute, WI 54140	

Village Hall Fax No. 788-7394 Web Site: <u>www.littlechutewi.org</u>

**JULY** 

### **TRUSTEES**

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Skip Smith: TrusteeSmith@littlechutewi.org
Larry Van Lankvelt:TrusteeVanLankvelt@littlechutewi.org

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Michael Vanden Berg:PresidentVandenBerg@littlechutewi.org

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### 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

Tue.*	3	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	9	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	11	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	17	Joint 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.
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Wed.	1	Village Board	6 p.m.
Tue.	7	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	8	Comm.of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon.	13	Plan Comm.	6 p.m
Wed.	15	Village Board	6 p.m.
Tue.	21	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m
Tue.	21	Water Commission	6 p.m.
Wed.	22	Comm.of the Whole	6 p.m.

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### <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

Tue.	4	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	5	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	10	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon.	10	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue.	11	Joint Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	12	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	18	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	18	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	19	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	26	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.

\* Change from normal meeting date.

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