



Village of

Little Chute

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2012

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STORM WATER EDUCATION
Leave Your Leaves on Land
& Ice and Snow Control

A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT MICHAEL VANDEN BERG

Summer is coming to a close, school is back in session, the temperatures have cooled, football is well underway and the 2012 construction season is coming to a close in Little Chute. That means it is time to plan for and finalize our projects and budgets for 2013.

The budget is a necessary evil the Village goes through on an annual basis. Fortunately for the board, staff does an excellent job of culling through and digesting things and preparing the materials we need to look at to make the decisions that need to be made. This makes the Board's job much easier and sometimes even enjoyable.

The Board approved the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) at the September 5th meeting. A Capital Project is a project that either creates, improves or maintains infrastructure or is a significant equipment purchase. The most common types of capital projects are roads, sewer, water and larger equipment purchases. For 2013, the biggest projects we are under-taking are the total reconstruction of Main St. and its utilities and the Buchanan interceptor. The Buchanan interceptor will help divert a significant amount of our storm water in the central part of the Village to the Buchanan Pond for treatment.

Much like the honey do list, the projects range from like to do, need to do and must do. Because of budget and resource constraints, the projects that get picked fall into the need to do and must do categories.

The next portion of the budget to be addressed is the operating budget. Over the upcoming weeks, the Board will be finalizing that portion of the Budget. Of course the Board welcomes any public input. You are welcome to attend any of our meetings or you may contact me or any board member. You can find the contact information later in the Newsletter or on the Village website at: www.littlechutewi.org.

A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR CHUCK KELL

HOW DOES LITTLE CHUTE COMPARE? A 2012 BUDGET YEAR LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX, UTILITY, AND FEES COMPARISON STUDY FOR THE INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE FOX CITIES. (See chart on page 3)

SUMMARY: We have conducted this comparison study of our Village costs compared to the other six incorporated communities in the Fox Cities in 2007, 2010, 2011 and now again for 2012. Our past rankings have been as follows:

2007 – 5th lowest in total annual cost
2010 – 5th lowest in total annual cost
2011 – 7th lowest in total annual cost (the lowest total cost)

For 2012 the Village of Little Chute went up one position to being ranked as the **6th lowest in total annual cost** of the seven incorporated communities in the Fox Cities with a total annual cost to the homeowner of a \$150,000 home in the Village costing **\$2082.60** including property taxes, utility costs and all fees charged by the Village. This cost represents a 6.1% increase in total cost compared to 2011 and is 9.85% below the average total annual cost of **\$2310.21** for all 7 communities.

UTILITY RATES COMPARISON: Back in 2007 the Village of Little Chute had the highest combined annual cost for all municipal utility rates (sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer) of the seven communities. In 2011 the Village dropped to the 6th position among the seven communities. For 2012 the Village sits in the 4th position with annual combined utility rates that are less than the average of the seven communities (**\$1030.80** per year versus the average of **\$1130.88** per year for the seven communities).

PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES COMPARISON: In 2011 the Village of Little Chute ranked 5th based on the property taxes and fees paid on a \$150,000 residence. For 2012 the Village maintained this 5th position with an annual cost of **\$1051.80** for property taxes and fees which is **\$127.53** less than the average cost for the seven communities.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMPARISON: For budget year 2012 the Village moved up one position to be the **6th lowest cost** community out of the seven incorporated communities in the Fox Cities when all municipal taxes, utility costs and fees are taken into consideration. **Please note that this overall cost comparison does not include the cost to the tax payer levied by the local school district.** The City of Menasha continues to hold the position as the highest cost community to live in within the Fox Cities with a total annual cost of **\$2731.56** for a \$150,000 residence. The Village of Little Chute's total annual cost of **\$2082.60** is **\$648.96** less than the highest cost community and **\$227.61** less than the average total cost of all seven Fox Cities incorporated communities.

FINAL COMMENTS: As I have indicated in the past I firmly believe that the Village of Little Chute Departments, Administration, and the Village Board have worked hard over the past five years to be very responsible and well informed managers of Village spending and have shown prudent use of the tax payer's dollars. For 2013 our Department Heads and their support staff worked very closely with the Finance Director to improve and enhance our Village's **5 Year Capital Improvement Program** that was adopted by the Village Board on Sept. 5, 2012. This was an effort to further enhance our financial management of the Village and to stabilize Village spending and revenues as much as possible moving forward over the next 5 years. These efforts were also targeted to reduce large variances in Village spending from year to year that can severely affect the Village's revenue stream from outside funding sources. We will report more on the Village's Capital Improvement Program in the winter issue of the Village newsletter with an added emphasis of informing our Village residents and property owners of projects that will affect them over the next 5 years.

Finally I would like to recognize the efforts of our Village Finance Director, Teri Matheny and the Finance Department staff as well as Deputy Village Clerk Sandy Berkers for all their work and assistance in helping secure the data and information necessary to compile this cost comparison study so we can keep our citizens informed on how their community compares with their neighbors in the Fox Cities.

2012 BUDGET YEAR
 LOCAL UTILITY RATE AND TAX COMPARISON
 FOX CITIES COMMUNITIES

Community	2012 Monthly Utility Cost			Utility Annual	Local Equalized Tax Rate	Local Prop Tax	Sanitation/ Recycling Fees	2012		2011		2010		2007	
	Water	Sewer	Storm					Ranking Annual Cost	Annual Municipal Services						
ASSUME:	6,000 gallons/mo		1 ERU		Value: \$ 150,000										
C. Menasha	61.78	33.60	6.25	1,219.56	9.68	1,452.00	60.00	2,731.56	7.0%	2,553.80	1	2,251.04	2	2,098.87	1
C. Kaukauna	47.57	53.12	5.50	1,274.28	8.35	1,252.50	-	2,526.78	0.7%	2,508.42	2	2,365.74	1	2,036.08	2
V. Combined Locks	43.99	75.20	9.17	1,540.32	5.24	786.00	95.21	2,421.53	10.0%	2,201.28	3	1,531.32	7	1,504.83	7
C. Neenah	46.96	19.96	7.00	887.04	8.68	1,302.00	22.33	2,211.37	5.0%	2,106.84	6	1,948.38	4	1,774.23	6
C. Appleton	48.65	20.89	10.42	959.52	8.12	1,218.00	26.00	2,203.52	1.7%	2,167.16	4	2,056.44	3	2,010.36	3
V. Little Chute	30.90	48.00	7.00	1,030.80	6.40	960.00	91.80	2,082.60	6.1%	1,963.68	7	1,908.33	5	1,797.45	5
V. Kimberly	26.05	48.50	9.17	1,004.64	6.53	979.50	10.00	1,994.14	-6.7%	2,138.14	5	1,900.50	6	1,923.52	4
Fox Valley Average	\$ 43.70	\$ 42.75	\$ 7.79	\$ 1,130.88	\$ 7.57	\$ 1,135.71	\$ 43.62	\$ 2,310.21		\$ 2,234.19		\$ 1,994.54		\$ 1,877.91	

12.02%

3.40%

1,911.18
1,638.22

Notes/Comments

- C. Menasha Water 17% (3/1/12)
- C. Kaukauna Water 12% (1/1/11), Storm 32% (1/1/12)
- V. Combined Locks Implementation of Sanitation User Fees 1/1/12
- C. Appleton Sewer 5% (7/1/11), Sanitation Calculation: \$0.50 Per Week - 60 Gallon
- C. Neenah Water 17% (9/7/11), Sewer 7% (7/1/11), Sanitation Increase \$6.00 Annually (35, 65, 95 Gallons)
- V. Little Chute Sanitation Calculation: 10.00 Annual Landfill Fee on Tax Bill
- V. Kimberly
- T. Menasha Water 27.5% (3/1/12), Sewer 12% (1/1/12) & 16% (1/1/13)
- T. Grand Chute Sewer 2% (1/1/12), Storm 2% (1/1/12), Sanitation Annually: \$88.64 Garbage/\$22.16 Recycling, Street Lighting Charge

Compiled: 7/31/2012

Village of Little Chute

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012
GENERAL ELECTION
FOR PRESIDENT/VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES &
FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES**



Wards 2, 6, 8, 12 & 13 vote at Village Hall left line
Ward 7 vote at Village Hall right line
(Village Hall Community Room, 108 W. Main St.)

Wards 1, 4, 5, 14 vote at the Library/Civic Center in
Rooms S2&3
Wards 3, 9, 10, 11 vote at the Library/Civic Center
in Rooms N1&2
(Gerard H. Van Hoof Library/Civic Center,
625 Grand Avenue)

Polls Open at 7:00 a.m. and Close at 8:00 p.m.

Please know your ward number before getting in
line to vote. You may check your ward number on
the Village's website at: [www.littlechutewi.org/
wardmap](http://www.littlechutewi.org/wardmap) or check the ward map at the polling
locations before getting in line to vote. Photo ID is
currently not required for voting but voters are
required to sign the poll book.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registered voters now have access to look up
their voting record, check their voter status, to
verify their polling place location, and to view a
sample ballot for upcoming Elections through
the Voter Public Access section of the Statewide
Voter Registration System. The website
address is <http://vpa.wi.gov>. You will also find
links listed under your voting information to your
Federal and State Representatives. You may
also contact the Village Clerk at 920-788-7380
ext. 204 or 214 or email: vicki@littlechutewi.org
to check your registration status.

If you have not previously voted in the Village
of Little Chute, or if you have had an address
change within the Village, you are encouraged
to register to vote/change your address prior
to Election Day. You may register in the
Village Clerk's office Monday through Friday
from 8:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m. Hours for voter

registration on Thursday, November 1 & Friday,
November 2 are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for registering to vote in the
Clerk's Office is Friday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m.
Voter registration is not allowed on Monday,
November 5. Voter registration is allowed on
Election Day with proper proof of residency.

① A Voter Registration Form and additional
voter information is available on the Village's
website at [www.littlechutewi.org/
voterregistration](http://www.littlechutewi.org/voterregistration) or contact the Village Clerk at
788-7380 ext. 204 or 214. Voter Applications are
also available on the Government Accountability
Board website: <http://vpa.wi.gov>

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING HOURS

In person absentee voting will take place at the
Village Hall Community Room, 108 W. Main Street on
the following dates and times:

Monday, October 22 through Friday, October 26
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 29 through
Wednesday, October 31
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in
person is Friday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m.**
Absentee voting **is not allowed** on the Saturday,
Sunday or Monday preceding an Election.

① To request an absentee ballot by mail or if you
have any questions, contact the Village Clerk's office
at 788-7380 ext. 204 or 214. Absentee Ballot
request forms may also be found on the Village's
website at: www.littlechutewi.org/absenteevoting.

GERARD H. VAN HOOF MEMORIAL LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER NOTES

Did you know that the smallest bat is the bumblebee bat and that it weighs less than a penny? Or that henna has been used since the Bronze Age to dye skin? Or how to recycle a DVD case into a notepad holder? Maybe magic or music or games is more your thing. Have you ever dissected an OWL pellet or watched a rocket launch?

These are all things we learned about at the library this summer during our 8-week Reading Program for ages 3 through adult. Weekly programs, prizes, and loads of fun were enjoyed by over 1,540 kids, 410 teens, and 470 adults. Program attendance was at an all time high with more than 3,600 people participating in library events.

Events for kids included stories & crafts on Fridays at Artsy Smartsy, an author visit from Rick Chrustowski, Rondini the Magician, singer Randy Peterson, Game Day with the Learning Shop,



Hands 2 Grow Puppet Shows, Incredible Bats, Creatures of the Night, an owl pellet workshop, Mad Science of Iowa, and other special events like the Galactic Adventures Party, Trivia Trek, and Pages in the Park.

Teens got in on the action, too, with a Hunger Games Party, lunch with Noodles & Co., movie matinees, Henna with McKenna, and Dream Catchers with Debra Morningstar. And adults enjoyed some movie matinees, a journaling workshop, paper crafting workshop, and an edible books contest.

Thank you to everyone who signed up and joined in the fun! We had a blast this summer and hope you did, too.

Now fall is here and school has started up again. We look forward to being a resource for students, job seekers, and everyone who seeks to learn and grow. Story times will return along with 1st Thursday adult programs and other book events.

Open hours have returned to Monday through Thursday from 10am to 8pm, Friday 10am to 5pm, and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to see children's book author Eric Litwin on Tuesday, October 16th at 12:30pm. Litwin is a guitar-strumming, song-singing, banjo-picking, tale-telling, song-writing, national-award-winning, fun, folksy type of guy and author of "Pete the Cat" books. He is flying in all the way from Atlanta to delight us with his stories and songs. Get ready to sing, dance, laugh, and fall in love with books!

Check our web site at <http://www.kimlit.org/> for more information about upcoming programs and other library news.

GERARD H. VAN HOOF MEMORIAL LIBRARY
625 GRAND AVE - ☎788-7825
www.kimlit.org

LITTLE CHUTE KIWANIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012
PARADE STARTS AT 6:30 PM
DOWNTOWN LITTLE CHUTE ON
MAIN STREET

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. ① 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.

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PROGRAMS

The 2012 Summer Programs have completed another successful year. We contribute the success of the programs to the fine staff of college and high school students who worked this summer. A special thanks to staff coordinators Laura Frassetto, Phil Hietpas, Kelsey Hooyman, Rudy Botz, Taylor Kloehn, Taylor Schepp, Matt Schepp and Sarah Van Deraa.

END OF YEAR TOT LOT CARNIVAL

Thanks to numerous sponsors, the end-of-year Tot Lot Carnival on Wednesday, August 15, was a terrific success that was truly enjoyed by the kids. The carnival was held outdoors at Legion Park,



and included various games, inflatables, prizes, a dunk tank, balloon creations, kiddie express ride, and a DJ.

A special **THANK YOU** to the generous sponsors of this year's Tot Lot Carnival event:

5th Quarter, Appleton YMCA, ATCAM, Badger Sports Park, Baker's Outlet, BLC Community Bank, Bill's Auto, Breadsmith, Building for Kids, Building Services Group, Burger King, Butch's Pizza, Cedar Creek, Coenen's Auto Tech, Cold Stone Creamery, Curves, D&M Flooring America, Darboy Club, Dave Wittmann Insurance, DJ Video & Tanning, Don Hietpas & Sons, East Wisconsin Savings Bank, EZ Glide Garage Doors, Fanci That Beauty Salon, Field of Scenes, Fox Valley Tool & Die, Flying Dutchman, Fox Valley Metro Police Dept., Game Day Sports Bar, Great Lakes Mechanical, Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival, Hardware Hank, Heart of the Valley YMCA, Hollanders, Hu Hot, Ideal Beauty Shop, JP Graphics, Karate Evolution, King's Variety, Kiwanis Club of Little Chute, Landreman's Family Restaurant, Lappen Security Products, Larry's Piggly Wiggly, Lee's Contracting/Fabricating, Lunda Construction, M&M Bar, Mary's Family Restaurant, Menn Law Firm, Optometric Services, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Pop In Again, Rusch's Kimberly Bowl, Simon's Specialty Cheese, Subway of Little Chute, Super Bowl, Tanner's Grill & Bar, The Carpenter, The Exclusive Company, Texas Roadhouse, Tim & Jay's Automotive Specialists, Tom's Drive In, Unison Credit Union, Uno Chicago Grill, Utility Sales & Service, Valley Bakers, Valley Grinding & Manufacturing, Valley Liquor, Van Lieshout Law Office, Van Vreede's, Van Zeeland Auto Care Center, Van Zeeland Manufacturing, Van Zeeland Nursery & Landscape, Vande Hey's Landscape Center, Village of Little Chute, VVH Inc., Wal-Mart, Wild Air Play Zone, and Wisconsin Timber Rattlers.

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 held in room N2 at the Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. & on various Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Activities have been planned by our senior activities coordinator, Sharon Jansen, such as cards, bingo, and luncheons. The schedule of activities planned for Wednesdays and for Fridays is posted at the LC library/civic center and on the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/seniors. There is no charge for participation (unless a special activity is planned) and there is no registration necessary (except for special luncheons); 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 too.

DEDICATED YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COACHES

A special thank you is given to all the volunteer coaches for all their help with the youth baseball & softball programs this year. Without your help, commitment, and loyalty, our programs would not be as successful as they are!

LITTLE CHUTE COMMUNITY BAND

Take time to enjoy the musical entertainment of the Little Chute Community Band this winter. The band will be performing in the Little Chute Christmas Parade on Monday, November 26. (Parade starts at 6:30pm at the corner of Main St. & Cypress St.)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The band will present their Christmas Concert at the Little Chute High School on Wednesday, December 5, starting at 7:00pm. The Christmas concert is free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

The band is directed by Peter Krautkramer. New members are always welcome to join the band.

① Please contact Janet Hietpas at 427-4436, Susie Hietpas at 788-5884, or Carla Johann at 739-5178 with any questions.

NOTICE



VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23



BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

① Little 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 (please see public works article on yard waste disposal for more information).

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.

FYI

THE 2012 POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR THE VILLAGE IS 10,432



**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.



HALLOWEEN 2012

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on October 31, 2012.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

COSTUME

- ✓ Make sure your child wears a bright colored costume, carries a flashlight, a glow stick, or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible.
- ✓ If your child is going out with a group, make their costume a unique one so you can spot them easily in a crowded area. Use flashing lights or jewelry to make them stand out.
- ✓ If your child is carrying a prop such as a sword, make sure they are made out of a flexible material that will not be harmful to the child or others.

- ✓ If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are big enough to see not only in front but peripherally as well. Also make sure the mouth opening is large enough so your child can breathe properly. Consider removing the mask in between houses.
- ✓ Be aware of long dangling pieces of costume or high heel shoes that your child could trip over.
- ✓ Costumes should be made of flame retardant material. If they are homemade, use either a fire retardant spray or fabric that has been treated with fire retardant.

TRICK OR TREATING

- ✓ Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, stress the importance of staying together in the group.
- ✓ Plan a safe route beforehand so you know where your children will be at all times. Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
- ✓ Make sure your children know how to cross the street safely. Teach them to look in both directions and assure there are no cars coming. If they have a little brother or sister make them take their hand and help them get across the street, too. If the street has a stop light, make sure they wait until the cross walk light tells you it's okay to cross.
- ✓ Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch.
- ✓ Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves, even if they are in a group. Make sure that they have a light and a cell phone with them.
- ✓ Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy.

HEALTH

- ✓ Make sure kids get plenty of exercise before trick-or-treating.
- ✓ Make sure your kids eat a healthy balanced meal before they go trick-or-treating. They will be less likely to consume candy along the way.

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- ✓ Limit your kids to a certain number of pieces each day and put the candy stash out of reach and out of sight. Feel free to throw it out after a certain amount of time.
- ✓ Consider “The Great Pumpkin” option. Swap your children their candy with a toy, a book, or money.
- ✓ Skip Trick or Treating all together. Do something that isn’t focused on collecting candy. Go on a hay ride, pumpkin picking, or to a haunted house. Carve the pumpkins and bake the seeds for a healthy snack. Go bobbing for apples, or make a mini-scarecrow and other spooky decorations for your house or front yard. There are plenty of other things that you can do with your kids to have a fun and healthy Halloween.

LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS

With the summer months coming to an end 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 and vehicles overnight and whenever the house or vehicle is unoccupied. Keep outside house lights on at night to help with identifying prowlers. Keep vehicles locked in garages if possible. If vehicle is parked on the street, park under street lights and not in dark places. Please don’t hesitate to call the police immediately, if you observe any suspicious activity.

UNSOLVED CRIMES

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



① 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.

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. When you apply for your dog license, you must bring with you the Veterinarian issued proof of rabies vaccination. The cost for a license is as follows:

\$7.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered (\$12.00 after April 1st).

\$12.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered (\$17.00 after April 1st)

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 victim, witnesses and family members of crime victims. It provides immediate comfort, support and referral information 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 member of the community and their families who are victims of crime or who are in crisis.

① Anyone who is interested contact Jenni at 886-6044 or 209-9153 or e-mail:

JKunding@ci.neenah.wi.us.

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.



NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

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 www.nixle.com. 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, Kimberly and Combined Locks and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

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. ① If you are interested in participating or starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood,

please call Community Support Officer, Scott Van Schyndel, at Fox Valley Metro Police Department 788-7505 or e-mail at scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org

A CAB RIDE IS MUCH CHEAPER THAN AN OWI

Operating while intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs, continues to be one of major factors contributing to traffic fatalities in the State of



Wisconsin. Not only is driving while intoxicated dangerous but it can be extremely costly.

The fine amount for first offense OWI in the Villages is \$781.00. In addition, the driver loses his/her license for a period of time and depending on the circumstances, could be ordered to install an ignition interlock on your vehicle. Plus, the vehicle could be towed with an average impound fee of \$100.

In addition, if an intoxicated driver causes injuries to anyone, they could face serious criminal penalties including additional fines and jail time. If the driver holds a Commercial Driver's License, it is permanently revoked upon an OWI conviction.

Second and third violations are misdemeanor offenses and can carry higher fines, longer driver's license suspensions, and jail time. Fourth Offense can be charged as a felony and can carry all of the above penalties plus prison time.

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(A CAB RIDE IS MUCH CHEAPER THAN AN OWI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10)

According to the Fox Valley Cab Company, on average you can travel to and from almost anywhere in the Valley, from Neenah to Kaukauna, for about \$35. The shorter the destination, the lower the cost. Some taverns also offer free ride home vouchers.

According to the above statistics, if your cab ride home cost you \$20, you could travel 39 times for the cost of an OWI, avoiding all the extra penalties and making our community safer. In current economic times, it just makes sense... ☺

REMINDER FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS

Customers are reminded to clear up any delinquent utility balances by October. The Little Chute portion of the Kaukauna Utility (KU) monthly bill is made up of water, sewer, storm water and refuse charges. Property owners of both owner occupied and rental property are notified in October if there is an unpaid balance. Under state statute, any delinquent balances are added to the owner's December tax bill if they are not paid in October. If the unpaid balance must be added to the tax bill, then an automatic 10% penalty is added to the balance. Please make every effort to pay as soon as possible if you find yourself in this situation. Payments are made to KU by mail, in person, or by credit card. Contact the KU office if you have any questions.

A customer may verify their account balance online by using a password protected account which only they have access to at www.kaukaunautilities.com, or call the KU office directly at 766-5721. During the year, it is recommended for owners to periodically monitor the status of their rental property utility accounts by calling the KU office.



NEWS FROM THE LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The week of October 8th is National Fire Prevention Week. This held during this time to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire which burned from October 8th 1871 to October 10 1871. In observance of this week the Little Chute Fire Dept. will be hosting educational tours and classes for the local schools.

Also on Sunday October 14th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. the Fire Department will be holding an **open house**, details are still being finalized for this event, but we are hoping to have an extrication demonstration featuring Little Chute Fire Dept., Fox Valley Metro Police Dept., Gold Cross Ambulance and Thedastar Helicopter.

The Little Chute Fire Department recently had three members retire from the Department.

Fire Chief Robert Vanden Heuvel (32 years)
Lieutenant Mark Verhagen (20 years)
Firefighter Todd Hietpas (12 years)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the many years of valued service, they will be greatly missed.

With the retirement of these three firefighters, five new firefighters were added to the Fire Department. Their names will be released after approval from the Fire Commission. With the addition of these new firefighters your "all volunteer" department will consist of 45 members serving the Village of Little Chute.

Mark your calendars! The Little Chute Fire Dept. will be hosting Donkey Basketball Games on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at Little Chute High School. Details are still being finalized, but please mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun and entertaining event.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

The yard waste drop-off site is available for use for Village residents purchasing a \$20.00 access control card for the 2012 calendar year (January 1-December 31, 2012). The site is available 7 days a week from sun up to sun down. Once we have snow that stays on the ground, all 2012 cards will be deactivated. In the spring of 2013, residents may bring back their card to the Municipal Services Building at 1940 Buchanan Street, pay a \$5.00 fee and have their card reactivated. Lost or damaged cards can be replaced for a \$10.00 fee.

NOTE: Only yard waste (garden debris, small hedge trimmings that are too small to bundle (less than 6" long), leaves, grass clippings, and lawn rakings, sticks 6" or less in length) is allowed to be dropped off at this site. **NO brush (sticks more than 6" in length), garbage, recycling, etc. may be dropped off at the site.**

The Department of Public Works is monitoring the site through the video cameras and residents who don't follow these rules will have their access control card de-activated, and will be charged another \$20.00 in 2013 to re-activate their card.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE FALL OF 2012

- **Since the yard waste drop off site is available for use (accessible only with the purchase of a \$20.00 access control card), the Village will no longer have free pickup of bagged yard waste, and only residents who have purchased an access control card will be allowed to drop off yard waste at the yard waste site.**

- **The last day that bagged yard waste (with a \$2.00 yard waste sticker attached) will be picked up is Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012.**

After that date, yard waste should be mixed with leaves and grass and put loose in the street at the curb for the vac (starting around September 19 and continuing until snow makes it impossible to pick up leaves) to pick up. Tomato plants and other vine-like plants should be cut into 6" pieces and mixed with the loose leaves and yard waste at the curb.



- Do **not** place any sticks or branches more than 6" in length at the curb with the loose grass and yard waste. Sticks or branches that are more than 6" in length are considered brush, not yard waste.

📞 Please call the Municipal Services Building at 788-7390 to report brush placed at the curb for the chipper to pick up.

- Large non-metal items ONLY will be picked up on your LAST garbage pickup day of every month.

- Large metal items are only picked up every 3 months, and the next pickup for large metal items will be your LAST garbage pickup day in the month of October.

- Hydrant flushing will take place during the weeks of October 1st - 4th & October 8th - 11th.



- Thursday's, November 22, garbage route will be picked up on Wednesday, November 21.

- Friday's, November 23, business garbage route will be picked up on Monday, November 26.

- Monday's, December 24, garbage route will be picked up on Friday, December 21. Recycling days during the week of December 24-28 – will be picked up one day late.

- **Extra bagged garbage ("overflow" that doesn't fit inside of your garbage container) will be picked up on your LAST garbage pickup day in December.**

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, laptops, 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.

📞 Call the Outagamie County Recycling Hotline at 1-800-501-1616 to obtain an E-waste brochure.

Other residential E-waste collectors are:

American TV*

www.americantv.com - 920-733-1000

Appleton Habitat ReStore*

www.AppletonReStore.org - 920-830-8400

Best Buy

www.bestbuy.com - 920-738-4537/739-8319

Milwaukee PC - 920-830-9477

Paper Valley Recyc. *

www.wm.com/sony - 920-729-5005

Recycle That Stuff*

www.recyclethatstuff.com - 920-955-3760

Step Industries*

www.stepindustries.com - 920-722-2345

Suess Electronics*

www.suesselectronics.com - 920-733-6464

VanVreedes*

www.vanvreedes.com - 920-730-4477

*Accepts 32" or larger

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

Business E-Waste Collectors are:

Appleton ReStore - 920-830-8400

Lamp Recyclers - 1-800-558-1166

Recycle That Stuff - 920-955-3760

Step Industries - 920-722-2345

Universal Recycling Technologies - 1-608-754-3400



COMPOST BINS

Residents are reminded that the Outagamie County Department of Solid Waste has compost bins for sale. Bins can be picked up at the Dept. of Solid Waste located at 1419 Holland Road. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Compost Bins cost \$45 each.

CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM (HAZARDOUS WASTE)

Residents may dispose of hazardous waste (by appointment only) on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, or Saturday, October 20, 2012, at the Outagamie County Department of Solid Waste at 1419 Holland Road, Appleton. 📞 Please call 920-832-5277 Option 3 or go online at RecycleMoreOutagamie.org to set up an appointment.

The following materials are acceptable at the Clean Sweep Program: gasoline & fuel additives, brake & starter fluid, transmission fluid, engine oil & anti-freeze, vehicle batteries, solvents & turpentine, varnish/stain, drain & oven cleaners, pool chemicals, household cleaners, polishes & aerosols, herbicides & insecticides, fungicides, weed killer, poisons, oil & lead paints, paint thinners/strippers, spray paints/adhesives, wood preservatives, kerosene, and household batteries.

A REMINDER - SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

From NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH APRIL 15 of each year no sump pump discharge shall be allowed to flow on or across a sidewalk or public street or public right-of-way within the Village. All sump pump discharge shall be directed to flow to the backyard of the property. Any property owner who is in violation shall be fined. At no time may a sump pump discharge into the sanitary sewer.

STORM DRAINAGE PROBLEM AREAS

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 entering the storm sewer.

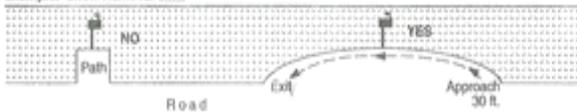
POSTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAILBOXES



Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

Dear Customer,
The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below. Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



It is the resident's responsibility to make sure that the Post Office can access your mailbox. In the winter, please clear the area around your mailbox of snow.

Please check the height and set back of your mailbox. The Village will *not* replace your mailbox if we hit it with a plow or other street maintenance equipment.

SALT BARRELS

Salt barrels are located around the Village at locations that can become slippery during the winter months. The salt and sand in these barrels can be used by motorists to get better traction for their vehicles. There will be a can inside the barrel for spreading the salt. Please return the can and put the cover on the barrel when finished. ① These barrels will be checked periodically, but if you should find one empty, please call the Department of Public Works at 788-7395, give us the location, and we will refill it. **The salt in the barrels is *not* intended for home or business use.**

SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL



Since winter is just around the corner, the Village Street Department is getting ready for snow plowing and removal. During and after a major snowstorm, the priority will be to clear and salt the primary streets first. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation in keeping your vehicles parked off the streets if possible. This will enable the crew to plow more efficiently. After all streets are cleared, the Village crew will strive to remove snow from the business district within 24 hours.

Snow emergencies will be declared by the Village President and Administrator, and will be broadcasted by the local media. The classes are as follows:

Class I

- A. No parking on any Village street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- B. No special permission granted by Police Dept..
- C. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed and removed.

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Class II

- A. Odd-even parking on Village streets from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- B. No parking on any Village streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- C. No special permission granted by Police Department.
- D. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed and removed.

Class III

- A. No parking on any Village street at any time until canceled.
- B. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed and removed.

PRIVATE SNOW REMOVAL BY RESIDENTS



According to Sec. 40-65 snow and ice removal (**revised and adopted March 16, 2011**), of the Village of Little Chute Code of Ordinances: "The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk shall keep said sidewalk clear of all

snow and ice. In the event of snow accumulating on said sidewalk due to natural means and/or by any other means, said sidewalks shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of five feet in width. In the event that ice has formed on any sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the parcel or lot which fronts upon or adjoins said sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand and/or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians."

This revised ordinance does NOT require a written notice to be mailed prior to snow removal by the Village. Any snow not cleared by the owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any

sidewalk shall be cleared by the Village and billed to the owner, lessee, or occupant.

Please check the height and set back of your mailbox. The Village will *not* replace your mailbox if we hit it with a plow or other street maintenance equipment.

Also, remember that it is unlawful to deposit any snow or ice from any private property onto any public street or alley, public or private sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use either before or after the public streets have been plowed. When utilizing a snow blower, be sure to direct the snow onto the grass areas of your yard and not onto the street.

WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION



Polycarts cannot be placed on top of snowbanks. Polycarts must be placed at least 4' away from snowbanks and any other object; therefore, they should be placed in your driveway apron at the edge of the road.

****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>



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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 Number	Little Chute, WI 54140	788-7526

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2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

Wed.	3	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	8	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	10	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	16	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	16	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	17	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	24	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Wed.	7	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	12	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon.	12	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue.	13	Joint Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	14	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	20	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	20	Water Commission	6 p.m.
Wed.	21	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	28	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

DECEMBER

Tue.	4	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	5	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	10	Plan 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.

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