



Village of

Little Chute

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A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT MICHAEL VANDEN BERG

With all the talk about the 'fiscal cliff' you are hearing at the national level, you probably do not want to hear any more about budgets and taxes. The good news is Little Chute is not approaching any cliffs. Although things are not perfect, the Village Board and staff have waded through the budget process, and things are positive.

The good news is the tax rate will remain the same as last year at \$6.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This means if you have a \$100,000 home, the Village portion of the property tax bill would be \$6.87. Your overall property tax bill will go up because the other taxing entities rates have increased.

Keeping the tax rate at the same level was no easy task. It is easier to spend money than to cut or maintain the same level of spending. The Village faces the same price inflation you are facing in your own personal budgets.

At the start of the budget process late last summer, getting to the point of no tax increase seemed unlikely. First, our equalized property value dropped because property values have fallen and the state adjusted our property values down approximately 4%. This means we had less property value to tax. In fact, the total amount we are collecting in property taxes decreased \$5,197 this year. Second, health insurance rates increased 14%.

The second bit of good news is it is not a "smoke and mirrors" budget where we just shifted taxes to fees, raided the general fund (the Village's saving account) or pushed things (off into future for someone else to deal with. In fact, the general fund will increase in value this year. Finally, services to the public will remain intact and at the levels that they were before.

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Public employees have come under much fire for not living in the "real world." Little Chute's staff and employees deserve most of the credit for keeping the taxes level and making the cuts and finding the efficiencies to keep the budget level. Thanks.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! I hope 2013 is kind to you.

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION HOURS

The Village Hall office hours for collections are printed on the face of the tax bill. As a reminder, the hours are: Monday through Friday- 8 am to 4:30 pm

Special Notice

The Treasurer's office is **Closed:**
Monday, Dec. 24, & Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 &
Tuesday, **Jan. 1, 2013**

The last day to pay taxes in person at Village Hall with a 2012 dated receipt is:

Monday, Dec. 31 - 8 am to 4:30 pm

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

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Payments are payable to: **Village of Little Chute Treasurer.**
- **Bring or mail the 1st Installment stub** (upper left hand corner; it shows payment date **by January 31, 2013**) with your payment, which provides the 1st Installment or Full Payment amount. Mailed payments must be postmarked by January 31 to be considered timely.
- For your convenience a night deposit box is available under the canopy entrance along the Grand Avenue side of Village Hall. Deposits are emptied each day and are credited as of the previous business day.
- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you desire a receipt beyond your

cancelled check. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay property taxes by check.

- If you receive an escrow check from your mortgage company, the entire amount must be applied to your tax bill. Only if the escrow check exceeds the entire tax amount may local treasurers issue a refund. **Cash refunds will be limited to \$50.00 only at the Village Hall.**
- Refund checks will be issued twice a week.
- If there is an incorrect mailing address on your tax bill, please notify us. We will forward the information to the County Treasurer for you. If there is an ownership or legal name change that is not reflected on the tax bill, those changes must be recorded by the taxpayer at the County Register of Deeds.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

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

Payments at Little Chute Capital Credit Union branches & **BLC Community Bank- NEW FOR 2012**

The first option is the availability of alternative sites for property tax payments. Any taxpayer will be able to make first installment or full tax payments at Capital Credit Union branches in Little Chute as well as BLC Community Bank. Capital Credit Union branches are located at 125 E. North Avenue and the branch within Larry's Piggly Wiggly. BLC Community Bank is located at 206 E. Main Street. **Only** Little Chute taxpayers may use these alternate tax payment sites located within the Village of Little Chute.

Both financial institutions will make immediate refunds up to \$500.00 to property tax payers. Please contact Capital Credit Union and BLC Community Bank to verify Holiday hours for tax payment purposes.

For taxpayers who require special assistance for address changes, filing new lottery credit claims and third party escrow checks, those transactions **must** be done at Village Hall.

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Payments by Credit Card

The **second option** relates to the payment of property tax bills by credit card. The taxpayer may use the Village of Little Chute website through the first installment due date of January 31. Or use the Outagamie County website for the County treasurer for either the first or second installment payment.

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

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

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

FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES

In 2008, the State Legislature authorized a First Dollar Credit as a means of property tax relief. The program has continued in 2012 with decreased state funding. It is intended to apply to all property (residential, commercial,

manufacturing) that has an improvement value printed on the tax bill. The legislation excludes mobile homes and leased property from the distribution. It will not apply to vacant land.

The method of calculation will be similar to the Lottery Credit, but at a slightly lower amount. The formula will consider the equalized tax rate of the school district applied to a maximum value of \$6,600. The final amount will be evenly applied to both installment payments unlike the lottery credit that is applied only to the first installment.

LOTTERY CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

The lottery credit is a form of state legislated property tax relief. Proceeds of the state lottery are used to offset property taxes of owner-occupied property. The amount is determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR), varies each year, and is factor of the school tax levy where the property is located. It is applied to the first \$9,200 improved value of each residential property. Therefore it is different for each school district, but within a district all residential properties receive the same credit, regardless of value.

This article also notifies those who purchased or built a new home in 2011 and occupied it by January 1, 2012. The county treasurer has authority to assign a lottery credit to each parcel that is eligible. However, it requires action by the home owner. The homeowner is responsible to notify the local treasurer (Village Hall) or the county treasurer (Outagamie County Courthouse) and certify their eligibility by signing a Lottery Credit Application.

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The owner may use the internet www.dor.state.wi.us and then click on Forms, then Lottery & Gaming Credit. Forms are also available at the Village Hall or courthouse. If a homeowner fails to apply by November 1 for the 2012 credit, they can still apply when paying the tax bill. These transactions are handled only at Village Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following individuals that reached significant years of service to the Village of Little Chute in 2012.

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Marianne Smith, LC Community Band

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Judd Schommer, Asst. Fire Chief - LCFD

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Eunice Klug - LC Community Band

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Steve Schepp, Lt. - LCFD
Cathy Wall, LC Community Band
Jane Werner, Library

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Nathan Fuhrmann, LC Community Band
Raymond Lee, FVMPD Captain
Steve Van Deurzen, LCFD
Mike Verhagen, LCFD
Mary Weigman, Election Inspector

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dennis De Both, LCFD
Duane Dissen, Officer FVMPD
Brad Dollevoet, LCFD
Rob Eiting, LCFD
Tom Flick, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry
Ellen Hietpas, Election Inspector
Virgie Janssen, Election Inspector
Mark Muthig, LC Community Band
Rick Paitel, LCFD
Don Phelan, LCFD
Ed Slinde - Officer FVMPD
Ryan Vanden Heuvel, LCFD

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Judy Clark - Library
Matt DeWitt - LC Community Band
Dan Fonstad - LC Community Band
Julie Hess, LC Community Band
Phyllis Janssen, FVMPD Crossing Guard
Laurie Kappell, FVMPD Crossing Guard
David Kielgas, FVMPD Crossing Guard
Peter Krautkramer, LC Community Band
Sue Manti, FVMPD Crossing Guard
Laura Oster, Police Officer FVMPD
Raymond Reimann, Court Officer
Ken Vander Zanden - LC Community Band

2012 – A Year of Elections

By Village Clerk, Vicki Schneider

An unprecedented number of elections were conducted in 2012 by a dedicated group of Little Chute residents. From the primary in February, General Election in April, the historic Recall Election and primary, the August 14 Partisan Primary, culminating in the November 6 Presidential Election, all of the Elections were conducted with enthusiasm and exceptional performance by our Election Inspectors. Their dedication and commitment to the integrity of our election process allows for our elections to run smoothly, without any major issues.

In 2012, 16,343 ballots were cast by LC Voters, 1,277 registrations were processed, and a record 2,900 absentee ballots were cast and processed by our Election Inspectors. Please join me in thanking the following residents that served as our Election Inspectors and Poll Workers in 2012.

Chief Inspectors: Lori De Groot, Mary Weigman, Rita Mollen, Patti Seeman, Pat Nikolay

Election Inspectors: Diane De Bruin, Helen Eiting, Barbara Fleming, Judy Geerts, Debbie Hermsen, Betty Hietpas, Ellen Hietpas, Mary Janssen, Virgie Janssen, Mutz La Brec, Karen Mulry, Mary Peterson, Marge Van Asten, Carol Van Der Burgt, Donna Van Grinsven, Dot Van Lith, Jan Vander Heyden, Christa Vanderheiden, Barbara Vander Loop, Lynda Weyers, Susan Whalley

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Poll Workers/Registration Deputies/Greeters:
Nancy Arts, Chris Berkers, Karen Jones, Sarah Karch, Janet Mincks, Gail Bowers McKay, Richard McKay, Brittany Schneider, Roque Schneider, Cathy Wall, Josephine Wall

These Election workers put in between a 15 to 19 hour day depending on the size of election and spend many hours in training sessions and they do so for a minimal stipend for their service or they volunteer their time. The Village is fortunate to have this group of citizens that are dedicated to learning the election process and serving the Village.

I also want to thank Cindy Dillinger and Molly Derricks from the Village's Finance Department. They handle numerous questions from voters throughout the year when the Deputy Clerk and I are busy with other election duties.

I express my gratitude and thanks to our Deputy Clerk Sandy Berkers. Sandy has worked in the Clerk's office for four years now and her assistance with Election Administration consistently allows for our office to conduct efficient elections. Election Laws have changed greatly in the last few years and the administration of elections has become very complicated and time consuming. I could not administer the Elections without Sandy's exceptional dedication to the process.

Please join me in recognizing our election inspectors that have retired from their service. Lori De Groot, Chief Inspector. Lori retired earlier this year after serving as an Election Inspector for 25 years. Lori taught me so much about elections when I first became the Village's Deputy Clerk and she has assisted with training many of our election workers over the years. She was dedicated in her service as an Election Inspector and she put in numerous hours of training and worked at almost every election held in the Village over the last 25 years. Thank you so much Lori. I also thank and recognize these retired Election Workers for their many years of service to the Village: Doris Jansen, Dolores Jansen, Marge Van Asten, Audrey Van Lankvelt and Betty Wydeven.



NEWS FROM THE LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

With winter weather upon us or on its way the Little Chute Fire Dept. needs everyone's assistance in keeping fire hydrants easier to locate and use. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please keep it free of snow or anything around the hydrant that may obstruct its view and operation. In the event of a fire your cooperation will save time for the firefighters. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Winter Safety Tips

The temperatures will soon be dropping and everyone is searching for ways to make their homes as warm and comfortable as possible. According to a study by the United States Fire Administration, heating is the second leading cause of all residential building fires (behind cooking fires) and is most prevalent in the winter months, when the use of central heating systems, portable heaters, and fireplaces is most common. Over one quarter of residential building heating fires results from improper maintenance of heating equipment, specifically the failure to clean the equipment.

The Little Chute Fire Department would like to provide you with fire safety tips so that you and your family can "weather" the winter season safely.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and practically odorless gas. Appliances fueled with natural gas, liquefied petroleum (LP gas), oil, kerosene, coal, or wood may produce CO, along with burning charcoal and running your car. Since Feb. 2011 a Wisconsin state law requires Carbon Monoxide detectors to be installed in all single and multifamily dwellings. Proper maintenance and inspection of heating systems should be done on a regular basis. Only use kerosene heaters in well-ventilated areas. If you experience symptoms of CO poisoning, such as headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness, get fresh air and call 9-1-1 immediately.

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Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Buy a smoke alarm at most any hardware or discount store. It's inexpensive protection for you and your family. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Your chances of survival double when you have a working smoke alarm. Test it monthly, keep it free of dust and replace the battery at least once a year. Smoke alarms themselves should be replaced after ten years of service, or as recommended by the manufacturer.

Wood Stoves

Wood stoves cause over 9,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Look for solid construction, such as plate steel or cast iron metal. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges, and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

Electric Space Heaters

Buy only heaters with Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) safety listing. Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

Fireplaces

Fireplaces need to be cleaned frequently from creosote buildup and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen

heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Prevent Electrical Fires

Never overload circuits or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas. Immediately shut off and unplug appliances that sputter, spark or emit an unusual smell. Have them professionally repaired or replaced.

Use Appliances Wisely

When using appliances follow the manufacturer's safety precautions. Overheating, unusual smells, shorts and sparks are all warning signs that appliances need to be shut off, then replace or repaired. Unplug appliances when not in use. Use safety caps to cover all unused outlets, especially if there are small children in the home. Never use a cooking stove to heat your home.

Plan Your Escape

Practice an escape plan with at least two ways out from every room in the house. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never open doors that are hot to the touch. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house. Get out and then call for help.

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

The Little Chute Fire Department will be hosting a donkey basketball tournament on Sunday, April 14th, 2013 details are being finalized yet, but current plans are Little Chute Fire Dept., Kimberly Fire Dept., Combined Locks Fire Dept. and Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. will be participating in this fun and entertaining event. Come and cheer on your favorite team.

**GERARD H. VAN HOOFF
MEMORIAL LIBRARY/CIVIC
CENTER NOTES**

We are mindful of all of the things we have to be grateful for as we celebrate the holidays – a welcoming community, our helpful volunteers, and our faithful friendly patrons.

We are also thankful for the Friends of the Library, also known as FOLKS. The Friends of the Library strive to enhance our library’s programs, services, and resources through volunteer efforts and fundraising. All of the adult programming at the library is funded by FOLKS, as are many other services, such as *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, the Summer Reading Program, and Fox Cities Reads, just to name a few. They earn proceeds from the ongoing book sales hosted at both library locations throughout the year.

Over the past year, FOLKS worked hard to obtain a 501(c)(3) status which establishes them as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As a charitable organization, they are now seeking and planning more fundraising opportunities. On Election Day 2012, they hosted Vote and Bloat, selling coffee, donuts, and baked goods to raise money for the library.

As the holiday season approaches, they will be presenting gift-giving levels for people who want to give a meaningful gift to the people in their lives who already have everything they need. Additional ideas are in the works for 2013.

To pursue additional fundraising projects, FOLKS is looking for new members with time and energy to share. Annual membership costs as little as \$5.00 for an individual, \$10 for a family, and \$50 for a business. Or consider a lifetime membership for a one-time fee of \$100 for individual or family. Once a member, you will receive a seasonal email highlighting upcoming programs at the library, FOLKS meetings, and

other news. You will be welcome to attend FOLKS meetings and become involved in volunteer efforts. If you’re a busy person who can’t volunteer time, we still need you! Your annual membership will help fund future FOLKS projects.

The support of FOLKS enables wonderful things to happen at the library, and we are truly grateful for their help and support. Please consider either becoming a member or making a contribution today!

Check the library’s web site at <http://www.kimlit.org/> for more information about FOLKS, upcoming programs and other library news.

NOTE: The Library will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day and will close at 5PM on December 26 & 27. Happy Holidays!

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
APRIL 2, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Little Chute, on Tuesday, **April 2, 2013**, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village president and village trustees begins on April 16, 2013 All terms are for two years.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village President	Michael R. Vanden Berg
Village Trustee	Bob Berken
Village Trustee	Bill Peerenboom
Village Trustee	Skip Smith

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2012 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 in the office of the Village Clerk, 108 W. Main Street, Little Chute.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Candidate forms can be found on the Village’s website at www.littlechutewi.org/clerksoffice.
☎ Contact the Village Clerk’s office at 788-7380 ext. 204.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT NEWS

HEESAKKER PARK ICE SKATING/HOCKEY RINK

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



VILLAGE SLEDDING HILLS

Once the winter snow arrives, there is sledding hill at Heesakker Park (off Lincoln Ave.) and at Van Lieshout Park (corner of Florida Ave. & Vandenbroek Rd) for everyone to enjoy..

SUMMER PART-TIME APPLICATIONS

If your child is interested in applying for a summer job with the Little Chute Park & Rec Dept. for 2013, please have them pick up an application at our office starting January 2 or they can download it from the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. The application is for anyone interested in applying for an opening as a recreation (tot lot & sports) supervisor, parks & forestry laborer, softball scorer, lifeguard, or pool cashier (admission & concessions). The final deadline for turning in summer part-time applications is Friday, March 1.

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 which is held at the Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center (room N2) on Wednesdays and various Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Activities planned by our senior activities coordinator, Sharon Jansen, include cards, luncheons, and more. The Senior Activities Schedule, which lists meeting dates and activities, is posted on the door to the library/civic center building and can be viewed at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. There is no charge for participation and no registration necessary (except for special meals); just come when you can and bring someone along! The Senior Activities Program is available to Little Chute residents/taxpayers age 55 or older, and they can bring their friends.

2013 BOYS BASEBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/13)

If your son will be age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/13 and wants to play in a boy's baseball league during the summer of 2013, then please mark your calendar with the following registration information. The Little Chute Baseball Club coordinates the boy's baseball leagues for boys who are age 7 to 15. The club's early-bird summer baseball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Civic Center on Tuesday, January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend the baseball club meeting following signup at 7:15 p.m. at The Flying Dutchman. Registration fee checks will be held by the club treasurer and processed for payment on 4/1/13.

Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at the time of registration. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only) in early January with registration forms. Parents who do not register their son during the early-bird registration period will be charged a late fee and registration will only be accepted if the club has not reached their maximum in that specific league and their teams have not been finalized. Register early and save money! Parents will NOT be able to register for any age 7 to 15 boys baseball league in the Park & Rec Dept. Summer Program

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Book, they must register with the baseball club directly. For more information and registration forms, please visit the Baseball Club's website at www.littlechutebaseballclub.com or check them out on Facebook.

2013 GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/13)

If your daughter will be age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/13 and wants to play in a girl's softball league during the summer of 2013, then please mark your calendar with the following registration information. The Little Chute Softball Club coordinates the girl's softball leagues for girls who are age 7 to 14. The club's summer softball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Civic Center on Saturday, January 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at registration time to receive Little Chute resident rate, otherwise non-residents pay an additional fee. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only).

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$25 late fee will be added to all registrations received after January 31, 2013. Club will determine the number of teams in each league based on registrations received; a league may be limited to only one team. At the time of registration, if you are interested in coaching, please pickup an application from one of the volunteers working the tables. Don't delay in registering your daughter for summer softball. Parents will NOT be able to register for any age 7 to 14 girls softball leagues in the Park & Rec. Dept. Summer Program Book, they must register with the softball club directly.

Club softball registration forms will be available in the lobby of the Park & Rec. Dept. in late December, as well as the St. John's, LC Elementary, and LC Intermediate School Offices.

2013 SOCCER REGISTRATION (age 4 & older as of 8/1/13)

Registration for the Spring/Summer 2013 Soccer Leagues is currently underway. Players age 4 thru adult (use players age as of 8/1/13 to determine league choice) desiring to play soccer in 2013 need to register directly with the Heart of the Valley Soccer Assoc. (HOVSA). Registration forms are available in the lobby of the LC Park & Rec. Dept. (1940 Buchanan St). Completed form must be mailed with registration fee to the HOVSA address listed on the form.

① If you have registration questions, please contact HOVSA representative Mike Buman at 540-2971 or email tboomen@aol.com. ② If you have other questions or concerns, please contact President Gary Coenen at 788-5589. The 2013 soccer season, which is a ten or twelve week program, runs from the last week of April through the end of June or early July. Teams are filled on a first-come basis, but team roster size is limited, so please register now to avoid missing out on the fun! You will NOT be able to register for a soccer program in the Park & Rec. Dept. Summer Program Book; you need to register now for spring/summer soccer.

YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Little Chute Park & Rec. will be offering a 12-week youth dance program starting in mid February. Classes will be 30 minutes long and will be held on THURSDAY evenings at the Little Chute Library/Civic Center. The dance instructors will be Jessica Koebe and Alex Delvaux. Classes will be held from Thursday, February 14 through Thursday, May 16 (no classes on 3/28 & 4/4). All students participate in the program's dance revue, which will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, May 19 (rehearsal on stage on 5/17).

Registration forms will be available in early January at the Park & Rec and at the Little Chute Library, or it can be downloaded from the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. Little Chute residents/taxpayers may register from Monday, January 14, to Thursday, January 24, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee is \$35 per child. All registrations will be dated when

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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 1/1/13. Classes formed are determined by preferences on dance registrations received. Starting on Monday, January 28, non-residents will be allowed to register for remaining class openings (fee is \$45/non-resident child). Mark your calendar so you don't forget to register your child! 📞 If you have questions, please call Donna at 788-7390 ext.202.



CHEESE FESTIVAL DONATES MONEY TO COMMUNITY

The 24th Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival held June 1, 2, & 3 was a terrific success this year thanks to the beautiful weather. Profit distribution for this year's festival totals \$74,046. Since the festival's inception, a grand total of \$983,048 has been distributed back into the community. In addition, numerous non-profit groups have raised funds by operating a food booth at the festival. A special THANK YOU goes to all the sponsors, organizations, workers, and volunteers who helped to make the festival a success. The support shown by the community has been terrific!

The Cheese Festival Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following donations will be made to the community.

\$5,000 to LC Baseball Club for batting cages project at Legion & Van Lieshout Park; \$5,000 to Haven of Hope Day Care for door intercom & help button facility needs; \$4,000 in scholarships (4 scholarships at \$1,000 each) to graduating seniors of

Little Chute residents/taxpayers; \$4,000 to LCSD Destination Imagination Teams activity needs; \$2,000 to LC Gridiron for football field entrance project; \$2,000 to St. John Food Pantry; \$1,600 to LC Library for "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program; \$1,000 to Fox Cities March of Dimes March for Babies; \$1,000 to the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept PSL Program; \$1,000 to LC Rec Dept to sponsor 2013 Family Fun Fest children's entertainment; \$800 to LC Fire Dept to replace giant flag; \$750 to LCHS for 12th grade graduation event expenses; \$750 to LCMS for 8th grade graduation event expenses; \$750 to LC St. John's School for 8th grade graduation dance expenses; \$750 to LCES for approved student program/need; \$500 to LC Pool to sponsor DJ's for two 2013 "summer soaker" events; \$500 to LC Rec Dept. to sponsor 2013 Youth Carnival entertainment; \$500 to help sponsor the Kermis Dutch Festival; \$250 to LC Rec Dept to help fund the Every Kid Counts financial assistance program; \$200 to the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Recognition Dinner; \$6,650 was set aside for future projects; \$5,000 was set aside for additional band cost for 2013 festival, and \$10,000 was set aside for fireworks at 2013 festival to celebrate the 25th anniversary.

Additionally, \$7,879 was paid to the LC Jaycees and to the LC Kiwanis, plus a total of \$4,287.50 was paid to various clubs for working the admission gate, wristband booth, and cheese tasting area.

The Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival Board Members are Al Zierler (Chairman), Tom Flick, Donna Koebe, Vicki Schneider, Todd Schommer, Bob Weiske, and Harry Van Lith. 📞 Please contact them with any ideas/comments you may have regarding the Festival or call the Park & Rec. Dept. at 788-7390.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
and join us in celebrating our
25th Anniversary of Cheese Fest

The 2013 Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival will be held on May 31, June 1 & 2. Check the Village's website in late Spring for a schedule of events.

www.littlechutewi.org/cheesefest

BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

① Please remember that all Little Chute property owners/renters **MUST CALL IN** their property address to the Park, Rec & Forestry Dept at 788-7390 to have their address added to the brush chipping list (residents do not have to call in for pickup of Christmas trees). If calling after hours, choose ext.202 and leave a message that you have brush out and include your complete street address. When the brush pickup list is sufficient enough to send out the chipping crew, they will be sent to the addresses on the list. If you don't call in your brush, you will not be picked up. If you hire a company to trim and/or take down trees on your property, they are responsible for brush removal; the Village will not pickup brush trimmed by a company you hired.

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

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.

NOTICE

**Villages Offices will be Closed on Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013
Happy Holidays!**



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Little Chute residents/taxpayers **DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN FOR PICKUP OF CHRISTMAS TREES!** Please place your tree curbside once all



lights, ornaments, garland, and the majority of tinsel has been removed. Trees should not be wrapped with tree bags.

Mobile home residents should also put out their tree to the street within their mobile home park. Starting Wednesday, January 2, the village forestry crew will be scheduled as

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

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES

The Little Chute Parks Department would like to **THANK** the following families and groups for donating funds for memorial benches in Little Chute parks. Park visitors will be able to take time to sit and enjoy the beautiful scenery at the park thanks to their donation.



- Carol & Richard Harp
- Mary & David Heiting
- Sally & Jesse Bevers
- Justin & Ann Fisher
- Men's Class "C" Softball Team Players
- Little Chute Jaycees
- Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival



**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.

Fox Valley Metro's Website and NEW FACEBOOK page!!!

Check out the Fox Valley Metro Police Department's website. Visit <http://www.fvmpd.org> for information on available programs and upcoming events. Also visit Our New Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/FoxValleyMetro>. Lots of fun stuff is planned for Facebook, such as videos, pictures, polls, etc.



Facebook



Webpage

OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

Per Village ordinance, vehicles are not permitted to park along Village streets between 2:00 am and 6:00 am, between December 1st and April 1st. Vehicle owners may request permission from the

Fox Valley Metro Police Department to leave their vehicle parked on Village streets during this period. ① To request overnight parking permission, individuals should contact the overnight parking request line at (920) 788-7512 and follow the automated system. If a plowable snowfall occurs NO overnight parking will be permitted.

****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>

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

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

1. Clean off the snow on top of your vehicle before driving- flying snow can cause problems for drivers around you.
2. If you do start to slide or become out of control always try to gently steer the vehicle in the direction you want the front of the car to go.
3. Black ice is called "black" for a reason- it is difficult to see, so use caution at all times especially after the dropping of temperatures.
4. Keep a safe following distance behind the vehicle in front of you, in case they encounter difficulties, you will have room to stop.
5. Make sure your vehicle has at least a half a tank of gas, gas lines can freeze if the temperature is right.

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6. Keep an eye on your vehicle's tire inflation, fluctuating temperatures can alter inflation levels.
7. Change your windshield wiper blades and use an anti-freeze windshield fluid in your vehicle.
8. Regularly bathe your vehicle- road salt can be harmful to your paint job.
9. Check your vehicle's battery life and replace if necessary.
10. And finally, in snowy or icy conditions, please only drive when it is absolutely necessary.

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.

A little about Quad Communities Crime Stoppers

Quad Communities Crime Stoppers, Inc. is a four community organization that supports the efforts to fight crime in the communities of Combined Locks, Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute; through a tip line by phone or email. We work closely with the local law enforcement agencies and the Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute School Districts.

Three representatives from each community make up the structure of the Quad Communities Crime Stoppers Board. We meet 5 times per year at Hollanders on the second Thursday of



the months of February, April, June, September and November.

At this time **we are looking for two new members** to serve on the board; one each in the communities of Combined Locks and Little Chute.

If you are interested in serving on the Quad Communities Crime Stoppers Board please contact any of the following Board members for additional information. President- John Moore moore2@new.rr.com, Vice President-Richard Schevers rjsdms@aol.com, Secretary-Mark Kohl Kohl@fvtc.edu, Treasurer-Glenn Hansen iglenjoyce@yahoo.com, Coordinator-Officer Scott Van Schyndel – scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org.

Also serving on the Board are Don De Groot, Vern Frederickson, Steve Haen, Paul Rettler. Carl Schumacher, Dick Vanden Boogaard and Officer Jamie Graff. Additional information about Crime Stoppers can be found on the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Inc website.

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 to individuals who have been victimized by crime or involved in a critical event or trauma.



Volunteers Needed

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



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.

For previous Nixle users that signed up through the Combined Locks Police Dept. account, you will need to resign up under the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. to get updates on FVMPD police info.

Our website www.fvmpd.org also has a recent list of Nixle messages on the front page towards the bottom which will update when messages are sent out. Our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FoxValleyMetro will also get the Nixel messages.

DON'T BE A VICTIM.....

Please partner with the FVMPD to reduce crime

1. **Lock your car doors.** Thieves often check for unlocked car doors; then rummage through cars for items to steal.
2. **Never leave items in plain sight.** If you leave valuable items such as GPS units, digital cameras, purses, wallets, and CD cases in your vehicle place them in the glove box, center console, or trunk. Then make sure to lock the vehicle.
3. **Never leave keys in car or ignition.** Not only will thieves steal your belongings but they may take your car for a joyride.
4. **Close overhead garage doors at night and lock service doors.** Thieves may target your garage if given the opportunity.
5. **Report suspicious activity.** FVMPD Officers can't be everywhere so citizens are our eyes and ears to the community. The most recent example was a citizen observing suspects checking for unlocked car doors. Due to the citizen reporting the observation quickly stolen property was recovered. Please immediately report suspicious activities. Officers will respond and identify the person(s) and their activities.

DOG LICENSES



The 2013 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. Please remember to bring a copy of your dogs 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)

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
- Vacation House Checks
- "The Club" Loan Out

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

📞 For more information on these or any other programs, contact Community Support Officer Scott Van Schyndel at 788-7505 or e-mail at scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org

CITIZENS 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.

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 Combined Locks, Little Chute, Kimberly or the Kimberly Area School District.

There is no cost for this program.

📞 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 Scott Van Schyndel, at scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce residential crime. 📞 If you are interested in participating or starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your



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



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Parks, Rec. & Forestry Dept.	1940 Buchanan St.	788-7390
Public Works Dept.	1940 Buchanan St.	788-7395
Gerard H. Van Hoof Library	625 Grand Ave.	788-7825
Water Plant	625 E. Evergreen Dr.	788-7522
Water Dept. On Call Emergency Number	Little Chute, WI 54140	788-7526

Village Hall Fax No. 788-7394
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2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

Wed.	2	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	9	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon.	14	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue.	15	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	15	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	16	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	23	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Tue.	5	Joint Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	6	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	11	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon.	11	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	13	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	19	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	19	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	20	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	27	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

MARCH

Tue.	5	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	6	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	11	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	13	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	19	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	19	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	20	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	27	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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