



Village of

# Little Chute

## NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2013

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### NEWSLETTER INSERTS

2014 Budget Message from the Village Administrator and Introduction of the New Village Administrator

Department of Public Works Guide for Village Residents

### A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT MICHAEL VANDEN BERG

Even though winter has set in, I am pleased to report there are many exciting things going on in Little Chute.

The Van Asten Visitor's Center attached to the windmill and the Village Hall addition construction projects are progressing in earnest. If you have not seen the site recently, the buildings and the renovations are pretty impressive. When all is said and done, the block which these two structures take up will be a show piece. Construction will continue throughout the winter months. When the addition to the Village Hall is completed, the renovation of the interior of the existing Village Hall structure will begin. This is a project that is long overdue and is badly needed. Every effort will be made to keep any inconvenience the construction and renovation has to the public and our employees to a minimum.

Our new Village Administrator James Fenlon began work on September 30<sup>th</sup>. His transition into this role is going well. James is a quick study and has gotten up to speed very quickly. If you have not had the chance to meet James, please do and welcome him to our community.

The staff and village board recently completed the budget for 2014. The good news is the tax rate will only increase 8¢ per \$1000 of assessed value. The tax rate for 2014 will be \$6.95 per \$1000 of assessed value. This means if you have a \$100,000 home, the Village portion of the property tax bill would increase \$8.00. This is a 1.16% increase.

I would like to thank staff for their efforts in keeping the increase within the goal the Board set for them. This was not an easy task.

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Governments are subject to the same inflationary pressures as everyone else. Staff and the Board accepted the challenge and met the goal.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**NOTICE OF PROPERTY REVALUATION PROCEDURE**

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Village to conduct a Village wide revaluation of all taxable real estate and improvements within the Village for equalization of assessments for the year 2014. The property visitations began in October of 2013.

The purpose is to make sure that all properties will be valued, for taxable purposes, on a fair and equitable basis. The last full revaluation of the Village was conducted 10 years ago. In order to accomplish this revaluation, the appraisers must have ample opportunity to make a thorough examination of each property. The process will include conducting a physical interior and exterior inspection of each property in order to gather data for the assessment work.

An associate of the firm will visit each property. Associated Appraisal representatives will have letters of introduction from the Village, photo identification tags and company clothing, and will be driving red vehicles that are marked with the company name.

We thank for your cooperation in making this a successful revaluation.



Village Offices will be Closed on:  
Tuesday, December 24,  
Wednesday, December 25  
and  
Wednesday, January 1

Happy Holidays

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE  
NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION  
APRIL 1, 2014**

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Little Chute, on Tuesday, **April 1, 2014**, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed whose term of office will expire on April 14, 2014. The term for village trustees begins on April 15, 2014. All terms are for two years.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Tammy Frassetto
Village Trustee	James Hietpas
Village Trustee	Larry Van Lankvelt

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2013 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 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 18, 2014.

**ATTENTION LANDLORDS  
Are You Aware that the Village has a  
Sexual Offender Residency Ordinance?**

The Village Board adopted a Sexual Offender Residency Restrictions ordinance in 2007. The ordinance states that it is unlawful for any designated offender to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within 2,000 feet of any school, licensed day care center, park, trail, playground, place of worship, or any other place designated by the Village as a place where children are known to congregate.

Property owners are prohibited from renting real property to certain sexual offenders and sexual

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predators. It is unlawful to let or rent any place, structure or part thereof, trailer or other conveyance with the knowledge that it will be used as a permanent residence or temporary residence by any person prohibited from establishing such permanent residence or temporary residence pursuant to the Village Code of Ordinances Section 30-35 if such place, structure or part thereof, trailer, or other conveyance is located within a prohibited location zone. (maps of the prohibited zone are available to view at the Police Department and Village Hall)

A property owner's failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinance constitute a violation and shall subject the property owner to the code enforcement provisions.



**REMINDERS FROM THE LC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** *by Fire Chief Mark Jansen*

Yes that's right it is that time of year again when the temperatures drop and the snow starts to fly. With the snow starting to fly the Little Chute Fire Department is again asking for your assistance in keeping the fire hydrants easier to use and locate. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property or place of business please keep it free of snow or anything around the hydrant that may obstruct its view and operation. If in the event of a fire your cooperation will save time for the firefighters. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**RETIREMENT NEWS**

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

Firefighter Rick Paitel  
Lieutenant Steve Schepp

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 Lt. Steve Schepp, Steve Van Deurzen has been promoted to the open Lieutenant position, congratulations Steve.

**DONATIONS**

The Little Chute Fire Department recently received two monetary donations, Parkside Care Center donated funds from a summer cookout, and the Little Chute Kiwanis Club made donation to help fund for a fire prevention simulator. We would like to thank both of these fine organizations for helping to make Little Chute a safe village to live in.

**TRUCK NEWS**



In September the Fire Department received a new fire apparatus, a 2013 Pierce Impel engine, this truck features a 370hp Cummins ISL engine, 1500 gallons per minute pump capacity, 750 gallon water tank, CAFS (compressed air foam system), hydraulic generator. This truck was also designed with extrications tools mounted on the front bumper to assist in faster tool access for auto extrication calls.

The truck #3621 was dedicated on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to former Fire Chief Tom Lamers. Members of Chief Lamers were in attendance for the dedication that included a final call to retire truck #3623 which was the truck Chief Lamers purchased in 1975, also the extrication tools were used to do a ribbon cutting for the new engine.

Thank you to all who made this special event a success. The truck is currently being outfitted and members of the department are doing extensive training on the truck, current plans are to have this truck to be put into full service in January.

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

Each holiday season, we find ourselves counting our blessings. Our focus turns to family, to celebrations, to being thankful for what 2013 has brought into our lives. And at the library, it's no different. We are thankful for the support of the community we serve, for patrons who bring smiles to our faces each day, and for the opportunity to help people learn, grow, and embrace lifelong learning and the love of reading. We are grateful to have received a beautiful testimonial of why one family loves the library. Here is what they said:

*"Our family loves the Kimberly-Little Chute Library for many reasons, which is why we visit one branch or the other nearly every week! Both of my children LOVE to read. My 9 year old in particular is a strong, prolific, and fast reader. I would never be able to provide her with enough reading material without such a well-stocked local library that is tied into a larger*



(Hughes Family)

*interlibrary lending system. We love coming to the kids' programs, especially the ones connected to the summer reading program. This summer, my 6 year old would check our calendar every day to see how many days until the next program!*

*Not that we only go for the kids! My husband and I appreciate being able to check out both fiction and nonfiction books for ourselves. I love the convenience of being able to put items on hold on-line – it's a rare week when I'm not*

*picking up at least one thing from the hold shelf! In fact, it's happened that some of the wonderful staff will see me ready to check out books and automatically go and see if I have items waiting for me on the hold shelf! Across the board, the library staff is helpful, friendly, polite and extremely welcoming. We particularly love Ms. Ann, the Library-ANN! Between the wonderful staff, the community programs, and the rich and varied resources, we truly treasure our Kimberly-Little Chute local library!"*

*~ Jill Hughes*

Do you use your public library? What does it mean to you and your family? We invite you to join us for exciting programs for all ages, stop in to see the latest book displays, check out what's new or ask us to help you discover a new author or genre, ask us for help with a question you're pondering, use an Internet computer to apply for a job, bring in your Kindle or Nook and download a free eBook, stay for a while and enjoy browsing some magazines. We are ready and willing to help you with your information needs and our services are FREE for the entire community.

More information about the library can be found online at [www.kimlit.org](http://www.kimlit.org). We wish you and yours a very blessed holiday season!

### HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

December 23, 10AM-5PM  
December 24, closed  
December 25, closed  
December 26, 10AM-5PM  
December 27, 10AM-5PM  
December 29, 10AM-2PM  
December 30, 10AM-5PM  
December 31, 10AM-5PM  
January 1, closed





**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS**

**Parking on front and side yard lawns is prohibited**

Based on an increased number of complaints being made by residents from throughout the Village regarding vehicles, campers, trailers, and other equipment being parked on the grass of front and side yard areas of residential properties, the Village reminds you that per Village Ordinance 44-191, **no** storage or parking shall be allowed on lawns in front or side yards.

Thank you for doing your part to improve the appearance of our Village neighborhoods!

**NEW LOCATION FOR OBTAINING YOUR DOG LICENSES**

The 2014 dog licenses are available for purchase at the **Village Hall Finance Department**.



The Village Hall is located at 108 W. Main Street.

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:

The fee for a dog license before April 1st is \$7.00 for spade/neutered and \$12.00 if the dog is not spade/neutered.

After April 1st there is a \$5.00 late fee. The cost for spade/neutered after April 1, 2014 is \$12.00 and if not spade/neutered is \$17.00.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to the following individuals that reached significant years of service to the Village of Little Chute in 2013.

**30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Jeff Elrick, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Bill Gerrits, Public Works Dept.

**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Linda Doering, FVMPD Crossing Guard  
Donna Koebe, LC Parks, Rec., & Forestry

**20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Duane Nechodom, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Scott Van Deurzen, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.

**15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Brady Boucher, Officer FVMPD  
Jill Hasseler, Kim/LC Library  
Chuck Hiroskey, Public Works Dept.  
Karen O'Brien, Kim/LC Library  
Luella Opsteen, FVMPD Crossing Guard

**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Michael Grumann, Officer FVMPD  
Carolyn Habeck, LC Community Band  
Helen Eiting, Election Inspector  
Katy Gloudemans, Court Clerk  
Helen Lotzer, LC Community Band  
Scott Lund, Captain FVMPD  
Dan Running, Investigator FVMPD

**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Cheri Authement, LC Community Band  
Scott Bons, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Brian Danz, LC Community Band  
Kathleen Heier, FVMPD Crossing Guard  
Julie Hess, LC Community Band  
Betty Hietpas, Election Inspector  
Kathy Hinton - Kim/LC Library  
Dave Hoelzel, LC Community Band  
Joe Huiting, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Mary Janssen, Election Inspector  
Eugene Kobussen, FVMPD Crossing Guard  
Nate Luedtke, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Janet Mincks, Election Inspector  
Rita Mollen, Chief Election Inspector  
Cal Patton, LC Community Band  
Nate Patton, LC Community Band  
Ward Patton, LC Community Band  
Sam Peeters, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Philip Serres, Officer FVMPD  
Pat Van Vreede, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Jan Vander Heyden, Election Inspector  
Tim Verstegen, LC Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Josephine Wall, Election Inspector  
Mark Wery, School Liaison Officer FVMPD  
Lynda Wyers, Election Inspector

## 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  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Special Notice**

The Treasurer's office is Closed:  
Tuesday, December 24, 2013  
Wednesday, December 25, 2013  
Wednesday, January 1, 2014

The last day to pay taxes in person at Village Hall with a 2013 dated receipt is:

**Monday, December 31 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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

### **HELPFUL REMINDERS**

- Payments are payable to: Village of Little Chute Treasurer.
- **Bring or mail the 1<sup>st</sup> Installment stub** (upper left hand corner; it shows payment date by **January 31, 2014** with your payment, which provides the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 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 accepted at Little Chute Capital Credit Union branches & BLC Community Bank

**The first option** is the availability of alternative sites for property tax payments. Any taxpayers 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](http://www.littlechutewi.org) and click on the "Online Payments" link, or go directly to Official Payments website [www.officialpayments.com](http://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.

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## 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 \$6,400. 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 \$10,900 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 2012 and occupied it by January 1, 2013. The County Treasurer has authority to assign a lottery credit to each parcel that is eligible. However, it requires action by the home owner. The homeowner is responsible to notify the local treasurer (Village Hall) or the County Treasurer (Outagamie County Courthouse) and certify their eligibility by signing a Lottery Credit Application. The owner may use the internet [www.dor.state.wi.us](http://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 failed to apply by November 1 for the 2013 credit, they can still apply when paying the tax bill. These transactions are handled only at Village Hall.

## 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's website at [www.littlechutewi.org/parks](http://www.littlechutewi.org/parks).

### 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 are sledding hills at Heesakker Park (off Lincoln Ave.) and 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 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. for 2014, 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](http://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 summer part-time applications is Monday, March 3.

### 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](http://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.

### DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES

The Little Chute Parks Department would like to thank the following families and business 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.

- Mary Romenesko
- We Energies
- Mattie Ebben
- Paula Huiting





## GENEROUS DONATIONS HELP REBUILD VAN LIESHOUT PLAYGROUND

Thanks to generous donations from the following families, businesses, and groups, the Village was able to rebuild the playground at Van Lieshout Park that was burned by vandals in October 2012.

- Family of Jim & Ida Peeters
- Bob Pendergast
- Kiwanis Club of Little Chute
- Little Chute Jaycees
- LC Middle School Student Council
- LC Girl Scouts Troop 573
- Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival
- Dave Van Lieshout
- A. Megan Van Lieshout
- Autism Society of the Fox Valley
- Adrian & Jodie Rietveld
- Gene & Virgie Janssen
- Gwen Miller
- LC Elementary School Student Council
- Abby Bangart
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

The Villages first completely ADA accessible playground was completed in late July and has been enjoyed by numerous families already.



## 2014 SOCCER REGISTRATION (age 4 & older as of 8/1/14)

Registration for the Spring/Summer 2014 Soccer Leagues is currently underway. Players age 4 thru adult (use players age as of 8/1/14 to determine league choice) desiring to play soccer in 2014 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](mailto:tboomen@aol.com). If you have other questions or concerns, please contact President Gary Coenen at 788-5589.

The 2014 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.

## 2014 BOYS BASEBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 14 as of 4/30/14)

If your son will be age 7 to 14 as of 4/30/14 and wants to play in a boy's baseball league during the summer of 2014, 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 14 (*entering 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014*). The club's early-bird summer baseball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Civic Center on Tuesday, January 14 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 4/1/14. 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 14 boys baseball league in the Park & Rec Dept. Summer Program Book, they must register with the baseball club directly. For more information and registration forms, please email the Baseball Club at [lcbaseballclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lcbaseballclub@yahoo.com).

### 2014 GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/14)

If your daughter will be age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/14 and wants to play in a girl's softball league during the summer of 2014, 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 ONE DAY ONLY at the Little Chute Civic Center on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 of \$25. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only) in December. Forms are also posted on our website at [www.littlechutesoftballclub.com](http://www.littlechutesoftballclub.com). Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$25 late fee will be added to all registrations received after 1/11/14 and late registrations will only be accepted if the club has not reached their maximum in that specific league and their teams have not been finalized. Club will determine the number of teams in each league based on registrations received thru 1/11/14; 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 or it can be found on the website. 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 December, as well as the St. John's, LC Elementary, LC Intermediate School Offices, and from the club website at [littlechutesoftballclub.com](http://littlechutesoftballclub.com). Completed forms can be mailed to PO Box 96, Little Chute WI 54140. Any questions can be emailed to [lcsoftballclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lcsoftballclub@yahoo.com).

The LC Softball Club is looking for new members! If you are interested, meetings are the third Wednesday of every month (year round) at Hollanders at 6:30 pm. All supporters are welcome!

### YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Little Chute Park & Rec. will be offering a 12-week youth dance program starting in early 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 Brianna Paitel. Classes will be held from Thursday, February 6 through Thursday, May 1 (no classes on 4/17). All students will participate in the program's dance revue, which will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, May 4 (rehearsal on stage on 5/2).

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](http://www.littlechutewi.org/recreation). Little Chute residents/taxpayers may register from Monday, January 13, to Thursday, January 23, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee is \$35 per child. All registrations will be dated when received for use with deciding which classes are formed and placement in those classes. Classes offered will be tumbling (age 4 & 5), jazz (age 6 & up), pom&dance (age 6 & up) and hip hop (age 8 & up). Registration form requires using child's age as of 1/1/14. Classes formed are determined by preferences on dance registrations received. Starting on Monday, January 27, 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.

### BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

📞 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.

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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).

**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



apped with tree bags. Mobile home residents could also put out their tree 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.



**CHEESE FESTIVAL DONATES MONEY TO COMMUNITY AND REACHES MILLION DOLLAR DONATION MARK**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival

held May 31, June 1 & 2 was a terrific success this year thanks to the beautiful weather.

Profit distribution for this year's festival totals \$68,682.88. Since the festival's inception, a grand total of \$1,051,730.85 has been distributed back to 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 Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following donations were made to the community. \$5,000 to LC Baseball Club for remodeling of Legion Park concession stand; \$4,000 in scholarships (4 scholarships at \$1,000 each) to graduating seniors of Little Chute residents/taxpayers; \$4,000 to LC School District Destination Imagination Teams activity needs; \$3,000 to LC Library for "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program; \$3,000 to Haven of Hope Day Care for project to add an elevator to their facility; \$2,000 to St. John Food Pantry for needed items; \$1,950 to LC Community Band to replace bass drum and stand; \$1,200 to LC Softball Club to replace 12U softball team uniforms; \$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 2014 Family Fun Fest entertainment; \$750 to LC High School for 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation event expenses; \$750 to LC Middle School for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation event expenses; \$750 to LC St. John's School for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance expenses; \$750 to LC Elementary School for approved student program/need; \$500 to LC Pool to sponsor DJ's for two 2014 "summer soaker" events; \$500 to LC Rec Dept. to sponsor 2014 Youth Carnival entertainment; \$500 to help sponsor the 2013 Kermis Dutch Festival; \$500 to American Legion Baseball Team for equipment; \$250 to LC Rec Dept to help fund the 2014 Every Kid Counts financial assistance program; \$200 to the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Recognition Dinner; and \$13,445 was set aside for future projects.

Additionally, \$9,254 was paid to the LC Jaycees and to the LC Kiwanis, plus a total of \$4,175 was paid to various clubs for working the admission gate, wristband booth, and cheese tasting area.

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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!**  
**2014 GREAT WISCONSIN CHEESE FESTIVAL**  
**JUNE 6, 7 & 8**

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



**ATTENTION  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -  
CHEESE FESTIVAL  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Cheese Festival Board of Directors will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live in the Village and will be graduating in the Spring of 2014. Students who attend Little Chute High School must obtain the Cheese Festival scholarship application from their School Guidance Office. Students who attend other area high schools and live in Little Chute may pick up an application in the Administration Office at the Village Hall beginning February 6. Deadline for returning the scholarship application is March 28, 2014.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have donated time working at one of the two most recently held Cheese Festivals. 📞 For more information, contact Vicki Schneider at 788-7380 ext. 204.



**FOX VALLEY METRO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
“Partnerships in Policing”

Ongoing economic conditions have forced the Fox Valley Metro Police Department to identify and implement changes to services that it provides. These changes in no way impact public safety nor the quality of the policing services that are provided to the citizens of Kimberly, Little Chute and Combined Locks. The services impacted are pure convenience or “nice to have” in nature and are not critical to the Department’s core business of providing for order and public safety. These services simply cannot be maintained in the current operational and budgetary environment.

Effective immediately, the following services will be discontinued by the Fox Valley Metro:

**Vehicle lockouts:**

- The FVMPD will continue to respond to lockouts that involve threats to safety such as when child is locked in a car, whether running or not.
- All other requests will be referred to private locksmiths or tow companies that offer those services.

The following service changes will be implemented in the upcoming months. Notice will be given when implementation dates have been determined. Stay tuned to the Village and police department website for exact dates.

- 1) Effective immediately, Little Chute dog licensing. Dog licenses will be issued at the Little Chute Village Hall Finance Department instead of at the Police Department.
- 2) Services to be offered by appointment only: The following services will only be provided on certain days and times. (to be determined)
  - Evidence release
  - Fingerprinting
  - Bartender licensing



## Fox Valley Metro Police Department

### 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 & 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 Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/FoxValleyMetro>. Lots of fun stuff is planned for Facebook, such as videos, pictures, polls, etc.



Facebook



Webpage

### **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.
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.

### **OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN**

**December 1 to April 1**

Sec. 26-70. Parking prohibited during certain periods.

- (b) All-night parking regulated.
- (1) When parking restriction signs have been erected at or reasonably near the corporate limits of the Village as provided under Wis. Stats. § 349.13, no person shall park any vehicle on any street in the village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between the dates of December 1 and April 1.

Vehicle owners may request permission from the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. to leave their vehicles 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.



## NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Fox Valley Metro Police Department utilizes a 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](http://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](http://www.nixle.com).

Our website [www.fvmpd.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/FoxValleyMetro) will also get the Nixel messages.

## 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>

## 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, Kaukauna, Hortonville, Town of Menasha, Menasha, Neenah, Shiocton, New London and Winnebago County Sherriff's Department 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: [JKundinger@ci.neenah.wi.us](mailto:JKundinger@ci.neenah.wi.us).



## DOG LICENSES

The 2014 dog licenses are available for purchase at the **Village Hall Finance 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:

- \$12.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered
- \$17.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered

## 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 and Business 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.

① For more information on these or any other programs, contact Community Support Officer Scott Van Schyndel at 788-7505 or email at [scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org](mailto:scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org)

## WANT TO GET RID OF YOUR OLD CELL PHONES & BATTERIES? WHY NOT DONATE THEM TO A GREAT CAUSE!

The VCR program is looking for used cell phones & batteries to help raise money for their volunteer program. Money will be earned for each recycled each recycled phone. You can drop off your cell phone & batteries at the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. and they will be turned over to the VCR program.

## NOTICE

The FVMPD has had many residents call to ask about garbage pickup, brush pickup, appliance pickup, etc.

① The correct Department to call with garbage related concerns is the Public Works Dept. at 920-788-7395.



## 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 email at [scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org](mailto:scott.vanschyndel@fvmpd.org)

## 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 Crime Stoppers at 920-788-9090 or call Fox Valley Metro Police Department at 920-788-7505 or email [tips@stopcrimenow.org](mailto:tips@stopcrimenow.org).



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**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

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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. Emergency Number		788-7526

all Dept.'s mailing address: Little Chute, WI 54140

Village Hall Fax No. 788-7394  
 Web Site: [www.littlechutewi.org](http://www.littlechutewi.org)

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**2014 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY**

Wed.	8	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon.	13	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	15	Village Board	6 p.m.
Tue.	21	Joint Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue.	21	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	22	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

Wed.	5	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	10	Fire Comm.	5:45 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.
Tue.	18	Joint Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	19	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	26	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

**MARCH**

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.	18	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](http://www.littlechutewi.org).**

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