



Village of

Little Chute

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

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NEWSLETTER INSERTS

**MUNICIPAL COST COMPARISON
& LOCAL UTILITY RATE &
TAX COMPARISON**

**RECYCLING UPDATES
(Information on Clean Sweep
Dates and Electronics & Metals
Recycling Event)**

**SOIL TESTING &
GRASS CLIPPINGS**

SPRING ELECTION APRIL 6, 2010

Polls Open
at 7 a.m.



Polls Close
at 8 p.m.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Village Trustee

(Vote for not more than Three)
(listed in ballot placement order)

Dale Skip Smith (i)

Tammy Frassetto

Jason Leicht (i)

Daniel Mahlik

James W. Hietpas

Steven E. Ransbottom (i)

Municipal Judge

(Vote for One)
(listed in ballot placement order)

David Peterson

Sue A. Hammen (i)

COUNTY OFFICES - COUNTY SUPERVISORS (Vote for One)

District 13 - Little Chute Ward 14

David Hinds

Diana L. Janssen(i)

District 18 - Little Chute Wards 1,3, 9, 10, 11, 15

Donald De Groot (i)

District 19 - Little Chute Wards 2, 6, 7, 8, 12

Ken Vanden Heuvel (i)

District 23 - Little Chute Wards 4 & 5

Dan Schommer (i)

District 26 - Little Chute Wards 13, 16, 17, 18, 19

Jim Steineke(i)

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Little Chute School Board

(Vote for One)
Mary Janssen (i)

Kaukauna School Board

(Vote for not more than Three)
John Moore
Jim Meyers (i)
Todd Arnoldussen (i)
Chris Bouressa (i)

Appleton School Board

(Vote for not more than Two)
Julie T. Baker (i)
Jeffrey D. Knezel (i)

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You must be a registered voter of the Village before being allowed to cast your ballot. If you have not previously voted in the Village of Little Chute, you are encouraged to register to vote prior to Election Day. You may register in the Village Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Note: Village Offices are closed on Friday, April 2) You must show proof of residency and your WI Driver's License or WI Identification Card number is required on the Voter Application. ① A Registration Form and additional information is available on the Village's website at www.littlechutewi.org/voting or contact the Village Clerk at 788-7380 ext. 204. You may also register to vote on Election Day with proper proof of residency.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

An Absentee Ballot may be voted at the Village Hall Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Village offices are closed on Friday, April 2). You must complete an absentee ballot request application prior to receiving your absentee ballot. Applications are available at the Village Hall or on the Village's website at www.littlechutewi.org/absenteeballot. You may also request an absentee ballot by mail prior to Thursday, April 1.

Questions?? ① Contact the Village Clerk at 920-788-7380 ext. 204 or email vicki@littlechutewi.org.

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE
POLL SITES**

WARDS 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14 & 15 - VOTE AT THE LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER, 625 GRAND AVE.

WARDS 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 & 19 - VOTE AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 W. MAIN STREET

NOTICE

Registered voters now have access to look up their voting record, check their voter status, to verify their polling place location, and to view a sample ballot for upcoming Elections through the Voter Public Access section of the Statewide Voter Registration System. The website address is <http://vpa.wi.gov>. You will also find links listed under your voting information to your Federal and State Representatives.

**NEW REFUSE/RECYCLING FEE
BEGINS IN APRIL**

Village residents will see a new fee beginning in April. It is a special charge for refuse service and equipment. For residents the fee will appear on the Kaukauna Utility monthly bill and be labeled Refuse/Recycling Fee. Businesses will receive an annual invoice.

The fee will vary by refuse cart size. The most common residential size is the 65 gallon cart and the service will cost \$4.55 per month. A 35 gallon cart will be \$3.50 and the largest, 90 gallon cart, will be \$5.60. Commercial properties have paid the Village or a private hauler for many, many years. The Village service will no longer include one free weekly pickup as was past practice, thereby resulting in a fee increase for businesses also.

Faced with limited choices, the Village Board and staff considered options to present a 2010 balanced budget to the community last fall. Among the cost impacts hitting the Village operations for 2010 were a significant increase in landfill fees and other operating cost increases. Revenue losses were caused by reduced payments from the State to all municipalities (shared revenue), reduction in road

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aids returned by the State (diverted to State general operations), and a drop in building permit fees and interest income due to the economy.

- Part of the budget solution was to minimize costs normally covered by property taxes. This assured the residents that the Village would stay within the levy limit cap of 3%. To do so, all wages were recommended to be frozen at 2009 levels which the Board accepted.
- The Board denied requests for staff in the last two years.
- The Board authorized the use of \$137,000 of fund balance (reserves) to purchase the recycling carts in mid-2009 avoiding a direct charge to residents.
- For the last decade, a small part of the property tax has been set aside each year for the replacement of equipment as it wears out. That practice stopped in 2009. Using a fleet fund, the Village avoided long-term financing for equipment purchases and so avoided interest cost.
- And finally, a major budget remedy was to apply fund balance of over \$160,000 in 2010 to help pay for the garbage and recycling operating costs.

Even with these cost restraints and drawdown of reserves, a significant shortfall existed. And it is likely to continue due to predictions of long-term reductions in shared revenue.

One of the contrasts drawn between communities is the property tax rate approved by the elected governing body to provide the tax levy to pay for operations. It is noticeable that while some communities appear to have lower tax rates, they may apply special charges for certain services. That is what is happening with this change. Like some incorporated municipalities (Kimberly, the City of Menasha) and many large and small towns (Vandenbroek, Harrison, Grand Chute, Menasha, Greenville), the Village of Little Chute is adding a special charge for garbage service and equipment.

The challenge to Little Chute is not unique among municipalities. Each responded with local decisions

that were met with mixed reactions from residents (reduce programs and/or services, reduce police and/or fire staffing, increase service fees, create storm water utilities to collect fees in a different legal method, etc.) to pay for both the desired levels of service and mandated requirements.

(See the green insert in this newsletter showing a full cost comparison among Fox Valley communities.)

It is very likely that other traditions of service level, service delivery, and service payment will evolve over the next few years. The Village Board is keenly aware of taxpayer frustration. As with all difficult choices, they receive feedback from interested parties who see a high demand for their favorite service while dismissing preferences of other citizens. The balancing act is on-going and difficult.

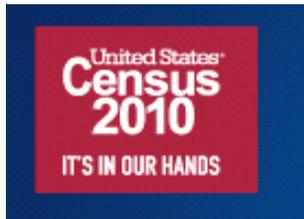
There is a positive note with regard to the Refuse/ Recycling Fee. The fee is designed to pay for the tipping fees for refuse, truck driver labor, fuel and repairs, and provide funds for truck replacement. The truck drivers have proven to be very efficient with the automated garbage trucks which increases their productivity and reduces many injuries. The payback in healthier drivers and lower workers compensation claims is noticeable. Besides fire trucks, the garbage trucks are the most expensive vehicles in the Village fleet. A typical automated truck may cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 depending on size. This fee will also be applied for future replacements reducing the need to borrow.

The 2010 fee is subsidized by over \$160,000 in fund balance (reserves) in order to phase in the concept of fee for service for refuse hauling. It is not recommended budget policy to rely on reserves for continual funding for routine operations, or to apply reserves to pay wages. Therefore, the plan is to delete the subsidy in 2011. While the 2010 operation year will give a better prediction of the need for a fully funded rate, it is probable the fee will increase in 2011 to over \$9.00 per month. Some unknowns at this time are additional tipping fee increases from the County and/or State, and labor and fuel cost changes.

COME TO YOUR SENSES Respond to the Census!

If you haven't already received your census form from Uncle Sam, it should be arriving via U.S.P.S. mail soon. The day you receive it, we urge you to take ten minutes to answer the ten questions, put a stamp on it and mail it back.

If you received the last version of the village newsletter, you learned that getting a total count of every resident and student means *dollars and cents* to the community for public works, parks, stimulus money, tax relief dollars, and funding for schools. Little Chute doesn't get a great amount of the allocated \$400 billion in federal dollars, even when every man, woman and child is counted. Yet, missing even one person lessens the amount returned to the village for the next ten years!



To determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts, funding for community services such as senior citizen centers and school lunch programs as well as new construction, roads and hospitals, we need every individual (under whose name the dwelling is owned or rented) to complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives. This will maximize the amount Little Chute receives from Uncle Sam until the next census. The village is banking on a 100% response rate. With you, we can do it!

Some have expressed privacy concerns. Your response is valued for statistical purposes, counted and then sealed for 75 years. It is extremely doubtful that any confidential information a government worker learns about you seventy-five years from now is going to be shared or acted upon. Your secrets are safe!

If you are not fluent in English, census questionnaires are also available in various languages. A large print version is offered as well as

information for a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD program). For more information, go to www.2010census.gov.

So, make a pledge to touch the census form you receive only once. The day it appears in your mailbox, fill it out to the best of your ability, put a stamp on it and get it in the mail. If you have difficulty, ask a relative (or close friend or neighbor) to help. Your participation is crucial to the fiscal health of the village for the next ten years. With your returned census questionnaire, you can facilitate Little Chute by making it easier to continue affording the quality of life we currently enjoy. Plus, if future improvements become necessary, you'll have a hand in making progress.

Please don't hesitate to fill out that short census form and mail it back to Uncle Sam. It's in your hands, so stand up and be counted for Little Chute! It makes good *sense* as well as *dollars and cents*!

Thanks for your participation,
The Census Committee

LITTLE CHUTE COMMUNITY BAND SPRING/SUMMER CONCERTS

May 31	LC Memorial Day Parade	6:30 pm
June 5	Cheese Fest Parade	10:30 am
June 6	Concert Doyle Park	12 noon
June 9	Parkside Care Center	7:00 pm
June 16	Golden Venture Apt. Kauk.	7:00 pm
June 30	St. Paul Home, Kauk.	7:00 pm
July 7	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
July 21	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm
July 27	LC Sidewalk Sale Concert	5:30 pm
July 28	Doyle Park Concert	7:00 pm



Additional dates for summer concerts will be listed in the Summer Newsletter. The Public is welcome to all performances, so come on out this summer, relax, and enjoy the performances of the Little Chute Community Band. New members are always welcome to join the band. ☎ Contact Cathy Wall at 788-5162, Susie Hietpas at 788-5884 or Sue Van Camp at 788-1954 for more information.



A Message from Trustee Ransbottom

YOU ARE LITTLE CHUTE –
WE ARE LITTLE CHUTE –
I AM LITTLE CHUTE

HELLO LITTLE CHUTE – Are ya' out there? Let's get up and shout this out. You see, each and every one of you compose one small part of the whole, this whole represents the entire body of this proud community. HOWEVER, something is missing, what is it you ask? How about your voice? This is what I ask for on a constant basis; it is the participation of this community's residents. It is too easy to stand back and say, "well, I am but one voice, what does it matter." I hope it matters to you; I want you to stand and be heard. This proud community is on the path of some great things as we have stepped outside the proverbial box, we have challenged ourselves to think toward the future and act upon it and with great pride and I feel we have accomplished a lot. But the job is not finished, How can we keep moving, how can we see this to completion? It is to hear your voice; we want to know what it is that you desire for the direction of this beautiful community? How can we know? Please VOTE, come to the Polls on April the 6th: I look forward to seeing you all there.

What is the next item pray tell? Not sure – We have been working closely with the respective staff on many issues in the Village, everything from new projects, to normal annual repairs, and upcoming construction. Speaking of projects, you know, that was one of the things we spoke about early on when I was first elected. It was about stepping outside the box and taking a new view on what it would take to breathe new life into our community. I want to say we are on course and things look well for the future. I want to thank all of you for your wonderful support and suggestions that I get on a regular basis, I know too, without a doubt, my colleagues and the staff are grateful for that same support as well. We now, more than ever, with the coming of the new Windmill, need to stay the course. Will it be tough, perhaps, but

we are very much capable, I know, I have seen how stubborn the Dutch can be. ;-) But it is also the passion that you bring with it, in the end; we are going to have a flourishing, dynamic community. I feel it. I know it. (Positive Thinking never hurts.)

Once again we are at the end of the Trail – If I am not re-elected in this coming election – I want to say, it has been a pleasure serving all of you and I will see you all out and about ...and Remember:

*Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
Happy trails to you, 'till we meet again.*

As always, questions or concerns can be directed to me here: TrusteeRansbottom@littlechutewi.org
📞 Or call me @ 920-574-9838 and I will do my best to get back to you. I do not check these until late in the day, so be patient.

Yours truly,
Steve Ransbottom
Village Trustee

LITTLE CHUTE GARDEN WALK SATURDAY, JULY 10 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Roger and Beth Van Groll's beautiful garden will be on Little Chute's Garden Walk. Mark your calendars! The Garden Walk takes place on Saturday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit eight wonderful gardens located in Little Chute and the Town of Vandebroek. Advance tickets are available at the Little Chute Village Hall and various locations. 📞 For more information, please call (920)788-2629, 213-2143 or 450-8388.

REMINDERS FROM THE LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE



With warmer weather here or at least just around the corner, the Little Chute Fire Dept. would like to remind our village residents about the open burning ordinance. The ordinance reads in part as follows:

1. Only wood or charcoal fuels may be utilized.
2. Fire containment devices including pits shall not be permitted within 25' of any combustible or structure, or within ten feet of a lot line unless mutually agreed upon by the neighboring property owners.
3. The fire must be attended at all times by an adult with access to a fire extinguisher or garden hose as a means to extinguish fire readily available.
4. No fires are permitted if the wind speed exceeds 10 miles per hour.
5. Upon completion, the fire must be completely extinguished to prevent accidental reignition.
6. Fire pits or other fire containment devices shall not exceed four feet in diameter.
7. Flames shall be kept below four feet in height above the pit or other fire containment device.

The Fire Chief, his designee, or law enforcement officials are authorized to require discontinuance of burning if they determine that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties. Use care and have consideration for your neighbors when you have outdoor fires.

Also if you haven't done it already please don't forget to change your smoke alarm battery.

Your fire department is an all volunteer department who appreciates all the support it receives from its community members.

UTILITY FEES NOT RELATED TO THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Periodically, the Village staff is contacted by citizens inquiring about a variety of fees they are charged for services from other organizations. While an attempt is made to answer all questions, often the best answer is to contact the billing organization to get more information. Two recent examples of questions pertain to the Commitment to Community Charge on the Kaukauna Utility bill, and the Police and Fire Protection Fee on the telephone bill.

First, in both cases, none of the fee is directed to the Village of Little Chute municipal operations. Second, both fees were imposed by action of the State of Wisconsin.

As for the Commitment to Community fee (also called public benefits fee), it is a required Public Service Commission (PSC) fee that is added to electric bills. The PSC orders the local electric utility to collect the fee, and then use 50% for low-income programs, and the remainder for energy efficiency programs in the local service territory. Examples of authorized use are to assist customers who face electric turnoff with some limited financial assistance, or to approve a contract for home weatherization to make a long-term reduction in heating costs. The Police and Fire Protection fee on telephone bills was enacted by the State Legislature and became effective in September 2009. It is not available as a revenue source for local police or fire departments. A structure will be developed by the State to possibly subsidize required communication upgrades, but that is not defined at this time.

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP KEEP THE KERMIS FESTIVAL AN ANNUAL LC EVENT

A small group of people are working to keep the Kermis Festival a tradition in LC, but help is needed. The Kermis Committee will be meeting on April 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Room S3 at the Library/Civic Center. Please consider attending the meeting to see how you might be able to help out with the Kermis Festival. ☎ Call 788-7380 ext.204 or 788-2629 for more information.

Computer and Electronics Recycling Event and Brat Fry in Little Chute Saturday, April 24, 2010



RecycleThatStuff.com in cooperation with the Little Chute Garden Club, the Village of Little Chute, and Save A Lot grocery store will be offering computer and electronics recycling on Saturday, April 24th to residents of Little Chute and the surrounding area. Unwanted computers and electronics will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Save-A-Lot parking lot at 133 West Main Street in Little Chute. RecycleThatStuff.com will also be paying for copper, aluminum, stainless steel, and other various metal products. Please contact RecycleThatStuff.com at 920-757-6242 if you will have more than one-half truck load of materials. You may call ahead for pricing on scrap metals.

Arrive hungry with your recyclables! Save A Lot will be hosting a Brat Fry from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 on the day of the Electronic Recycling Event.

Electronics, while essential within most households and work places, become outdated or obsolete after only a few years. Each computer component may contain hazardous materials, such as mercury, lead, and cadmium. If improperly disposed, they can pollute the environment. Resources within the computer and electronics can be used for the future and help protect the environment. At RecycleThatStuff.com, all computers and electronics accepted for recycling will be recycled for their base metals, glass, and plastics. All scrap metals will be recycled and reused for future resources.

Items to bring to the Recycling Day

Get paid for the following: Copper, brass, aluminum (sorry, no cans), stainless steel, insulated wire, Christmas tree lights, pots/pans, and other various metals. Please call prior to the event for current price quotes.

No Charge for These Items: LCD Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Computer Mice, CPU's, Laptops, Keyboards, Computer Cords, Circuit Boards, UPS, Power Strips, Scanners, Printer Cables, Printers, Telephones, Cell Phones, Fax Machines, VCR's, DVD Players, Stereo Equipment.

Small Fee for These Items:

\$10.00 Fee for CRT Computer Monitors, Small Copiers, & Microwaves; \$15 for Dehumidifiers and Small Air Conditioners; \$20 Fee for large copiers and TV's under 19"; \$30 Fee for TV's 19"-30"; \$50 Fee for TV's over 30". Please call RecycleThatStuff.com for a price quote if you don't see your item listed.

Janet Verstegen, Co-Chair of the Little Chute Garden Club says "This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day Weekend. We all share in the responsibility to protect our environment. Let's do our part by bringing our computers and electronics to this recycling experience so these items do not end up in landfills."

For more information, please call RecycleThatStuff.com at (920) 757-6242 or visit www.recyclethatstuff.com.

CEMETERY WALK SATURDAY, MAY 15 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. John Cemetery



The 6th annual Cemetery Walk will take place at St. John Cemetery from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Life stories of seven of the cemetery's deceased will be told and represented by volunteers in period costumes. At 1:00 p.m. a military salute on this Armed Forces Day will memorialize our deceased veterans. This annual event is hosted by the Little Chute Historical Society in cooperation with the American Legion and the Little Chute High School Drama Club. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free event. For more information, contact Virgie Janssen at 788-2566.



BRINGING THE PIECES TOGETHER

If you've put a large jigsaw puzzle together, you know how difficult it can be to get all of the pieces together to make the total picture. You can tell from the box what it's supposed to look like, but until you fit every piece into its place, it doesn't look anything like the image. In fact, when you look at the individual bits, it doesn't look like each part fits into the whole scene. Until you get a section finished, it's hard to tell what all of those parts represent.

That's the same sort of enigma Advance Little Chute (ALC) faces every day. As an organization that strives to promote commerce, industry, culture, tourism, and quality of life in our village, we're constantly looking for new and improved ways to serve Little Chute and its residents. Every citizen has an idea of what he or she would like to see in local businesses and the community, yet ALC often fails to get input. When we ask, we often get little or no response. (Hint: our e-mail address is www.director.advancelc@yahoo.com.)

It was very gratifying to have one of the residents thank us for commenting on shopping in Little Chute in the last village newsletter. In our e-mail reply we gave an example of a recent, great bargain found in Little Chute. No one disputes that Little Chute is noted for quality and service. Yet it seems that there's a general belief that prices are higher here. Occasionally that may be true. Still, do our citizens bother to check? And, when it is true that the cost of an item may be lower elsewhere, does the difference in price pay for the cost of driving a vehicle the extra distance out of town?

Recently one of our member businesses informed us that a shopping tour to compare prices showed that a Little Chute grocery store charged less for the same bag of groceries as an out-of-town, big box company. That's not surprising. Item for item there may be differences, but when all of the articles are totaled, the result is that Little Chute leads. In this economy, every penny counts. Our Little Chute businesses are in the same economy as the rest of us. So, shopping in town helps to retain our current

business base and motivate new entrepreneurs in commercial endeavors.

In addition, although we may or may not be able to buy the products directly from our manufacturing industries, we have a lot to be proud of in Little Chute. We have companies in town that are recognized nationally and internationally. We urge you to take tour around our village. Little Chute has a pizza plant that produces the most pizzas in the world, another facility that ages and grades cheeses (sending internationally certified judges to critique products in foreign countries as well as America), a wooden sign manufacturer that is known for its expert work and quality, high-quality cheese manufacturers, award-winning service companies, and the list goes on.

Every day we see the individual pieces of the puzzle, but until the whole picture is assembled, it's difficult to appreciate the quality of life experienced in Little Chute. Just like you, Advance Little Chute wants to continue a high standard of existence. To do that, every person has to contribute—even if that contribution is as simple as buying products and services in the community. One piece interlocks into another to form the perfect picture. Piece by piece, person by person, an excellent image emerges. You've probably heard this before..."It takes a village." May we count on you?

Respectfully submitted,
Diane (Bunny) De Bruin, Director
Advance Little Chute

NEW - LITTLE CHUTE ARTS CLUB

What we are here to do...

- ◆ *Promote beauty & creativity through the arts in the Little Chute Community*
- ◆ *Work on community art projects as a collaborative group*
- ◆ *Work with the youth to promote visual arts in the community*
- ◆ *Go on various trips to art museums & galleries*
- ◆ *Have open art sessions where people can work on their own pieces*
- ◆ *Work with other groups to promote the betterment of the Little Chute Community*

For more info contact Hollie at
LCartsclub@yahoo.com

GERARD H. VAN HOOFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER NOTES

CHANGE TO OPENING TIME OF THE LIBRARY

There have been some changes at the library recently, including our open hours. The library **will be opening at 10 a.m.**, rather than 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Our new hours at the Little Chute location are now:

(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday closed



(Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Monday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday closed

NEW POLICIES: RULES OF CONDUCT, SAFE CHILD, SECURITY

Other changes include several policies adopted by the Library Board of Trustees. The policies were put in place to help ensure the safety and comfort of all library users. Please visit the library's website at http://www.kimlit.org/about_us/policies.asp to view the Rules of Conduct, Safe Child Policy, and Security Policy or request a copy of them at the check-out desk at the library. If you have any questions or concerns about the new policies, please contact the library director, Beth Carpenter at 788-7825.



FOX CITIES READS!

Fox Cities Reads kicked off on January 20th! This is a community reads program where we encourage everyone to read the same book and then join in discussions about it. The title selected is "Whistling in the Dark" by Wisconsin author Lesley Kagen. This New York Times best-selling novel is set in Milwaukee in the late 1950s. The main

character, Sally O'Malley is a feisty heroine who will tug at your heart strings and make you laugh. We will host two discussions of the book in March. Check www.kimlit.org for details.

In addition to the book discussions we will be hosting author Lesley Kagen at the Kimberly library on Friday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. Come join us for a lively discussion of the book and hear firsthand tales from this engaging author! Fox Cities Reads is a collaborative project between the public libraries of Appleton, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha, and Neenah, as well as UW-Fox Valley and the Appleton Area School District. Visit www.foxcitiesreads.org for more information.



FOX CITIES BOOK FESTIVAL

Another opportunity to discover new authors comes with the 2010 Fox Cities Book Festival. The Festival takes place April 11-18, which just happens to coincide with National Library Week! The library is a participant in the Festival and will have several of the Festival authors speaking at our library, including James Campbell, Kao Kalia Yang, and Beth Kephart. Visit www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org to see who is coming, Your Mind – READ! Registration will start in May, so be sure to check our website this Spring to get all the details.

NEW RESOURCES ON JOB AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to a grant received by the Outagamie Waupaca Library System, we have been able to add a number of books and DVDs on job and career development to the library collections. A list of materials purchased is available at www.kimlit.org (look for the rotating images), and remember to use InfoSoup's Job & Career Resources page for additional assistance. It includes job skills practice tests, links to job sites, and OptimalResume – a resume building tool. The page can be found online at <http://info.infosoup.org/jobs.asp>.

**NOTICE
THE LIBRARY AND
VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, APRIL 2
&
MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010**

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS

SPRING CLEANUP OF YARD WASTE

The Village crew will pick up **bagged yard waste curbside for no charge during the week of April 19 through April 22, 2010 ONLY.**

For 3 (three) weeks only, April 12 through April 16, April 19 through April 23, and April 26 through April 30, 2010, residents may bring their yard waste to the yard waste pile in the back lot of the Municipal Services Building at 1940 Buchanan Street for no charge. The hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please empty your yard waste bags onto the yard waste pile. Residents may **not** drop off their brush or rubbish.

After April 22 the Village crew will pick up bagged yard waste with \$2 stickers on them curbside on WEDNESDAYS ONLY. It is unlawful to blow grass clippings or other vegetation into the roadway!

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Water Department has scheduled the following dates for their semi-annual hydrant flushing:

Monday through Thursday – April 19 – 22 and April 26 – 29, 2010,
with possible cleanup on Fridays.

In the past, some residents have experienced problems with water discoloration during hydrant flushing. If you see the utility crew working in your area, please check your COLD WATER tap to make sure that the water is clear before washing clothes.

If you do encounter water with an off color, please run your cold water tap for about 10 minutes and the color should disappear.

Don't be alarmed if water is yellow or slightly red in color because it will not harm you. The

discoloration is caused by the turbulence of the water while flushing the hydrants. Usually after about ½ hour to an hour, the discoloration will subside as the water main has a chance to settle down.

We flush hydrants twice a year to help remove sediment and iron and other minerals that settle in some of our water mains. However, the main reason we flush the hydrants is for all of our protection. We want to make sure that the fire hydrants in our distribution system all work properly.

PERMITS REQUIRED

The Department of Public Works requires that permits be taken out for work to be done within the street right-of-way. The following permits must be obtained at the Municipal Services Building at 1940 Buchanan Street:

- Erosion Control And/Or Stormwater Management Permit: +\$200.00 (depends on size of parcel)
- Excavation of Streets, Alleys, Public Ways, and Grounds: \$25.00
- Sidewalk Permit: New \$5.00; Rehab \$0.00
- Curb/Driveway Opening Permit: New and Rehab \$10.00
- Culvert Installation Permit: New and Replacement \$10.00
- Request for Line and Grade: One time – no charge.

Any contractor doing work within the public right-of-way must have a Certificate of Insurance and License and Permit Bond on file with the Village.

PICKUP OF EXTRA BAGGED GARBAGE



On your last garbage pickup day in the **month of APRIL** - the crew will pick up extra garbage that is placed in plastic bags, plus large non-metal and large metal items placed curbside.

PLEASE be sure to always place your garbage polycart at least 4' away from any other object.

RULES FOR BULKY NON-METAL ITEMS

Your **LAST** garbage pickup day of each month.

- Bulky Non-Metal items will be picked up on **your last regular garbage pickup day of each month**. Place them curbside by 6:00 a.m. or the night before. **Do not place bulky items out earlier than the night before.**
- In general, bulky items are those items that are too large to be placed in a polycart. **Bulky items do not include regular garbage that does not fit inside of your polycart.**
Examples of bulky items are couches, chairs, carpeting, lawn furniture, non-metal items, etc.
- **Bags of garbage placed outside of the polycart will ONLY be picked up on your LAST garbage pickup day in the months of APRIL and DECEMBER.**

The Village never picks up construction debris such as wood, roofing material, tiles, etc.

RULES FOR LARGE METAL ITEMS/ WHITE GOODS- QUARTERLY PICKUP

- Large Metal Items will be picked up every 3 months on your last regular garbage pickup day of the following months: January, April, July & October. Place them curbside 4 feet away from your polycart by 6:00 a.m. or the night before. According to Village Ordinance, large metal items can not be placed out earlier than the night before.

Large Metal Items may include stoves, washers, dryers, swing sets, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, humidifiers, freezers, water heaters, and air conditioners. Resident must purchase a \$10.00 sticker from the Village Hall or Municipal Services Building for any item normally containing Freon such as refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, etc.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Destruction of Noxious Weeds. As required by state law, "...every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on land in the Village which he owns, occupies, or controls." **Public Nuisance Declared.** Any laws, grasses, and noxious weeds on lots or parcels of land in the Village which exceed eight (8) inches in length and adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they emit pollen and other discomfoting bits of plants, constitute a safety and fire hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interfere with the public convenience and adversely affect property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any lawn, grass, or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight (8) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance...

Duty to Abate. The Village Board has authorized the weed commissioner to abate this health nuisance pursuant to Sec. 66.97, Wis. Stats., which is adopted by reference and made a part of the Village Ordinances (Sec. 28-31 Noxious Weeds and Sec. 28-87 Length of lawns and grasses). The cost of abatement will be billed back to the property owner. **There will be no other notice to property owners to abate. The Village Board has indicated that they will have zero tolerance in this issue. The abatement is the owner's responsibility.** We have been directed by the Village Board to make one courtesy telephone call per growing season to the property owner to have the nuisance abated immediately and to continue to maintain lawns, grasses, and noxious weeds below the allowable length on lands in the Village which he owns, occupies, or controls. If the nuisance is not abated immediately, the Village will cut the property and bill the owner for time, machinery, and administrative costs.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Jay Kleinbrook, Department of Public Works, is retiring on April 1, 2010 after 33 years of service to the Village. *Congratulations, Jay, and best wishes for a long, healthy retirement!*



A few words about pets:

Did you know that it is a violation of Village ordinance to allow your pets to run at large? If you're out in your yard playing with them that's one thing, but to leave a pet unattended in your yard or to walk a pet without a leash is potentially dangerous for you, your pet, and for others in the community. Not to mention it's against the law. Every year we respond to calls for service where an unsupervised or uncontrolled pet bites another person's pet, jumps out in moving traffic or yes even attacks a child. As a pet owner it is your responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of your pet. It is also your responsibility to control your pet and monitor its behavior. Pet owners can be held liable if their animals cause damage or injury. With your help we can make the community safer and be maybe even a little less stressful for some of our neighbors.

Did you notice the use of the word pet rather than dog? That's because the ordinance does not only apply to dogs. We also get complaints about people allowing their cats to run at large which can cause the same type of problems.

At FVMPD we regularly pick up stray pets and have citizens routinely turn in captured strays. As a result the pets are held for a short time at the police department, hoping the owners will call us when they find them missing so we can reunite them. Unclaimed pets must be transferred to a temporary home such as the Fox Valley Humane Association, with whom we contract for service. We point this out because the costs to house the unclaimed pets are borne by all us; the tax payers. The current cost for a stray to be housed by the Humane Association is \$90.69, (there's an additional \$40 transport fee if that service is needed). The \$90.69 is a fixed rate

so it doesn't matter if it's a large dog, a cat or even a canary. Something else you might not know is that if you find a stray and decided to take it to the Humane Association yourself they still bill your police department the housing fee.

To help reduce costs please:

- Maintain control of your pet.
- If your pet is lost or missing call your police department (we might have it) [920-788-7505](tel:920-788-7505)
- Have a collar on your pet with some identifying information.
- Finally, if you find a stray please consider turning it in to the police department rather than taking it to the Humane Association yourself.

In order to assist in returning strays to their owners we will create a spot on our web site www.foxvalleymetro.org that posts a photo of the stray and the date that it came to us.

Note: The Humane Association does NOT charge a fee to people who decide to surrender their own pets. That is a fee reserved for strays.

DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

Reminder, dogs must be licensed annually in the Villlage. A dog license may be obtained at the Fox Valley Metro Police Department, 200 W. McKinley Avenue, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

License cost before April 1 - \$7:00 for spayed/neutered dogs, \$12.00 if your pet is not spayed/neutered.

After April 1, the cost is - \$12.00 spayed/neutered, \$17:00 if your pet is not spayed/neutered.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT NEWS

PARK SHELTER RENTALS

The current policy on park shelter rentals allows the public to reserve shelters up to one year in advance. ① Park shelters can be reserved for use from May through September by calling the Park & Rec Dept. at 788-7390. Information on park shelters (shelter choices, locations, pictures, rental fees) is located on the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/parks. The 2010 Summer & Fall Programs Book you received also contains information.

BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

① Please remember that all Little Chute property owners/renters must call in their property address to the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Dept. at 788-7390 to have their address added to the brush chipping list. If calling after hours, please choose extension 202 and leave a message that you have brush out and include your complete street address. When the brush pickup list is sufficient enough to send out the chipping crew, they will be sent to the addresses on the list. If you don't call in your brush, you will not be picked up. If you hire a company to trim and/or take down trees on your property, they are responsible for brush removal; the Village will not pickup brush trimmed by a company you hired. During spring cleanup week (April 19 thru April 23) the chipping crew will be sent out to do a complete route of the village, so you do not need to call.

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 placed in a plastic yard waste bag with a yard waste sticker attached (see public works article on yard waste disposal).

SUB UMPIRES NEEDED

The Little Chute Park & Rec Dept is currently looking for adults interested in being a sub umpire for adult softball games. ① If you are interested, please call the Parks & Recreation Dept at 788-7390.

YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

The 2010 Summer & Fall Programs Book was mailed to each Little Chute resident/taxpayer home the first week of March. The book lists information on all youth & adult programs available from the Little Chute Parks & Recreation Dept. Registration for all programs (except swim lessons) began on Monday, March 8 for Little Chute residents/taxpayers, and all forms are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have misplaced your book, you may download it at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. Registrations from non-residents with a child in LC schools are accepted starting Monday, April 5. Other non-resident registrations are accepted starting Tuesday, April 6. All programs have a final registration deadline, and anyone registering after the deadline for an open spot will incur a late fee of \$20 per family (a one time per year family late fee). Please check each program for registration requirements and deadlines. Register early as programs are limited in size.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Every Kid Counts is a fund that is available to children of Little Chute residents/taxpayers who, for family financial reasons, would be unable to participate in recreation and/or aquatic programs. The 2010 fund was established thanks to generous donations from the Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival, Little Chute Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Little Chute, and Knights of Columbus Council 10919.

Interested families can download an application form at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation or they can pick up a form at the Park & Rec. Completed form must be returned with the required proof of eligibility. All applications will be processed on a first-come,

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first-serve basis until funds are depleted. Upon approval, children (age 17 & under) in the family would receive 50% of their recreation/aquatic program fees paid for from available funds up to a maximum of \$50/child and \$150/household. Upon approval, applicant can register children for programs (*only cash will be accepted for applicant's portion of each program fee*).

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

Little Chute residents/taxpayers can signup their children for one session of lessons on Monday, June 7 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Hall or from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at the Pool Office. Proof of Little Chute residency/taxes (check, drivers license, utility bill, or tax bill) is required, so please be prepared. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve walk-in basis. Registration forms and class details were listed in 2010 Summer & Fall Programs Book which was mailed to residents/taxpayers at the beginning of March. If you have misplaced your book, you may download it at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation. Registrations from non-residents with a child in Little Chute schools will be accepted on Tuesday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pool Office (parent must show LC school report card or school letter/bill). Open swim lesson signup (for Little Chute residents as well as non-residents) will be held on Wednesday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pool Office. After that date, open swim lesson signup will only be held during Doyle Park Pool Office hours.

DOYLE PARK POOL & SLIDE

Come enjoy the Doyle Park Pool & Slide this summer. Kids and adults of all ages will enjoy this wonderful facility. There is a small heated children's wading pool and a large heated pool that includes two low-diving boards, one high-diving board, and a single-flume waterslide. It also features a concession stand, shaded area with tables, lounge and deck chairs, & has coin operated lockers in the changing rooms. Everyone must pay to enter the pool area, even if only watching kids at pool.

Ⓢ If the air temperature is below 65°F the pool will not open (please call 734-0123 to check temperature).

Please note that if there are less than 20 people swimming, the pool will close 15 minutes after manager's announcement. There are no refunds of admission fees due to low attendance or foul weather. **The pool will open at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1** (weather permitting).

***** HOURS OF OPERATION *****

Monday through Friday

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (adults/seniors only)
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (daytime open swim)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (evening open swim)

Saturday & Sunday

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (adults/seniors only)
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (daytime open swim)

Please Note Dates With Revised Hours:
Tues., June 1 thru Fri., June 4 – open 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Mon., July 5 thru Fri., July 9 – open 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 16 thru Fri., Aug. 20 – open 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

***** DAILY ADMISSION FEES *****

<u>Age</u>	<u>Daytime Swim</u>	<u>Evening Swim</u>
Youth 3 & under	Free	Free
Child 4 to 17	\$2.00	\$1.00
Adult 18 to 59	\$3.00	\$2.00
Senior 60 and up	\$2.00	\$1.00

Everyone must pay to enter the pool, even parents/grandparents/sitters watching children at pool.

Season passes are now available to non-residents as well as Little Chute residents/taxpayers. Information on passes is available on the village website at www.littlechutewi.org/recreation.

PLANTING OF TREES ON TERRACE

Property owners are NOT allowed to plant any tree in their terrace without receiving approval from the Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry. Ⓢ If you are a property owner and are interested in planting a terrace tree this spring/summer, please contact the Director at 788-7390. Otherwise, if you are interested in requesting a terrace tree through the village's fall terrace tree planting program, please watch for an article on how to apply in the summer newsletter (end of June) or you can obtain information at www.littlechutewi.org/forestry.

ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE



On Friday, May 14, the Village will observe Arbor Day by planting a tree in Heesakker Park. Students from the 4th grade classes at Little Chute Elementary School will be participating in this year's observance. Van Zeeland Nursery has generously agreed to donate the tree that will be planted, and provide one of their employees to help that day. The observance starts at 1:30 p.m. with a discussion about Arbor Day, the benefits of trees, how to properly plant and care for trees, and concludes with the planting of the tree.

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 on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on various Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center (room N2). Various activities, such as bingo, cards, luncheons, and more have been planned. 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/seniors. 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.



The 22nd Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival will be held on Friday, June 4, Saturday, June 5, and Sunday, June 6 at Doyle Park. The festival will open at 5 p.m. on Friday night and will feature a cheese curd eating contest and the band performance of **RPM**. Saturday will feature a parade, children's entertainment, cheese carving demonstrations, cheese tasting, petting zoo, cheese curd eating contest, and the band

performances of **Straight Chuters**, **Sonic Circus**, and **Half Empty**.

Sunday will feature the big cheese breakfast (at Civic Center), cheesecake contest, children's entertainment, cheese tasting, **Little Chute Community Band**, and the band performances of **Homemade Brew** and **McInnis**. There will also be many food booths, novelty booths, and children's rides all three days.

An admission pass will be required to enter the festival grounds on Friday and Saturday. This year there will again be FREE admission to everyone all day Sunday! Mark your calendar with this year's dates, and come enjoy the festival with your family and friends. Advance admission passes, which are valid for admission to the festival on Friday & Saturday, may be purchased starting the first week of May. An adult pass (age 13 & up) cost \$4 and a child's pass (age 4 to 12) cost \$2. Kids age 3 & under are admitted free and do not require a pass.

Advance admission passes will only be available through Thursday, June 3 at the Little Chute Park & Rec Dept., Village Hall, Capital Credit Union branches, BLC Community Bank, King's Variety, Vanderloop Shoes, Larry's Piggly Wiggly, Simon's Specialty Cheese Store & Unison Credit Union. At the gate, admission passes will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

CHEESE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the Village's website at www.littlechutewi.org/cheesefest for a complete schedule of events that will be available in late April. You may also sign up to receive the Cheese Festival's Schedule of Events for 2010 when it becomes available by selecting the email notification link located on the left menu on the home page.



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Public Works Dept.	1940 Buchanan St.	788-7395
Gerard H. Van Hoof Library	625 Grand Ave.	788-7825
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2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL

Wed.	7	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	12	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	14	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	20	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	21	Village Board	6 p.m.
Thur.	22	Joint Library Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	28	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

MAY

Tue.	4	CABOB	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	5	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	10	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon.	10	Plan Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue.	11	Joint Police Comm	6 p.m.
Wed.	12	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Tue.	18	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	19	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed.	26	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Thur.	27	Joint Library Board	6 p.m.

JUNE

Wed.	2	Village Board	6 p.m.
Mon.	7	Park Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed.	9	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon.	14	Plan Comm.	6 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.
Thur.	24	Joint Library Board	6 p.m.

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

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