



Village of

# Little Chute

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010

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### NEWSLETTER INSERTS

**2011 VILLAGE BUDGET  
MESSAGE & ANALYSIS FROM  
THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS GUIDE FOR  
VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS  
FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS  
SALT DAMAGE TO PLANTS**

### PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION HOURS

The standard hours for office collections are printed on the face of the tax bill. As a reminder, the hours for office collection are: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Special Notice

The Treasurer's office is **closed**:  
Thursday, December 23,  
Friday, December 24,  
and Friday, **December 31**

The last day to pay taxes in person at Village Hall with a 2010 dated receipt is:

**Thursday, December 30 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) 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, 2011**) 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. Deposits are emptied each day and are credited as of the previous business day.
- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you desire a receipt beyond your

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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 continue to make payments in December and January **at the Village Hall**.

**Two alternate options** will be available for property tax payers again this season.

#### Payments at Little Chute Capital Credit Union branches

**The first option** is to offer alternative sites for tax payments. Any and all taxpayers will be able to make first installment or full tax payments at Capital Credit Union branches in Little Chute. These are at 125 E. North Ave. and the branch within Larry's Piggly Wiggly. Any and all taxpayers may use these sites. Little Chute tax bills will only be accepted at these Little Chute branches.

There are at least two advantages: Capital Credit Union can transfer the proper amount from the customers account directly to a Village account, and the additional hours the credit union will be open including later and on December 23, 24, and 31 when Village Hall is closed.

For taxpayers with special handling, like address changes, new lottery credit claims, third party escrow checks, those transactions **must** be done at Village Hall.

### **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.

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

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

### **FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES**

In 2008, the State Legislature had authorized a First Dollar Credit as a means of property tax relief. The program has continued in 2009 and 2010 with increased 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.

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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 \$6,900. 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 \$8,700 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 2009 and occupied it by January 1, 2010. 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 home-owner 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 fails to apply by November 1 for the 2010 credit, they can still apply

when paying the tax bill. These transactions are handled only at Village Hall.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING FEE BEGAN IN APRIL 2010 RATES UP LESS THAN PLANNED FOR 2011

Village residents saw a new fee that began in April. It was a special charge for refuse service and equipment. For residents the fee appears on the Kaukauna Utility monthly bill and is labeled Refuse/Recycling Fee. Businesses receive an annual invoice.

The intent was to begin the fee in 2010 with one-half of it funded by reserves. To make the fee self sustaining the fee will be increased effective January 2011. The fee varies by refuse cart size.

The monthly change in 2011 as approved by the Village Board will be:

- 35 gallon - from \$3.50 to \$5.50
- 65 gallon – from \$4.55 to \$7.15
- 95 gallon – from \$5.60 to \$8.80
- 300 gallon – from \$200 to \$215 (annual)

The fee was begun in 2010 as a response to difficult converging revenue and expenditure events. A noticeable change was the reduction by the State for Wisconsin of the prior levels of shared revenue and road aids. Coupled with state reductions were decreases in building permit fees and interest income, now extending into the third year. Unrelated, but simultaneous with the revenue decreases, were very significant landfill costs increases, mostly imposed by state legislation.

The Refuse/Recycling fee has accomplished two main purposes. First, the Village remains in compliance with the Legislature's requirement that the tax levy be limited to 3.0% or less. For 2011, the tax levy approved by the Board will increase 0.17%. The Village tax rate will decrease one cent from \$6.69 to \$6.68. Overall, the combined property tax payment will increase due to action by other tax jurisdictions.

The second purpose to implement the fee was to provide levy margin to reestablish annual funding of vehicle replacement. By providing money from the

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refuse fee for garbage trucks, then the reinstatement of a modest levy for other vehicles will lower the overall long-term cost of vehicles by avoiding debt payments.

The 2010 fee was 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. Therefore, the plan was to delete the subsidy in 2011. The initial predictions for the 2011 fee were to double (100% increase). While they are still significant, the fees increased about 57%. Any future changes should be in the single digit range unless there are mandated legislative changes again.

**317,195**

What does this number mean to you?

To the Public Works, Park, Recreation & Forestry Departments it means 317,195 man hours or 5 years of no lost time due to injuries on the job. What it means to the Village it is a savings from our Worker's Compensation Insurance premiums. During the 90's the Public Works, Park, Recreation and Forestry Departments saw numerous injuries and we knew something had to be done to protect our employees.

When purchasing equipment Public Works put emphasis on equipment which will help in avoiding injuries. The most notable pieces of equipment to eliminate injuries that you will see are the automated refuse trucks. A lot of knee and back injuries occurred with the way refuse (garbage) was picked up before the automated trucks. Since 2002 there are no reported injuries from refuse collection. In 2004 we started a safety program for all of the employees that included training for confined space entry, personal protection equipment, blood borne pathogens, hearing and other programs related to safety.

Every day Public Works, Park, Recreation, and Forestry employees take safety very seriously and if

they observe something that can be done safer or safer equipment is needed they will let their supervisor know.

**Congratulations To Our  
Public Works, Park, Recreation, & Forestry  
Employees for Your Excellent Safety Record  
and to Our Assistant Director of Public  
Works, Jeff Elrick, for Managing an Effective  
and Successful Safety Program for  
Our Village Employees!**

**Our thoughts and well wishes go out to Police  
Officer Lance Steidl who will be making his  
3<sup>RD</sup> deployment to the Middle East at the end  
of March. Sergeant First Class Steidl is a  
Civil Affairs Team Sergeant in the U.S. ARMY.  
He will be deployed to Afghanistan for a  
one year tour of duty.**

**Lance, thank you for all you do to protect the  
citizens here in Little Chute as an officer with  
the Fox Valley Metro and to protect our  
freedoms as Americans through your service  
oversees in the U.S. ARMY.**

**We Wish You Well and Pray For Your  
Safe Return Home!**

### **NOTICE HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**Village Hall and FVMPD Offices  
will be closed on  
Thursday, December 23 & Friday, December 24**

**The Municipal Services Building - Public Works  
& Parks, Recreation & Forestry Offices  
will be closed on  
Friday, December 24 & Monday, December 27**

**All Village Offices will be  
closed on Friday, December 31**



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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have a little time on your hands? Please consider volunteering at the library! We're looking for some dedicated people to help with a variety of projects, including shelving, book sale prep, program assistance, special projects, and Wii gaming monitors. If you're interested in lending a hand, please visit our web site at <http://www.kimlit.org/volunteers/> for more information and a copy of our volunteer application form. We need your help!



### JOIN US - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Another great way to support the library is to join the Friends of the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library (a.k.a. FOLKS). FOLKS strives to enhance our library's programs, services and resources through volunteer efforts and by enlightening the community about what the library has to offer. They have provided funding and volunteers to support library programming, special collections, technology purchases, the library's summer reading program, and more. Get involved! Membership information is available online at <http://www.kimlit.org/> - click on "Friends of the Library" in the links to the left.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult programming will take a little break in December, but will start up again with January's 3rd Thursday program on the 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Little Chute. Join us for "Redesigns by Kathy" with Kathy Mitchell. Decorating doesn't have to be a chore! Once the Christmas decorations are put away, come on in and learn easy tips to change your environment without breaking the bank. Bring pictures of your problem areas and get free advice on how to solve your decorating challenges. Bring along a home accessory you've grown tired of and exchange it for something someone else brings along. Put FUN on your calendar with this event, because that is what you will have!

Monthly reader's groups continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. and the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Keep an eye on our web site to see what titles are selected. Newcomers are always welcome.

### POOCHES AND PAGE TURNERS

There's always something fun for kids at the library! Don't miss your chance to come in for



Pooches and Page Turners programs on the 2nd Saturday of each month in Little Chute. Kids in

grades 1-5 can sign up to read to a therapy dog. This program is perfect for reluctant readers who need a non-judgmental audience. All of the dogs are registered therapy dogs and have met strict health and temperament requirements. ☎Call the library at 788-7825 to register your child today.

### NOW SHOWING... MOVIES OVER THE WINTER BREAK

Since school will be out over the holidays, we have some winter break movies planned. Get these dates on your calendar now! We can't advertise the titles outside the library, but here are some descriptions to give you an idea of what will be showing:

Tuesday, December 28, 1:30 p.m. in Little Chute

A gloomy guy is planning the biggest heist in the history of the world: he is going to steal the moon! Armed with shrink rays and an army of minions, he gets ready to vanquish all – until the day he encounters three orphaned girls who need a dad!

Wednesday, December 29, 1:30 p.m. in Kimberly

Longing for the days when he was a "real ogre," this guy signs a deal with Rumpelstiltskin to get his roar back, but he turns his world upside down in the process.

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### PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT FOR TEENS

Also during winter break, teens are welcome to join us for pizza and a movie on Thursday, December 30th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come on in for some fun and help us plan future events for teens at the library! This is your chance to share your ideas with library staff, so we can plan programs just for you.

### FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMS

After winter break, escape the winter doldrums with our Family Night programs on Mondays through the month of January. We'll be showing movies, hosting a magician, playing Book Bingo, and having a SpongeBob Squarepants party! Information about all of these programs and more will be available on our web site at <http://www.kimlit.org/>. Check the site often for additional details and program additions or call the library at 788-7825.



#### Winter Holiday Hours

December 24 – Closed

December 25 – Closed

December 27 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 28 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 29 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 30 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 31 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 1 – Closed

Regular hours resume on Monday, January 3, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from all of us at the library!



## PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT NEWS

### PARK SHELTER RENTALS

The current policy on park shelter rentals allows the public to reserve shelters up to one year in advance. Park shelters can be reserved for use from May through September by calling the Park & Rec Dept. at 788-7390. Information on park shelters (shelter choices, locations, pictures, rental fees) is located on the village website at [www.littlechutewi.org/parks](http://www.littlechutewi.org/parks).

### HEESAKKER PARK ICE SKATING/HOCKEY RINK

The Village of Little Chute will have one ice rink at Heesakker Park as soon as the weather permits. Please note that it must be below zero for three consecutive days before we can start to flood the rink. 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.

### 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). Activities planned by our senior activities coordinator, Sharon Jansen, include cards, bingo, 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).

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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.

### SUMMER PART-TIME APPLICATIONS

If your child is interested in applying for a summer job with the Little Chute Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. for 2011, please have them stop in to pick up an application starting on Monday, January 3. The application can also be downloaded 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 turning in summer part-time applications is Friday, March 4.

### 2011 BOYS BASEBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/11)



If your son will be age 7 to 15 as of 4/30/11 and wants to play in a boy's baseball league during the summer of 2011, then please mark your calendar with the following registration

information. The Little Chute Baseball Club now coordinates the boy's baseball leagues for boys who are age 7 to 15 (the club took over the boy's cub league program in 2010). The club's early-bird summer baseball league registration will be held in the Little Chute Civic Center on Saturday, January 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Tuesday, January 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend the baseball club meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee checks will be held by the club treasurer and processed for payment on 5/1/11. Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at registration time to receive Little Chute resident rate, otherwise non-residents pay an additional fee. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only). Parents who do not register their son during

the early-bird registration period will be charged a higher per child fee and registrations will only be accepted if the club has not reached their child maximum in a specific league and their teams have not been finalized. Register early and save money! Parents will NOT be able to register for any age 7 to 15 boys baseball league in the Park & Rec Dept. Summer Program Book, they must register with the baseball club directly. For more information and registration forms, please visit the baseball clubs website at [www.littlechutebaseballclub.com](http://www.littlechutebaseballclub.com)

### 2011 GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION (age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/11)

If your daughter will be age 7 to 14 as of 1/1/11 and wants to play in a girl's softball league during the summer of 2011, then please mark your calendar with the following registration information. The Little Chute Softball Club now coordinates the girl's softball leagues for girls who are age 7 to 14 (the club took over the girl's cub league program in 2010).

The club's summer softball league registration will be held at the Little Chute Village Hall on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Starting at 5:30 p.m. a meeting with the parents of players will be held. Proof of being a Little Chute resident/taxpayer is required at registration time to receive Little Chute resident rate, otherwise non-residents pay an additional fee. Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's school envelope (LC schools only). Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Club will determine the number of teams in each league based on registrations received; a league may be limited to only one team.



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. For more information and registration forms, please visit the softball club's website at <http://lcsc.clubspaces.com>.

## 2011 SOCCER REGISTRATION (age 4 & older as of 8/1/11)



Registration for the Spring/Summer 2011 Soccer Leagues is currently underway. Players age 4 thru adult (using players age as of 8/1/2011)

desiring to play soccer in 2011 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. ❶ 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 2011 soccer season, which is a ten week program, runs from the last week of April through the last week of June. Players age 4 through adult are encouraged to register; use age as of 8/1/2011 to determine league choice. Teams are filled on a first-come basis, but team roster size is limited, so please register now to avoid missing out on the fun! You will NOT be able to register for a soccer program in the Park & Rec Dept Summer Program Book; you need to register now for spring/summer soccer.

## YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM

The Little Chute Park & Rec Dept will be offering another 12-week youth dance program starting in late February. Classes will be 30 minutes long and will be held on THURSDAY evenings at the Little Chute Library/Civic Center. A dance revue will be held at the end of the program. Registration forms will be available in early January at the Park & Rec Dept. and at the Little Chute Library, or it can be downloaded from the village website at [www.littlechutewi.org/recreation](http://www.littlechutewi.org/recreation). Little Chute residents/taxpayers may register from Monday, January 17, to Thursday, February 3, 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), ballet (age 6 & up), jazz (age 6 & up), tap (age 6 & up), hip/hop (age 8 & up) and pom&dance (age 8 & up).

Registration form requires using child's age as of 1/1/2011. Classes formed are determined by preferences on dance registrations received. Starting on Monday, February 7, non-residents will be allowed to register for remaining class openings (fee is \$45/non-resident child). If you are interested in registering your child for the winter/spring dance program, mark your calendar so you don't forget.

❶ If you have questions, please call Donna at 788-7390.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL



Little Chute residents/taxpayers **DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN FOR PICKUP OF CHRISTMAS TREES.** Please place your tree curbside once all lights, ornaments, garland, and the majority of tinsel has been removed. Trees should not be

wrapped with tree bags. Mobile home residents should also put out their tree to the street within their mobile home park. Starting Monday, January 3, 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.

## BRUSH PICKUP POLICY

❶ 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 (residents do not have to call in for pickup of Christmas trees). 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

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removal; the Village will not pickup brush trimmed by a company you hired.

Brush Pickup Rules - Place your branches curbside with the cut ends facing the same direction; stack piles neatly. Mobile home park residents must bring their brush to the nearest Village street (streets within the mobile home parks do not belong to the village). Brush should never lie in the street or on the sidewalk. **KEEP BRUSH AS STRAIGHT AND AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.** Brush that is shorter (4 feet in length or less), thorny brush, and evergreen branches need to be bundled with string, not wire. Brush that is too short in length to bundle must be disposed of as yard waste (📞Please contact the Public Works Dept at 788-7395 regarding disposal).



**FESTIVAL DONATES \$27,850 TO COMMUNITY**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival held on June 4, 5, & 6 was a successful event this year despite all the rain. Profit distribution for this year’s festival totals \$27,850. Since the festival’s inception, over \$562,300 has been distributed back into the community. A special thank you goes to all the sponsors, organizations, workers, and volunteers who help 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 will be made to the community.

- \$4,000 in scholarships (4 scholarships at \$1,000 each) to graduating seniors of Little Chute residents/ taxpayer
- \$4,000 to LC Baseball Club for grass infield project at Van Lieshout Park
- \$3,000 to Village of Little Chute for Doyle festival/ carnival electricity improvements
- \$1,500 to LC Hoops Club for scoreboard for high school & middle school use
- \$1,100 to Little Chute Library for 2011 program “1000 Books Before Kindergarten”

- \$1,000 to the Fox Valley Metro Police Dept. PSL Program
- \$800 to LC Fire Dept. for memorial flag fund for a new flag
- \$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 “summer soaker” events
- \$500 to LC Rec. Dept. to sponsor a DJ at 2011 Family Fun Fest and at 2011 Youth Carnival
- \$500 to help sponsor the Kermis Dutch Festival
- \$250 to LC Rec. Dept. to help fund the 2011 Every Kid Counts financial assistance program
- \$200 to the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Recognition Dinner
- \$9,000 towards pedestrian bridge project from Heesakker Park to Island Park.

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 you calendars for the **2011 Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival** that will be held on **June 3, 4, & 5.**

**ATTENTION  
LITTLE CHUTE 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 2011. 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 7. Deadline for returning the scholarship application is March 1, 2011. 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.



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND HOLIDAYS

Remember that while out shopping and preparing for the up coming holidays it is important to protect yourself and your valuables. If items are left in your car try to keep them out of site and of course keep your car doors locked. Remind yourself to be extra aware in parking lots, especially if your arms are full. If you have feelings that something isn't right, listen to those instinctive feelings. A lot of establishments are very concerned about their customer's welfare. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Either the store or the local police department will be glad to help check things out and make sure you are safe.

### NOTIFICATION PROGRAM



The Fox Valley Metro Police

Department utilizes a new communications service that allows us 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 and Kimberly 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).

### UNSOLVED CRIMES



Fox Valley Metro Police Department is seeking public assistance in resolving unsolved crimes. Individuals providing information on crimes in our area can remain anonymous and receive a

reward for the successful capture of suspected criminals by calling Fox Valley Metro Police Department at 920-788-7505 or call Crime Stoppers at 920-788-9090.

- Lewd and lascivious behavior, on Sunday, July 4, 2010, at Heesakker Park, 1509 E. Lincoln Avenue, Little Chute. An unknown male exposed his genitals to a lady and her child. Reference incident #10005890.
- Damage to Property, on Saturday, 09/18/10, at about 2:45 a.m., a male subject wearing a white jacket, blue jeans, and a backwards baseball cap with the letters "LA" printed on it threw a rock through the window at the Little Chute High School. Reference incident #10008604.

## OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

The Fox Valley Metro Police Department has implemented a daily overnight parking request hotline. The parking request line will make it easier to request parking permission for vehicles as well as make the FVMPD more efficient.

Per Village ordinance, vehicles are not permitted to park along Village streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., between December 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Vehicle owners may request permission from the Fox Valley Metro Police Department to leave their vehicle parked on Village streets during this period.

① To request overnight parking permission, individuals should contact the overnight parking request line at (920) 788-7512 and follow the automated system.

Fox Valley Metro Police Department has established a few guidelines to ensure this program is successful:

- Multiple day parking requests will not be accepted.
- Parking requests must be received between 6:00 am- 2:00 am.
- Parking on the street will not be permitted if inclement weather is projected.
- Parking requests must include vehicle owners name, telephone number, vehicle location, vehicle description and license plate number.
- For unusual requests, contact FVMPD during business hours.



## 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, Jeff Steeber, at 920-788-7505 or email at 616@fvmpd.org.

## CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Fox Valley Metro Police Department is sponsoring a Spring Citizen's Police Academy.

The Citizen's Police Academy

- Provides the Citizen and Police Officer a chance to meet and talk about the law enforcement profession as performed at the Fox Valley Metro Police Department. This can aid the citizen in understanding not only what the police do but how they do it and why. It also gives the Officers a chance to meet their customers and find out what services they expect and to what standard.
- Citizens have a chance to ride with an on-duty police officer.
- Discuss and learn about such topics as Police School Liaison Program, Investigations, Traffic law, Legal Issues, Police Weapons, OWI and much more.

The Citizen's Police Academy is open to individuals who are at least 18 years old with no criminal record. Preference will be given to people who live or work in Little Chute, Kimberly or the Kimberly Area School District. There is no cost for this program. Dates and times: TBA

## DOG LICENSES

Reminder, dogs must be licensed annually in the Village. The 2011 dog licenses are now available and 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.

## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

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
- Key Box Program
- Neighborhood Watch
- Residential Security Program (Post Card)
- 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 Jeff Steeber at 788-7505 or email at 616@fvmpd.org.

### Fox Valley Metro’s Website

Visit Fox Valley Metro Police Department’s website at <http://www.foxvalleymetro.org> for information on available programs and upcoming events.

## REMINDERS FROM THE LITTLE CHUTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the Holiday season upon us, we would like to offer some suggestions to make this a Safe and Happy Holiday for all of the citizens of the Village.

If you haven’t done so yet, replace the batteries in your smoke and CO Detectors.

Keep the Fire Hydrant located near your house clear of snow and ice.

Do not burn candles unattended and also keep them out of reach of children.

Keep your Christmas Tree watered and when the needles start to fall off, remove it from your home.

Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location and have all the members of your household become familiar with its operation and use.

### OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

A reminder to 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.

Happy Holidays from the  
Little Chute Volunteer Fire Department!



Congratulations to the following individuals that reached significant years of service to the Village in 2010.

**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Allyson Coit - Buildings & Grounds*
- Lisa Garnett - Crossing Guard*
- Debbie Hermsen - Election Inspector*
- Charles Kell - Administrator*
- Brandon Luedtke - LC Fire Dept.*
- Rob Peterson - LC Fire Dept.*
- Jeremy Slotke - FVMPD*
- Jeff Steeber - FVMPD*
- Ann Vanden Heuvel - FVMPD*
- Rob Verhagen - LC Fire Dept.*

**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Jim Brandt - FVMPD*
- Molly Derricks - Finance Dept.*
- Jeff Evers - LC Fire Dept.*
- Todd Hietpas - LC Fire Dept.*
- Dan Jansen - LC Fire Dept.*
- Rob Konitzer - LC Community Band*
- Mutz LaBrec - Election Inspector*
- Don Van Deurzen - LC Fire Dept.*
- Roy Van Gheem - Dept. of Public Works*
- Ryan Vanden Heuvel - LC Fire Dept.*
- Betty Wydeven - Election Inspector*

**15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Mike McClone - Dept. of Public Works*
- Jeff Nett - FVMPD*
- Vicki Schneider - Village Clerk*
- Steve Van Deurzen - Dept. of Public Works*
- Charlie Vanden Heuvel - Dept. of Public Works*
- Pat Verbruggen - Library*

**20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Joe Jansen - Dept. of Public Works*
- Vince Lamers - Park, Rec & Forestry*
- Ellen Regan - Dept. of Public Works*
- Dan Thorson - FVMPD*

**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Jan Hietpas - LC Community Band*

**30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Bill Konitzer - LC Community Band*

**35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Susie Hietpas - LC Community Band*  
*Jim Miller - LC Fire Dept. (Retired in 2010)*  
*Mary Peterson - FVMPD*

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION  
 APRIL 5, 2011**

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 5, 2011**, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village president and village trustees begins on April 19, 2011 All terms are for two years.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village President	Charles Fischer
Village Trustee	John Elrick
Village Trustee	Don Van Deurzen
Village Trustee	Janet Verstegen

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2010 and the **final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday January 4, 2011** 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 15, 2011.

For more information, please visit the Village's website at [http://www.littlechutewi.org/villagegovernment/municipal\\_elections](http://www.littlechutewi.org/villagegovernment/municipal_elections). If you have any questions, please contact the Village Clerk at 920-788-7380 ext. 204 or email: [vicki@littlechutewi.org](mailto:vicki@littlechutewi.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. On Call Emergency Number	Little Chute, WI 54140	788-7526

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

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**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Charles Fischer: [PresidentFischer@littlechutewi.org](mailto:PresidentFischer@littlechutewi.org)

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Charles P. Kell: [chuck@littlechutewi.org](mailto:chuck@littlechutewi.org)

**2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY**

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	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue. 18	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed. 19	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed. 26	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

Wed. 2	Village Board	6 p.m.
Tue. 8	Police Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed. 9	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.
Mon. 14	Fire Comm.	5:45 p.m.
Mon. 14	Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue. 15	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue. 15	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed. 16	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed. 23	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

**MARCH**

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	Planning Comm.	6 p.m.
Tue. 15	Library Board	4:30 p.m.
Tue. 15	Water Comm.	6 p.m.
Wed. 16	Village Board	6 p.m.
Wed. 23	Comm. of the Whole	6 p.m.

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