



## Sewer Rate Public Hearing Set for December 17<sup>th</sup>

The Department of Administration requires that the Village sewer revenue provide for 125% coverage of annual debt payments. To meet this requirement, the Village must increase sewer fees. The increase will result in a typical residential quarterly bill of \$216 (increase of \$55 based on 10,800 gallons of water used per quarter).

While the increase in fees is unfortunate and necessary, there is an upside. The additional debt coverage will be used for planned projects, such as replacement of sewer along Main Street when the Highway 15 bypass is complete, and for repair such as when a sewer line breaks. The advantage to this is that the Village would not have to take out loans to pay for these types of projects, saving money in interest payments.

The Village will be holding a public hearing on the proposed increase on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Hortonville Municipal Services Center, 531 N. Nash Street. If the change is approved by the Village Board the new rate will be in effect in 2016.



## ATTENTION

### Users of the Hortonville YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE 521 W. Cedar St., Hortonville

It is illegal for **NON-VILLAGE RESIDENTS** to leave or discard any article or items (including yard waste), or allow any article or item under his or her control, to be deposited at the Village of Hortonville's yard waste drop-off site. If any **NON-VILLAGE RESIDENT** is caught depositing anything at the Village of Hortonville yard waste site, they will receive a fine and/or summons. The Village of Hortonville may dispose of the waste or waste material itself at the expense of that person found illegally disposing the waste.

**PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate the above provision shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Sec. 9.17 of the Hortonville Municipal Code.



## HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TAX COLLECTION

Office hours for people wanting to pay their property tax bill at the Village Administration Office, 531 N. Nash Street, are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### The Administration Office will be closed:

Closed All day - Thursday, 12/24/15

Closed All day - Friday, 12/25/15

Closed 1/2 day - Thursday, 12/31/15  
(closing at 11:00 a.m.)

Closed All day - Friday, 1/01/16



## 2016 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed by the end of the day on Thursday, March 31, 2016.

2016 dog licenses are available at the Village Administration Office Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



## 2016 ELECTION

Nomination papers are available from Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Mischker for the Spring Election and a Special Election to fill the remaining three years of the term for Municipal Judge. Three Village Trustees (2 year term each) as well as the Municipal Judge (3 year term) will be elected at the April 5, 2016 Spring and Special Election. The final day for filing nomination papers with Lynne is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2016.



## Chief Inspector Needed for Elections

Poll workers are the people who make elections possible by staffing the polling place and ensuring that each vote counts.

Our Chief Inspector has moved away and we need someone willing to step forward to lead the poll workers on Election Day. The Clerk-Treasurer is always available for questions and help before or on Election Day. Training is provided before the first election you work and additional training is required each year.

Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer, Lynne Mischker, at 779-6011 Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., if you are interested.

## Volunteer Harvesters Needed For Black Otter Lake

With the new dam project we do not know how much water will be in the lake next summer. Even though there may not be much water in the lake over the summer the Black Otter Lake District is asking anyone that is interested in operating the weed harvester to contact Matt Schroeder. We would like to get the group together, select someone to lead the group, and do whatever training we can do. You can contact Matt at blackotterlake@gmail.com.



## Group Fitness Classes in Hortonville

The Village of Hortonville is currently working with Fox West YMCA to offer evening group fitness classes in the Opera House. While the programming is still tentative, we hope to begin classes in January. Watch the Village's website and Facebook page for more information in the coming months.

If you would like us to contact you when the programming is finalized, email us at office@vohortonville.com. Include YMCA as the subject of your email.



## Seniors Potlucks and Birthday Parties

Potluck will be held the first Monday of each month starting January 4, 2016. Birthday parties will still be held the third Monday of each month.

## Making the Ride Happen

Register to WIN a \$30 Gift Certificate for Gilberts Super Value by Participating in a survey for "Making The Ride Happen"!

Ever wonder how you might get around if you couldn't drive? Do you know someone who relies on others to drive them to appointments and other places? Having reliable transportation in less urban areas like Hortonville is a growing need, especially for people who don't own a car or aren't able to drive. We are looking for your input on a brief survey about rural transportation. Can you please help?

Making The Ride Happen, East Central Regional Planning Commission and UW-Extension are partnering to better understand potential future demand for rural transportation options and needs. To accomplish this task, a survey was developed with a series of questions to determine how people get around when it comes to transportation. Surveys may also be completed by each family member in a household ages 18 and older. Completion of the survey is voluntary and confidential to the extent permitted by law.

Your responses will remain anonymous and will be combined with other responses into a summary report. Data will be used to help "Making The Ride Happen" and other rural transportation providers in the area to develop additional programs to meet local needs. Thank you in advance for your input!

Please go to the following link to take the survey!  
<http://bit.ly/ruraltransportation>.

If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey you can stop by Hortonville Community Center/Library or the Fox West YMCA and drop it in the box provided.

If you have questions about this survey, or want help completing it, please call: Holly Keenan, Making the Ride Happen (920) 225-1740



Smart Phone users QR Code

## Caregiver Café

Do you care for loved ones? Run errands? Take Mom and/or Dad to the doctor and other medical appointments? Care for your spouse in numerous ways? Take care of financial matters for family members? Many times we do things, just because our family members need help and we may not even consider ourselves a "Caregiver." There are many demands on your time and energy. You may get frustrated at times and wonder if there is a better way to do things.

We have been doing Caregiver Café's in Outagamie County for the past two years. This year we are going to launch a three part series and you are invited to attend, have some coffee and learn more about resources available to you in the county. This three part series has themes for each month. The programs are an hour in length. You can come by yourself or bring other caregivers with you.

Come and join us at the Hortonville Community Center meeting room at the Municipal Services Center for a discussion and sharing with other caregivers in the area. The café runs from 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

The upcoming dates are:

Tuesday January 19, 2016: Resiliency

Tuesday February 23, 2016: Humor and Storytelling

Tuesday March 15, 2016: Mindfulness and Technology

For more information you can contact:

Terry Schmeckpeper (920)225-1704

terry.schmeckpeper@lsswis.org

Karen Dickrell (920)832-5126

karen.dickrell@outagamie.org

Members of the Outagamie Caregiver Coalition



Valley VNA Senior Services will start offering Foot Care clinics in Hortonville. The clinics will be held at Pinewood Manor, 125 John Street in Hortonville starting on January 19, 2016. We will offer clinics every other month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every other month. The cost will be \$23 per foot care visit.

The Foot Care clinic services include:

- Foot Exam by an RN
- Foot Soak
- Massage
- Callus reduction
- Toenail file and trim



During these 20 minute appointments, nurses will also provide education and referrals as appropriate. Please call us at 920-727-5555 for an appointment!



Fats, Oils, and Grease are naturally produced during cooking and baking.

Common sources of **FOG** include:

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Shortening
- Butter
- Margarine
- Fatty/greasy food scraps
- Baked goods and pastries
- Cream-based sauces
- Cooking oil
- Oily salad dressing

**DO NOT PUT ANY OF THESE ITEMS DOWN THE DRAIN!**

When fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are put down your drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat from animal products will solidify and clog pipes much like a clog in a human artery. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean-up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home and belongings. Blockages may also trigger an overflow or backup of sewage into streets or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

**YOU CAN HELP! PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY COOKING OILS OR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN.**

By following the guidelines below you may avoid sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs:

- Pour all cooled cooking fats, oils and grease that will harden (bacon grease, meat drippings) into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Wipe down greasy pots, pans or dishes with a paper towel before washing. Dispose of the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape greasy food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage, not a garbage disposal.
- Do not wash grease down the drain or garbage disposal!



## PARK EQUIPMENT DONATION

The Village of Hortonville would like to commend resident Darlene Bosin's charitable efforts towards improving the quality of life for all the citizens in our community. Darlene's generous donation is being used to upgrade the playground equipment in both Miller and Alonzo Park.

Village personnel recently rebuilt the playground in Miller Park, installing new swing sets, including a new toddler swing for infants, new safer playground edging, as well as installing sidewalk access to the equipment.

The Village of Hortonville and Darlene Bosin have teamed up on projects before at the new Municipal Center. She helped make it possible to construct an educational trail that combines with library programs to help children to learn, grow, and explore their natural environment.



## Thank you for another great summer HORTONVILLE YOUTH SPORTS

Hortonville Youth Sports, a non-profit organization, gives their time and talents to making Otto Miller Park and this community a great place to live and play. Another successful ball playing season is in the books!!

Youth Sports President Jerry Van Hammond, along with their many board members and volunteers, continue to improve Otto Miller Park:

- Rebuilding the two upper ball diamonds;
- Installed irrigation system; and
- Improved fencing for fan safety.

Quality of life here in Hortonville is better because of the good people involved with Hortonville Youth Sports!



## MEMORIAL TREE AND BENCH PROGRAM

The Village of Hortonville's Forestry Department is proud to announce its Memorial Tree and Bench Program. This program provides the opportunity to donate a park bench or tree in the memory of a loved one. Your donation to this program will not only provide lasting memories, but also help to beautify our parks and trails.

For more information, please contact the Village Administration Office at 920-779-6011.



## Hortonville Lions Club

To the Village of Hortonville in this time of thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, the Hortonville Lions Club would like to thank all who donated to the club. It may have been that brat, hamburger or hot dog you purchased or maybe that calendar to hang on your wall. It may have been the dozen roses purchased for that loved one or maybe that gun your company sponsored at the Sportsman Raffle. All this helps the Hortonville Lions to improve the quality of life for all of us in this community.

The Hortonville Lions Board would also like to thank its members for all their time and hard work that they put into the club this year.

## Highway 15 Bypass

With the passing of the 2015-2017 state budget, many transportation projects were anticipated to be delayed. However, the Legislature's budget committee voted in November to borrow \$350 million to keep HWY 15 and other major road projects in the state on track.

The Highway 15 schedule includes real estate acquisition to continue through 2017. Utilities are scheduled to be constructed in 2017 and 2018, with road construction beginning in 2018. The eastern and bypass segments (County Road T/Givens Road to Lily of the Valley Drive) are scheduled to open to traffic by late 2020. The western segment (County Road T/Givens Road to New London) is scheduled to open to traffic in late 2021.

## Hortonville Joins Regional Ambulance Consortium

The Village Board of Hortonville has voted to join the Gold Cross Ambulance Regional Consortium, effective Jan. 1, 2016. The consortium consists of 18 rural communities west of the Fox Cities, between New London and Waupaca.

Wisconsin law requires municipalities to provide ambulance service. In urban areas, an ambulance service gets enough calls to cover the costs of providing its service. It typically takes 1,400 billable calls per year to run and maintain one ambulance. In rural areas and small towns, where there isn't nearly enough call volume to support a single ambulance, much less a full-time, paramedic level ambulance service of multiple vehicles, local governments often contract with an ambulance service and provide a subsidy to help cover the costs. The consortium approach makes providing the service more cost-effective and efficient, while providing high quality care across the region.

Operating a consortium throughout western Outagamie County and Waupaca County allows Gold Cross to strategically station ambulances throughout the region, as well as to access additional ambulances from its 17-ambulance fleet as needed. The approach allows Gold Cross to send the closest ambulance to an emergency.

Gold Cross adjusts where its ambulances are located based on predicted call volume. As of late November 2015, Gold Cross has posted in the Village of Hortonville 160 times and has passed through the community more than 900 times, adding resources to the consortium's service area. Currently, Gold Cross has ambulances stationed in Waupaca, Weyauwega and New London.

Gold Cross contracts individually with each municipality in the consortium, for the same rate. The more municipalities in the consortium, the lower the rate for everyone. The subsidy rate is based on operating cost divided by billable ambulance calls. The Gold Cross Ambulance Regional Consortium subsidy for 2015 was \$12.50 per capita. With the addition of Hortonville and the Town of Dale to the consortium, Gold Cross was able to reduce the subsidy to \$11 per capita for 2016. This is a reduction of 12%.

The two new communities joining the consortium are responsible for only 50% of the per capita rate in the first year, with Gold Cross covering the other 50%. Gold Cross has provided an initial reduction to other communities in the consortium to assist in the transition.

The key benefit to our village, and our friends and neighbors in other towns in the region, is our ability to access high quality ambulance care, quickly, at a reasonable cost. It's another great benefit we experience in our vibrant community.

(Ambulance Consortium cont.)

To learn more about Hortonville and its services, visit [www.hortonvillwi.org](http://www.hortonvillwi.org). To learn more about Gold Cross Ambulance and its paramedic-level care, visit [www.goldcross.org](http://www.goldcross.org).



### **2 DROP BOXES**

When the Administration Office is closed, please use one of the drop boxes to make a payment or return rental keys.

- **One drop box** - located in the circle drive in front of the building
- **One drop box** - located in the hallway close to the Police Department (envelopes are provided)

### **Police Department News**

A reminder to citizens that snow season parking started November 15<sup>th</sup> and is in effect through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Only emergency vehicles are permitted to park on Village streets from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Also, during a snow emergency no person can park any vehicle at any time on the roadway. A snow emergency is defined as snow falling in such a manner as to produce a congestion of traffic, the impeding of the operation of emergency vehicles and interference with snow removal operations. During the holiday season friends and family may visit the area causing parking concerns. In special circumstances when weather is permitting the police department will grant permission for visitors or residents to park on roadways during the snow season. Those requests must be made by calling the police department at 920-779-6165.

With winter weather upon us we also remind all citizens it is the responsibility of the property owner and/or occupant to remove snow or ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the cessation of any snowfall.

The police department recognizes many citizens will be vacationing during the winter months. If you would like your residence checked or patrolled while you are away please contact the police department. If you are vacationing please make arrangements for snow or ice to be removed from your sidewalk according to the above regulations.

We wish all citizens a happy and safe holiday season.

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Lynne Mischker - 779-6011

**Police Department**

**Michael Sullivan, Chief** - **779-6165**  
Emergency Number - 911

**Public Works Department**

Carl McCrary, Director - 779-6011

**Fire Department**

Dave Dorn, Chief - 419-7872  
Emergency Number - 911

**Building Inspector**

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

**Municipal Court**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 6PM  
Norbert Dallman, Municipal Judge

**Library**

Carolyn Habeck, Director - 779-4279

**Village Administration Office 779-6011**  
**Office Open Monday thru Friday**  
7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.