

# Village Voice

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4/03/2018	_____	Election
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5/12/2018	_____	Village-Wide Rummage Sale
5/28/2018	_____	Memorial Day Observance & Parade
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6/18/2018	_____	First Day of Summer Rec

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## Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement

Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Mischker has announced her retirement! We feel very lucky to have had Lynne as our co-worker for almost 33 years! We all wish Lynne a happy and much deserved retirement! Lynne's last day working for the Village of Hortonville will be Friday, May 4th.

Lynne started working for the Village in 1985, working as a part-time utility clerk. Eventually, Utility bookkeeping was added to her responsibilities and once Lynne changed to a full-time Village employee, payroll and Village bookkeeping were added to her duties as well.

In the 1999 April election, Lynne ran for the Clerk-Treasurer position and was elected, starting her first term on May 1, 1999. The position of Clerk-Treasurer then became an appointed position on May 1, 2007 and being appointed at that time, Lynne has been in this position ever since.

Some interesting "Lynne" facts over her years of service:

- She worked with eight different administrators.
- She has worked alongside four different Directors of Public Works and five different Chiefs of Police.
- There have been 10 different Village Presidents in her time working here for the Village.

To show our appreciation, we will be offering cake the entire day on Friday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please stop by to say thank you to Lynne and to wish her well in her retirement. You will be truly missed Lynne – thank you!!



## News from Friends of the Hortonville Library

We are very excited to announce that Allie Krause began her position as Hortonville Library Director in February.

Prior to assuming her position as Library Director, Allie worked in the Hortonville Library as a Library Assistant and ran the Young Adult Book Club and Reclaimed Reads programs.

Allie attended the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2015, where she specialized in English Literature and Library Sciences. Her interest in books and libraries, however, began much earlier. As a child, she recalls reading to her kindergarten class during story time and anxiously awaiting visits to her school library. Now, she is especially pleased to see similar excitement in community members that visit the library.

Allie is looking forward to the new programs for this year, especially the "Libraries Rock!" themed Summer Reading Program. Programs like this would not be possible without the generous support of the community. She encourages everyone to follow the library on Facebook or check out their website at [www.hortonvillelibrary.org](http://www.hortonvillelibrary.org) to learn about upcoming events.

On Thursday April 12th from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. the Friends of the Hortonville Library will be hosting an Open House to welcome Allie. Cake will served and all are invited!



All dogs kept in the Village of Hortonville need to be licensed by the end of the day on **Friday, March 30, 2018.**

2018 dog licenses are available at the Village Administration Office Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Residents are reminded that there are several current ordinances that address the issue of pet owners keeping their animals restrained. The goal is to prevent problems such as an unrestrained, running at large pet becoming a public nuisance to other Village residents.

Pets running loose can be impounded in an animal shelter and their owner will be responsible for payment of an appropriate fee that is imposed at the time the animal is reclaimed. It is important for all pet owners in the Village to be mindful of others and to keep their pets under restraint.



## UNION CEMETERY

Anyone interested in getting a complete copy of the Rules, Regulations and Policies for the Union Cemetery should come to the Village's Administration Office and pick up a copy. It is also recommended that you check the Village's website, [www.hortonvillewi.org](http://www.hortonvillewi.org), to read these Rules, Regulations and Policies.



## INTERNET EXCHANGE SAFE ZONE

The exchange zone is located in the south side parking lot of the Hortonville Police Department at 531 N. Nash Street. Two overhead lights and a surveillance camera cover the area just outside the police department's squad room windows.

The exchange zone is open 24 hours, and people do not need to ask permission to use the area.

The safe zone is marked with a large reflective sign outside the window of the police department.

While the area is under 24-hour recorded camera surveillance, there may or may not be an officer watching a monitor, or looking out the window every moment.

The safe zone is available to anyone regardless if they are a resident.



## Senior Members of the Community

All seniors are invited to join us for programs and activities in the Community Center of the Hortonville Municipal Services Building at 531 N. Nash Street.

Ongoing senior programs include monthly pot lucks and birthday parties. The pot luck is the first Monday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the birthday party is the third Monday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cards, games and fun are available at each event.

# GET YOUR RID OF STUFF

## Village-Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2018

To place your ad, fill out and mail in the special form that you can find in upcoming issues of the New London Buyers' Guide OR call the New London office at 920-982-2511 for more information or to place your ad over the phone (they do accept Credit/Debit Card payments over the phone).

Expect full page ads with large maps similar to what New London does each year! All costs and revenues are handled by the Buyer's Guide. In addition, the Buyer's Guide will provide the Village with maps and papers for distribution.

Please feel free to pick up maps at the Hortonville Municipal Services Center, 531 N. Nash Street on Friday May 11th.

NOTE: Garage sales, yard sales and similar merchandise sales may be held no more than twice per year at any residence and for a total of not more than 6 days in that year. The sales shall be conducted between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and last no longer than 4 consecutive days. (Village Ordinance 9.21)



## Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 28, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

Join the American Legion in remembering those who have lost their lives and served our country in the United States Armed Forces. A memorial service will be held in the Hortonville High School auditorium starting at 9:30 a.m. After the service, a parade from the high school to Veterans Memorial Park (on East Main Street) will commence. There will be a short service at the site of the Veteran's Memorial.



Three Village Trustees (2-year term each) will be elected at the April 3, 2018 Spring Election. Supreme Court, Circuit Court, School District, County Treasurer, County Supervisor, and two referendums are also on the ballot. See the Sample Ballot on the Village website under News & Notices.

In person absentee voting starts Tuesday, March 13th and ends Thursday, March 29th. Vote 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and until 5:00 p.m. on March 29th.

If you are not registered to vote in the Village of Hortonville you can register online at [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov), at the polls on Election Day, or in the Administration office at 531 N. Nash Street. You can also use these options to change your address if you have moved.



## HORTONVILLE HOMECOMING 2018

Hortonville Homecoming 2018 (formerly known as Chocolate Fest) will be held at Alonzo Park in Hortonville on Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd.

The event kicks off at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening with the Carnival and Midway, Lions Club Fish Fry and music by Grayling Pingel.

The grounds reopen on Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. with a Knights of Columbus porky and pancake breakfast served in the pavilion until noon.

The Carnival rides and Midway will be operating from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. There will be music on stage all day featuring the Hortonville High School and Alumni bands, Forte` and the Pianissimos Ukulele Jamboree and finishing off with a local group, Polar Vortex.

The artisan and vendor villages will set up again in Black Otter Park west of the Alonzo grounds. The Hortonville Civic Association will serve food in the pavilion beginning at noon.

Parking for the event will be in Hunt Field just to the east and adjacent to the festival grounds. Additional off-site parking will be available in the high school lots and along Towne Drive and Warner Street.

So, set the dates aside and join us for the Hortonville Homecoming 2018 celebration!

## FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Village Public Works Department employees will be flushing hydrants May 8-10, 2018. Hydrants are flushed twice a year in order to provide our customers with the best water quality possible. The following schedule indicates the days and areas for flushing that day.

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018:** All areas NORTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018:** All areas SOUTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

**Thursday, May 10, 2018:** All areas that may be incomplete from the previous days.

If you notice employees flushing in your area, **do not run water until they have left the area.**

If you notice discolored cold water in your home, do not run any hot water until your cold water is clear.

If you notice discolored hot water, you should flush your water heater. There is a connection for a garden hose on the bottom of most water heaters to clean any build up from the hot water tank.

Flushing ensures proper operation of hydrants and also removes loose scale accumulation from inside the water mains. Slightly discolored water may appear in your home. This does not mean your water is unsafe to drink.

If discolored water continues to be a problem, please call Superintendent OIC Ryan St. John at 779-9207.





## WATER USED OUTSIDE

The benefit of having a separate water meter to register the water used outside is that you are only charged for the water used...not the water and sewer. You are not charged for the sewer because the water is used outside and does not need to be treated at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

There are initial costs to you and other things you should know before installing a second meter. Please contact the Village Administration office at 779-6011 to see if you would benefit from having a second meter installed.

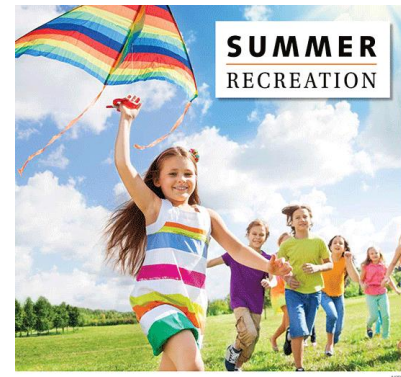


## OPTIONS - PAYING WATER BILLS

A few water/sewer customers have asked about paying their bill monthly instead of quarterly (water bill comes out quarterly – 4 bills/year).

You **CAN** pay monthly...actually you can pay any amount towards your water bill **at any time**. You don't need to wait to get your quarterly water bill in the mail to make a payment. There are customers who pay monthly and even more often than that.

Drop off a payment here at the Administration Office during our regular working hours - Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or, use the drop box (we have two). When you make a payment, it will show up on your next water bill as a credit.



## 2018 SUMMER REC PROGRAM

Information booklets for the Summer Rec Program will be mailed to Village residents in **May**. Booklets will also be distributed to area schools.

**NEW THIS YEAR: The maximum amount of registered participants allowed will be 150.**

Registration will be held Friday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Village of Hortonville Municipal Services Center, 531 N. Nash Street, Hortonville.

Registration for Junior Golf will be held Tuesday, June 12th, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Grandview Golf Course.

The first day of Summer Recreation is

**Monday, June 18th.**



## BURNING RESTRICTED

Remember that according to Village Ordinance 9.04 all burning (other than campfires) shall be conducted only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Controlled burning of dry leaves and other non-offensive dry yard debris, and small campfires should be located at least 30 feet from any neighboring structure. Burning brush piles or controlled burning of grass or similar vegetation for environmental management purposes requires written approval from the Fire Chief.



Fats, Oils, and Grease (**FOG**) 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 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/garbage disposal.

The Community Blood Center



Hortonville Community Blood Drive – SS Peter and Paul Church is hosting a blood drive with The Community Blood Center on the following days in 2018:

April 14th

June 9th

August 4th

September 25th

December 1st

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Giving blood is a special way to help others. Transfusions are used to treat a variety of hospital patients, from trauma victims to cancer patients. Every day, patients in area hospitals receive lifesaving blood transfusions, and blood donors help make this possible.

To schedule your donation appointment, call Sally at 779-6689 or log onto [www.communityblood.org](http://www.communityblood.org) – sponsor code OU10. Appointments are preferred.



## **POOL FILLING CREDIT**

Upon request by water and sewer utility customers, a seasonal sewer credit based on the number of gallons above two thousand (2,000) gallons will be issued for a residential customer swimming pool. The customer must notify the utility the amount of gallons the pool holds or a before and after meter reading to receive the seasonal credit.



## CUTTING NOTICES

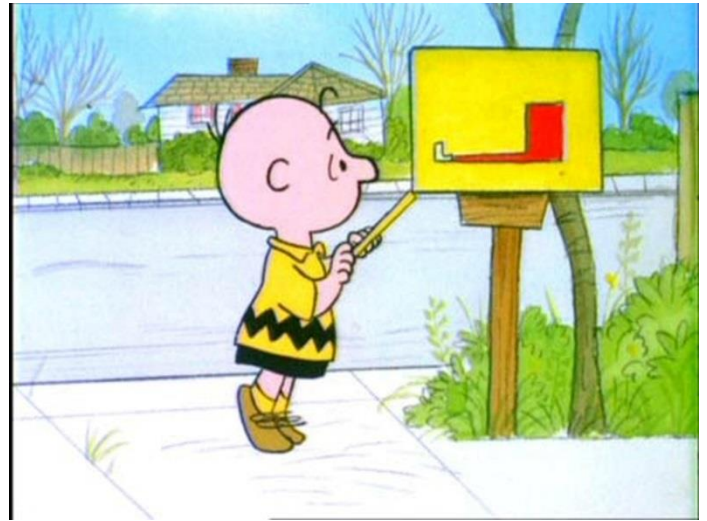
It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the grass cut the entire grass cutting season.

The Village mails one certified letter advising you that your grass is too high. After the initial certified letter has been mailed from the Administration Office for a specific parcel, failure to keep the grass cut shall automatically result in an initial fine of \$200 for each lot with additional fines of \$100 for each additional week if the violation is not corrected.



## GRASS CLIPPINGS

When you are mowing or mulching grass, or blowing or raking up leaves, please keep them out of the street. Grass clippings and leaves flow down the gutter during a rain and eventually plug catch basins. You will receive a fine if you are found to have blown grass or leaves into the street.



## VILLAGE VOICE WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED

Due to budget constraints, we will no longer print and mail the newsletter. Printing and postage cost \$6,000 annually. The Village could not sustain this cost in the 2018 budget. We will instead post all newsletters on the Village website at [hortonvillewi.org](http://hortonvillewi.org) and on our Facebook page. We will also email the newsletter.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, send an email to [office@vohortonville.com](mailto:office@vohortonville.com) with "Newsletter email list" as the subject.



## Free Tire Recycling April 9th-13th

**VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY** - This program is for residential use only - **NO BUSINESSES**. Tires that are 18" or less will be accepted (rims are okay). The limit is four (4) tires per household.

Please drop tires off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street. There will be a designated area at the treatment plant for drop-off between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.