

## Village of Livingston

"With The Good Earth All Around"

220 W. Barber Ave. - P.O. Box 90, Livingston, WI 53554 Phone: 608-943-6800 Email: vilofliv@yousq.net

New residents or an established resident, this handy guide is intended to answer many basic questions that we all need to be aware of to make Livingston a great place to live. Established residents, need to be reminded of regulations to avoid negative habits and angry neighbors.

New residents, we welcome you to our Village and hope this guide answers some of your questions to help you settle into the community with more ease.

Where do I vote? The Livingston polling place is located at the Fire House, 230 N. Grand Street. Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm. All residents are encouraged to vote. New residents need to provide proof of residency (light bill, phone bill).

<u>Garbage/Recycling</u> Pick-up Wednesday of each week residents refuse is collected. All garbage/recyclables must be out to the curb by 7 am. As part of a ECO Grant, the village received, residents are required to recycle to reduce the amount of garbage in landfills. All recyclables must be put in a green or blue recycle bin, which can be obtained from the Village office. One bin is provided free of charge, small fee is charged for an additional bin.

<u>BIG Garbage Days</u> The first Saturday in May and the first Saturday in October of each year is for disposal of large items too big for the weekly collection. These items could be from a small home improvement project, appliances, furniture, etc. This collection is held at the Village sewer plant from 8 am to noon. You must haul items to the collection site yourself. A fee is charged for specific items, (i.e. Microwaves, refrigerators, computers, tires).

<u>Lawn Mowing Regulations</u> Sec. 8-1-6 Any residence where the lawn exceeds eight inches in length is a public nuisance. Landowners will be given 48 hours to mow the lawn. If not in compliance within that time, Village employees will trim the lawn at a cost of \$50 per hour, per employee. Sec. 6-2-18 Grass clippings are not allowed to be blown or dumped in the curb/street where clippings could wash into storm drains causing damage and repairs. Blow all grass inward, towards your property.

<u>Water Bills/Utility Bills</u> Utility bills are mailed to all residences and businesses by the 10th of each month. Payment is required by last day of the month. Payments can be mailed or dropped off to the village during normal office hours or placed in the gold drop off mail slot located under the big window by the village office door. You may also drop your payment off at Community First Bank or pay online via allpaid.com using PCL code a00331 under the Village of Livingston. There is a small service fee to use the online allpaid services. Past due water bills are given a ten day reminder letter. Thereafter, a 24 hour shut off notice is given before disconnection, if payment or a payment agreement has not been made with the village.

<u>Village Web Site</u> our web site address is: villageoflivingston.com. Check it out and Sign up to get notifications when things are happening within the village that could effect you. Such as: alternate garbage pick up date due to snow storm, flushing of hydrants or a safety concern.

Alternate Side Parking Residents and visitors are required to use alternate side park-ing starting Nov. 1st of current year to April 1st, of the following year. All cars should be parking on the odd side of the street on odd numbered days, park on even side of street on even numbered days between the hours of midnight to 7 am. Example: evening of Dec. 3rd park on the EVEN numbered side of the street for Dec.4th. Cars incorrectly parked will be ticket-ed. Residents are encouraged to avoid parking in the street during winter months whenever possible. There is no parking on Center Street from 3 am to 7 am during winter months.

**Dog Regulations** Sec. 07-1-20 All dogs are required to be licensed with the village which requires proof of rabies vaccination by April 1st. License must be acquired within five months of residency or ownership of animal. Single residence is only allowed to keep 3 dogs within village limits if animals are kept in an outdoor kennel. Precise kennel regulations are required. Specific breeds are not allowed within village limits. Formal complaints of barking or nuisance dogs will result in a fine by Village Law Enforcement. Dog owners are held responsible for proper care of their pets and proper disposal of animal feces. Dogs should be on a leash when out in public areas and their waste must be picked up and disposed of properly. Cats at this time do not need to be licensed. Each neutered dog is \$5/un-neutered \$10. Contact the Village office for more information regarding dog/cat regulations.

<u>Village Parks</u> Livingston has four public parks. Three of which have bathroom facilities/shelters. If you would like to reserve a park for an event, contact the Village office. There is no fee to use any of the parks and it is first come, first serve. Visitors must be out of the parks by 10 pm. Leashed pets are allowed in the park. You must clean up after your pet. The Village asks everyone to respect and be responsible when enjoying the parks. Visitors are required to clean up debris after your gathering. Notify the Village if you notice any destruction of public property.

<u>Open burning</u> Sec. 5-2-9 Bon fires, burning barrels, leaf /lawn waste burning is prohibited within the village limits. Small recreational fires or open grilling is the only form of open flames that is allowed. Burning bans are enforced during drought conditions.

Yard Waste First Tuesday of each month from April to November, the village will pick up yard waste. Grass clippings, leaves, flower bed debris and small twigs should be placed in bags and set out next to the curb. DO NOT PLACE in the GUTTER. Tree branch trimmings should be placed next to the curb in a neat pile with branch ends placed together.

The village will not pick up a tree that has been cut down completely. This is considered tree removal and is the responsibility of the homeowner. Leaf collection is every Monday, October through the first Monday of November. Leaves should be left at the curb. After the first Monday of November you should bag your leaves and the village will pick them up.

<u>Public Notices</u> Notices for public meetings, events, board meeting minutes, etc, can all be found on the village community bulletin board located on Center street, as well as the post office, village office window. Make sure you are informed.

<u>Prohibited Vehicles</u> Sec. 10-1-32 Residents are prohibited from discarding junk cars, car parts, tires or any other dismantled motorized vehicles or recreational vehicles on their property. Village law enforcement will give a timely notice to remove such nuisances or a fine will be implemented. Parking Semi tractor trailers, recreational campers/vehicles, etc. are prohibited from parking on any public street within the village limits. Semi tractor/trailers can be parked temporarily on Fayette street behind the Mobil station on Hwy 80. Contact the Village Office for additional information on any of these regulations.

<u>Village Office Hours</u>- In office on Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Available by phone or email Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Village Phone 608-943-6800 and village email is vilofliv@yousq.net

<u>Library Hours</u> Mon 1 pm to 6 pm----Wed 12:30 to 7:30 pm----Thur. 9 - noon &1 - 4 pm(Summer hours)and Sat. 9 - noon(Winter only)Library Phone 608-943-6801

Water Treatment Plant 608-943-6195

**Zoning/Building Permits** Contact Mike Reuter at 608-642-0463

Grant Co. Sheriff-non-Emergency-608-723-2157

Iowa Co. Sheriff-non-Emergency-608-935-3314

<u>Livingston Law Enforcement</u> is contracted out with the Grant County Sheriff's Department for approximately 10 to 15 hours a week.

<u>Village Website</u> villageoflivingston.com

<u>Monthly Board Meetings</u> Meeting are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. They are located at the Village Office and the public is always welcome.

<u>Curfew</u> 11 pm curfew for anyone age 16 and under. Parents are fined if children are in violation.

**Food Pantry** Contact Pastor Greg at 608-943-6244 if you would like to donate or are in need.

**Emergency Shelter** The Firehouse is an American Red Cross approved emergency shelter

First Responders Call 911

Street Lights Have a burned out street light in your area. Call ALLIANT ENERGY at 1-800-862-6261

Village Assessor Gardiner Appraisals 608-943-8009