



BRIDGES NEWSLETTER

The Village of Newburg is nestled between Washington and Ozaukee Counties in southeastern Wisconsin. Our small-town, river-side community of 1,254 residents welcomes you to visit the Milwaukee River, to recreate in our parks, and to get to know the neighbors at our Community Center and local eateries and taverns.



View of the Milwaukee River from the Main Street Bridge, looking northeast at kayakers preparing to launch - Summer 2020.

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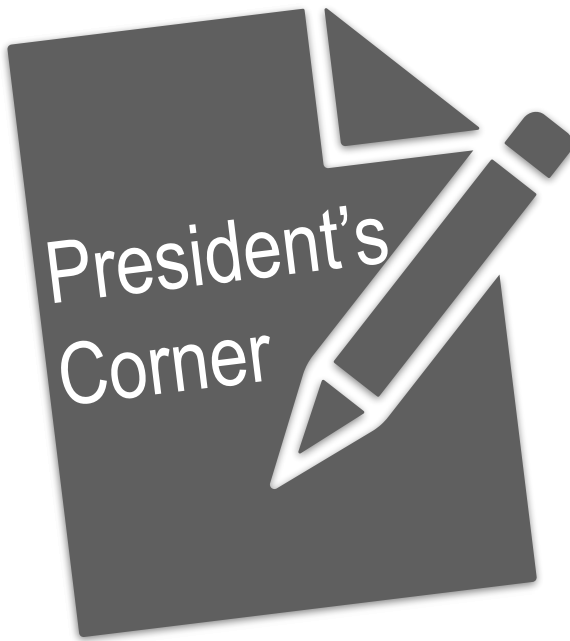
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Young people travel the Milwaukee River by boat, launching in Newburg behind Village Hall.



Dear Newburg Residents,

Welcome to the Bridges Newsletter for the fourth quarter of 2020. Fall is here and the weather feels like it. Cool nights, leaves are turning colors, and soon will be falling to the ground. **This year the village will have leaf pick up starting on November 9th.** After that leaves can be dropped off at the municipal garage until November 25th (see the recycling calendar). We have found someone to take our leaves and use them to put nutrients back into farm fields.

There are many things happening in the village over the next three months. Within the newsletter is information on Halloween activities in the village, Pictures with Santa at the Newburg Community Center, and bulk items for recycling can be dropped off at the municipal building on Saturdays in October (no electronics, large metal, tires, or appliances).

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to see our **updated web page** at <https://village.newburg.wi.us/>. It is another way to find information regarding the Village of Newburg. This includes village meetings and events.

Thank you to our Community Center Commission for continuing to make improvements to our building. If you need a **place to host events** for up to 200 standing or 100 people with tables and chairs, call the village hall to check on available rental dates.

Newburg's Sanitary Department has completed the smoke testing of our sewer system. They will be reviewing the results and following up with their findings and any remediation that needs to be done.

We will be making some changes to our village hall area, by starting the **building of a garage** to house our police cars and storage. In addition, we will be reworking garage doors at our DPW garage to accommodate large equipment for ease of access in and out of the building.

The village is in the process of putting together the 2021 budget. **If you have any thoughts or comments, I would like to hear them.**

Remember to vote on November 3rd! In person voting will be at the village hall from 7am to 8pm on election day. All requests for absentee ballots are being processed and sent out as they are received. Remember that you can mail in your completed ballots or drop them off in the drop box at village hall.

Enjoy the Fall Season and have a wonderful Holiday Season! Stay safe!



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Village Hall

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Village Hall Walk-in Service Hours

Mon/Tue/Wed 930am-430pm
 Thursday: Noon - 600pm

Municipal Lot for Recycling Drop-off

Located at the north end of Municipal Dr.

Newburg Community Center - Location: 450 W Main St.

Follow us on Facebook:

facebook.com/VillageofNewburg
facebook.com/NewburgPolice

Newsletters by Email:

<http://eepurl.com/gCUGLL>

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) maintains 13 miles of roadway, 5 parks, and 3 facilities. We operate with a crew responsible for snow plowing, brush chipping, road repair, and parks and building maintenance. To reach us, email: dpw@village.newburg.wi.us or call (262) 689-5960.

SNOW SEASON

The temperatures are falling and leaves are dropping! Snow season will soon be upon us. Here are some snowfall reminders from your DPW:

Slow down when traveling on snow covered roads. We work tirelessly to make sure your commute is safe, but we can't be everywhere all the time. There is nowhere to be that is more important than keeping you and your loved ones safe. Allow yourself more time to get where you are going and increase your following distance so you have a greater gap between your car and those in front of you.



Roads will be made "passible" but may not be cleared completely until the snow event has finished. Roads are cleared in order of importance beginning with major roads such as Main St. and the downtown area, then typical residential streets, and then crews finish up by clearing the cul-de-sacs.

Snow removed from driveways should never end up back in the road. This can create hazardous areas and more work for crews. It may also lead to violations from the police department.

If you see a piece of village equipment out and operating, please give us room to work. We back up, turn around, and may need to make sudden movements frequently. We'll watch out for you - please watch out for us!

If you park on the street, please remember that you must move your vehicle to alternating sides according to the calendar date. Even-Odd Parking will be in effect from 11pm to 6am starting November 1 and ending April 1. This means: **If the evening you are parking before midnight is an EVEN date, park on the EVEN side of the street.** If the evening you are parking before midnight is an ODD date, park on the ODD side of the street.

Please see the Public Works section of the Village Website (<https://village.newburg.wi.us>) for more information on snow removal and procedures.



Upcoming Events

October 17th

Final 2020 Brush Collection

Saturdays in October
Village Bulk
Drop-Off



You can drop off mattresses, box springs, furniture, boxes of debris, excess garbage. (No large metal, no electronics, no appliances, no tires.)

November 9th
Curbside Leaves



Curbside leaf collection will begin the week of Nov. 9th. Leaf piles will need to be out on to the road no later than Nov. 8th at 6pm. Crews will make one pass throughout the village. After this pass is complete, leaves will be accepted at the Municipal Lot until Thanksgiving. If you are bagging your leaves, please use paper yard waste bags because we can process these immediately. If using plastic bags, place them on the curb rather than in the road.

*****Attention: Newburg Residents*****

The following collection schedule has been **REVISED AND UPDATED**.

(Please destroy any other calendars you have)

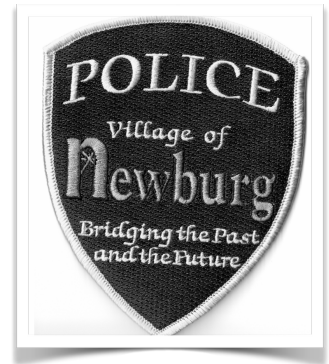
Please have containers ready for pick up by 6:00AM

| Trash and Recycling | | | | | | | Brush Chipping | | | | | | | Christmas Trees Accepted at Recycling Center | | | | | | | Recycling Center Open | | | | | | |
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| October 2020 | | | | | | | November 2020 | | | | | | | December 2020 | | | | | | | January 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Newburg Recycling Center OPEN 2nd and 4th SATURDAYS, Plus each Saturday in October, 9:00AM-12:00PM (Closed Dec. 26TH) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trash and Recycling pick-up concerns? Call Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949 or 920-387-0987. Brush Collection and Recycling Center concerns? Call Newburg DPW at 262-689-5960. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

I hope everyone had a nice and safe summer considering the circumstances we continue to be in this year. The good news is that the Hwy. 33 bridge construction is complete and the detour through the village has ended, so we can in some ways, get back to normal. The Newburg Police Department will be participating in the Trunk-or-Treat event on October 31st and I hope to see you there!

In September, new officer Cody Ausloos was administered the oath of office for the position of Police Officer. He is employed full-time with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and will be helping out in Newburg as a new part-time addition to our department. Welcome Officer Ausloos!



Fall is here and our winter parking restrictions will be in effect starting November 1st. We have the odd/even system in the village where parking is permitted. If you choose to park on the street, your vehicle must be on the side of the street that matches the calendar date before midnight. This means that if you are parking early in the morning, between midnight and 6am - you need to consider yesterday's date for the prior evening. When the evening date is odd, park on the odd side of the street; and park on the even side for even dates.

The Village Board recently added a 48-hour parking provision to the parking ordinance:

Forty-eight Hour Parking Prohibited: No person shall park a vehicle, nor shall any owner of a vehicle permit a vehicle to be parked on Main St. or in any village owned lots for a period longer than 48 consecutive hours without the vehicle being moved at least 12 feet. In other words, if there is a reason you need to leave your vehicle in a municipal lot or on Main St. for more than two days, please give the Police Department a call so we can discuss what might be going on. We don't like to give out citations and try to work with residents when we can.



As always, if you have any questions, please contact me or stop in to the police department. I can be reached at (262) 675-9360 (non-emergency, please leave a message.)

Thank you, *Chief Michael Foeger*

P.S. In case of an emergency, please call 911. If you need non-emergency assistance, but can not simply leave a message, you can speak with someone right away by calling the county: Washington County at 262-335-4378 or Ozaukee Co at 262-284-7172. If you have an issue that can wait such as a traffic complaint, ordinance violation, or animal complaint please contact the Newburg Police directly.

Interesting Facts about Policing

- Only around 1/3 of a police officer's time is spent enforcing criminal law; most of a police officer's work actually involves peacekeeping and problem solving.
- American police officers are organized locally, whereas police forces in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America are usually nationally organized.

- Over 21,000 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty since the creation of the United States.
- Some Japanese police officers carry paintball guns with bright orange paint to mark fleeing criminal's vehicles.



Please do not put fats, oil, or grease, down the drain! When grease and oil leave your home or business, it goes into a main drain pipe and can become clogged or burden our system. When the system fails or we are forced to make repairs, this can affect you financially as we are forced to spend additional money on the sanitary sewer system. Help us help you! No oil down the drain!

Fight FOG!

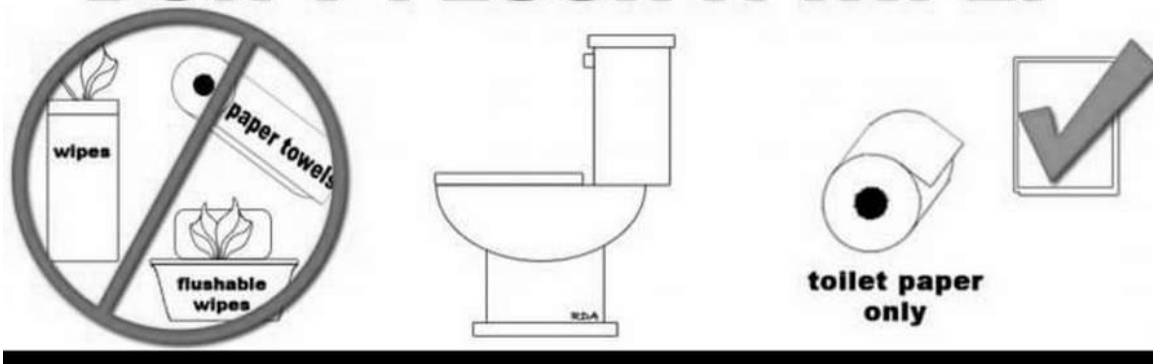
Keep **Fat, Oil, and Grease** out of the drain!



Sanitary Sewer Bills - NOW is the time to catch up!

The Village Board understands that some families and businesses have been affected very negatively by COVID-19. As a result, the Village Board approved waiving all new late fees on Sanitary Sewer / Recycling Bills for the last two sewer bills. This means, if you previously had late fees sitting on your account, those will remain, but no new late fees have been added over the summer. **However, to take advantage of this your sewer bill payments must be completely caught up by Thursday, October 15, 2020.** After that date, late fees will resume and be added to bills. Further, bills that remain overdue may be added as a special assessment to the tax bill. To avoid late fees and having your bill put on to your tax bill, please catch up on any late payments right away. Payments can be made in person at the State Bank of Newburg or by drop-box at Village Hall, 620 W Main St.

IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



Some companies create products for cleaning or wiping and label them as “flushable.” The truth is that even “flushable” wipes can create big problems by getting caught in the pipes and clogging things. When the pipes get clogged, either the village or the property owner have to pay for unclogging the blockage. Please keep a trash bin near your toilet and teach your family members to only flush the three P’s - pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Thank you!



Interested in a Seat at the Table?

The Board of Trustees is the village's governing body in charge of approving policies, budgets, tax levies, repairs, and infrastructure investments for the village. The Board meets about twice per month and some members serve on special committees as well. Board members earn a modest stipend for their service. Half the board members are up for election (or re-election) in the spring of odd-numbered years, and the other half in the spring of even-numbered years. To run for office, a candidate must "Declare Candidacy" with the Village Clerk's office and collect nomination signatures from a number of village residents who would like to see them on the ballot. Nomination paper circulation begins December 1, 2020 for the Spring 2021 election. If you are interested in running for public office, please contact the Village Clerk for more information.

The Fall General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

- **Registering to Vote:** If you have voted in the past in Newburg from your current address, you should already be registered to vote. If you have never voted, or have moved since the last time you voted, you will need to "register to vote." This can be done online at MyVote.WI.gov through Oct 14th or in person at Village Hall through Oct 29th. You can also register in person on election day at the polls.
- Here are your options for voting - In all cases, please have PHOTO ID available:
- **Option A: Request an absentee ballot online.** Visit MyVote.WI.gov by Oct 29th and request an absentee ballot. A ballot will be mailed to you.
- **Option B: Request an absentee ballot in person.** Visit Village Hall at 620 W Main St. in person between 930am-430pm M/T/W or between 12pm-6pm on Thursdays. You will complete a written application and a ballot will be mailed to you.
- **Option C: Vote early, also called "In-person absentee."** Visit Village Hall in person between 930am-430pm on October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 or between 12pm-6pm on October 22 or 29th to receive a ballot at the counter and immediately place your vote.
- **Option D: Vote at the polls.** Open 7am - 8pm on November 3rd.



Looking for your ballot? Want to be sure it was processed?
Visit MyVote.wi.gov online to learn more!

Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday through December: Sheepshead Card Game, 12pm - 4pm at the Community Center

October 14th - Deadline to register to vote online. www.MyVote.wi.gov

October 17th - Final brush collection for the season.

October 21st - Community Center Commission Meeting - time and location TBD.

October 20th - First day to vote early at Clerk's office.

October 24th - Community Coffee at the Community Center, 9am to Noon.

October 29th - Last day to vote early at Clerk's office.

October 29th - Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm at Village Hall.

October 31st - Trick-or-Treating at homes + Trunk-or-Treating at Fireman's Park 530pm-730pm

October 31st - Ozaukee County Clean Sweep event - 8am to Noon, County Highway Shop in the Town of Cedarburg to dispose of hazardous waste, tires, TV's, dehumidifiers, computers, etc.... Pre-registration and a \$20 fee is required.
<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/2577/Clean-Sweep-Program>



November 1st - Daylight Savings Time - "FALL" your clocks back by 1 hour the night before.

November 3rd - Election Day! Vote in person at Village Hall 7am to 8pm. Bring your ID card!

November 8th - Put your leaves out for curbside leaf collection on November 9th.

November 11th - Veterans Day - Visit Freedom Park in Newburg!

November 12th - Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm at Village Hall.

November 19th - Public Hearing on the Budget and Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm at Village Hall.

November 26th - Thanksgiving Day - Spend time with family or others in need of your love!

November 28th - Pictures with Santa - 11am to 2pm at the Community Center.

December 1st - First day for candidates for public office to circulate nomination papers.

December 10th - Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm at Village Hall.

December 19th - Community Coffee at the Community Center, 9am to Noon.

December 25th - Christmas Day - Will we have snow? Time for some reflection and fun!

December 31st - New Year's Eve - Village Hall will be open limited hours 930am to 2pm to accept year-end tax payments.

January 1st - New Year's Day - WELCOME TO 2021

January 5th - Deadline to file nomination papers to run for public office in 2021.

January 12th - Parks Commission Meeting, 6pm at Village Hall.

January 14th - Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm at Village Hall.

January 19th - Community Center Commission Meeting, time and location TBD.

Plan Commission - scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month, but only meets if there is business on the agenda. Visit the Village of Newburg webpage for more meeting schedules and announcements: <https://Village.Newburg.WI.US>

A Message From Your Community Center Commission

Friends,

We are Newburg residents, so are you. Join us in completing our mission statement.

“Newburg Residents Working Together to Invigorate Our Community.”

The Community Center Commission (CCC) volunteered at the Newburg Lion's Car Show on August 16th. We sold a record number of 50/50 raffle tickets. What a great experience! We plan to be there again in 2021.



“Paint a Scarf” was our first invitation-only event. Beautiful, influential, local women were invited to attend and learn more about our new Community Center. Mayor Chris Jenkins of West Bend was our guest speaker and he gave a great talk on “Community and its Importance.” The evening included the creation of a painted scarf. The mayor stayed to create one for his wife. Commission member, Deb Wisen, instructed the class. Everyone in attendance completed a survey about the Newburg Community Center. The completed survey was very positive, inspiring us for the future.

On **October 31st** we will be starting a new event in Newburg - the 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat! We are partnering with the Newburg Fire Department to bring kiddos in the area this fun night. It's an easy idea, really - just decorate your open trunk, hatchback, or truck-bed of your vehicle, then pull in to Fireman's Park for a spot to set up, and pass out pre-wrapped candy and treats Trick-or-Treat style! In order for us to prepare this fun community event properly, please pre-register by calling us at (262) 323-6585. We'll get you set for a spot to join in the fun!

On **November 28th** we'll be hosting our next Pictures with Santa event, 11am to 2pm at the Community Center. We'll have a coloring contest, holiday card-making, letters to Santa, photo-opportunities, treats, and root beer floats - all included with your \$5 donation. There will also be a bucket available for non-perishable food donations for the Saukville Food Pantry. No pre-registration required for Pictures with Santa - just come as you are!

On **December 5th** a local non-profit volunteer group, A Team with a Heart, will be delivering a Holiday meal to 27 Newburg residents in need. If you know someone that is in need of some HEART with a meal drop-off, please nominate them by calling ATWAH at (262) 613-3921.

Your CCC is moving forward with installing a kitchenette in the Community Center and we're pleased to report that the project is already underway! This addition will add purpose and value to the venue. Volunteers are assisting in the preparation and clean-up process and we've been careful to not require any additional funds beyond what elected officials allocated in the 2020 budget for Community Center support. Also, the Community Center won't be difficult to find or identify any longer - brand new black laser-cut letters for the building's name will be installed this month on the south-facing exterior wall!



2021 will be filled with even more inspiring energies. We have a commitment with Cherry Arts Studio / Barbara Jean McHugh, to instruct a Scanography Seminar. This is a very exciting process with outstanding results creating beautiful pictures like the flower shown here to the left.

Also in 2021, Deb Wiesen will treat us to another class. We are also looking for crafters, Paint-n-Sip, Tai Chi, Sit-n-Be Fit, etc... INSTRUCTORS who are willing to share their talents. Maybe knitting, crochet, mahjong, or yoga? We also need YOU to attend, get to know your fellow villagers, and help build the fabric of our community! Call (262) 323-6595 with your ideas!

As Chair of the Community Center Commission, I want to thank our members, Trustee Sandy Stockhausen, Jenny Strohmeyer, and Deb Wisen, as well as our ever-present volunteer Diane Wermager - her insights are invaluable! We have also received many donations from residents - thank you so much - you know who you are!

Would you like to be on our on-call volunteer list? No skills required except a smile!
Call us at (262) 323-6595 - we'd love to work with you!

Do you need a cozy hall to rent for your work or birthday party? Bridal or baby shower? Graduation or retirement? The Community Center is your place - call Village Hall to set up a rental!

Your Community Center Commission would like to wish you a Pleasant and Healthy Holiday Season!



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The Community Center is in need of the following items.

Would you have any handy available to donate?

WISH LIST

Vacuum

Popcorn Machine

Coffee

Pots & Pans

Toilet Paper

Paper Towel

Paper Napkins

Dinnerware (white or clear)

Flatware

Smart TV

Hand Sanitizer

Kitchen Towels

Soft Soap

Dish Soap

Crock Pot(s)

Plasticware

Nesco

Coffee Table

Toaster

Glassware (clear)

DVD/CD/VHS player

Paper coffee cups and paper plates (no foam).

Combo Radio/Turntable/CD player

Contact Village Hall to donate!

Q & A with ADMINISTRATOR / CLERK / TREASURER *Deanna Alexander*



Q: Newburg is a small village - how involved is it to operate our village government?

A: Yes, Newburg has 1,254 residents. Here's a quick snapshot of most of the public servants working on behalf of our village. My full-time work includes things like overseeing village operations, helping taxpayers with problems, ensuring projects keep moving forward, interacting with the counties and the state regarding laws and taxes, writing the village budget, setting up the elections and processing absentee ballots, clerking the village board meetings, maintaining the website, and managing the village's finances. Lori is our part-time Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer and is the friendly face you usually see at the front desk at Village Hall. She manages our accounts payable, payroll, permits, tax payments, and customer service, amongst other things. Nancy works at village hall a couple of shifts per week helping us with filing - we have village records going back to the 1970's that never got filed away and we're working hard to reduce the piles, sort the maps and important documents, and digitize the village's records. Then, in our Police Department, we have several part-time officers that work with other organizations (like the Sheriff's Department) full-time, but invest in Newburg's public safety during their off-time. They investigate complaints and crimes, monitors roadways for traffic violations, and help settle domestic or neighborhood disputes - keeping the peace when needed. Our Department of Public Works has several part-time workers that help repair our roads, put up holiday decorations and flags, collect brush, process recycling, mow lawns, maintain the parks, plow snow, and maintain our buildings. They coordinate closely and share staff with our Sanitary Sewer department, which manages all the waste that goes down Newburg's drains. The wastewater treatment plant processes and chemically treats the results, making the output clean enough to be divided into, essentially, contents that can be returned to the river and contents that can become farm fertilizer. Then we have building inspection, zoning administration, and emergency management - all part-time roles that help the village stay safe and prepare for the future. We have elections workers that you see when you vote, and of course, the Trustees that you vote into office to oversee it all! All of this is just staff and doesn't nearly account for the good work done by the many volunteers and commission appointees that help out as well as provide the historical insight often needed for decision-making. Then we have partnering organizations like the Newburg Fire Department and Riversedge Nature Center that provide additional contracted public services. Overall, we want you - no matter your lifestyle, means, or beliefs, to feel protected, respected, and connected in this community!

Q: How do I know what my elected officials are doing? **A:** Anytime we hold a meeting where there's going to be a vote taken, (like adopting a new ordinance, or approving a budget) we create an agenda and publicly notice it usually a week beforehand - but never with less than 24-hours of notice beforehand. You can find meeting agendas on our website, and a hard-copy is always posted on the bulletin board outside village hall. All such meetings are open to the public, (unless we print a "closed session notice" right on the agenda to let you know that there's a private matter, usually related to legal issues or internal personnel matters, that need to be discussed privately.). You are welcome to attend any of our meetings, and to ask questions or share your viewpoints. Also, after each meeting, we publish "minutes" which is a document that details what happened at the meeting, who was present, and how each official voted. These minutes are posted to our website, or you can request paper copies at village hall. Further, each elected official's email address is in this newsletter and they love to hear ideas and suggestions from village residents - I encourage you to reach out to them!

Q: Why do you keep raising my property taxes? **A:** Well, I'd first encourage you to have a look at your last tax bill from December 2019. On close examination, you'll find that your tax bill is divided up between several different governments that each lay a claim to a portion of your assets. You should see a municipal tax from the Village of Newburg, a County-level tax, a school district tax, and a technical college tax. So the money you paid didn't actually go all to the village, even if you wrote your check to us. We actually have to remit a large portion

of your payment to the other taxing entities. Next, as you look at that bill, I encourage you to compare it to the prior year's bill, or to look at the percentage of increase or decrease in "tax levy." Last year, we actually held the tax levy steady (technically it went down slightly) and we did NOT tax more. We have also created a contingency fund - the village's first ever - for saving for unexpected expenses; and we reduced administrative overhead significantly, we invested in technology upgrades, new police radios, and improved equipment.

With that said, the village will likely choose to raise the levy this year. I hold a personal fiscally conservative outlook and join many residents in despising tax increases, however, since getting the village's finances straightened out and looking at the historical big picture and what the residents and elected officials project for the future needs of the community, it would be irresponsible to continue carrying as much debt (bonds) as the village has been and not to begin arranging funds for upcoming projects. For example, we hear all the time how the Police Garage was originally planned twenty years ago in 2000 and never built. We did a full review this year and found that it really is needed and our staff is hindered without it. So that project is proceeding; but then what about Main Street? Well, we have a plan to pulverize and overlay Main Street west of the bridge in 2021; then Main Street east is going to be a 10X larger endeavor sometime down the road, and we must have a plan to fund it if it's ever going to happen. Given all of that information, now consider that the bonds the village took out in 2011 and 2012 were largely a rollover of prior debt... that's right - our largest current loans from years ago were mainly related to old debt from even older projects and the village couldn't pay the debt when it came due! So we have these enormous publicly financed loans, and while we are making good on the obligation to ensure they are paid, we also can't finance the completion of Main St. east of the bridge until the balance on these loans is further addressed. While we believe the village will be able to secure granting funding for a portion of the projects, we know the majority of the cost will rest with the village. As you know, it will be better to have funding up front than to pay interest later. My hope is that Newburg does not need to enter a cycle of continuously raising taxes every year. After thorough talks with the Village President on the matter, he has asked me to write a budget that allows for a small increase so the village can begin positioning itself for the future. I hope you find this to be a reasonable approach and I'm glad to answer any questions you might have. On that note, I will be presenting the 2021 Recommended Budget to the Board of Trustees at 7pm on Thursday, October 29th at Village Hall and this meeting is open to the public - I would love for you to attend if you are interested in learning more about the village's finances. The board will then spend several weeks considering the recommended budget and hold a public hearing on November 19th to propose any changes or amendments. You are welcome to attend both meetings on Oct 29th and Nov 19th to participate in the process!

Q: *How do I know my absentee ballot is secure?* **A:** First, please become familiar with using MyVote.wi.gov on the internet. This state-operated website allows you to view your voter record (not who you voted for, but when and where you have voted in the past), change your address for voting, request and absentee ballot, and track the mailing of your ballot. Yes - after the COVID debacle with voting this spring, the state partnered with the postal service to add tracking to every ballot that we send to you in the mail - so you can see when you should receive it. Then, when you return your ballot, whether in our drop box or by mail, we will log it in the state system as received. Since your name is on the outside of the ballot with your signature, we know who it is from. You can then see it on the state system that the clerk received your ballot. Don't worry - your ballot stays sealed in the envelope until election day and then the Chief Election Inspector only opens it for processing in the voting machine when it is in hand with other ballots, so that no one can view your choices and tie it to your name. There are always several witnesses present when the ballots are opened and scanned into the voting machine. I hope this walk-through gives you confidence that we're working hard to secure your vote and operate fairly.

Do you have a question about our local government?
Stop by village hall to chat with us, or feel free to send
an email to DAlexander@village.newburg.wi.us.



Please join us for....

PICTURES WITH SANTA



Saturday,
November 28, 2020

11am to 2pm

Newburg Community Center
450 W Main St. in Newburg

With just a \$5.00 donation, each child will enjoy card making, ornament making, a coloring contest with prizes, Dear Santa letters, photo opportunities, and a door prize for the parents!

Holiday sweets along with light refreshments including coffee, tea, water, and **Root-beer Floats** will be served along with holiday goodies. Each child will receive a goodie bag! **Build some holiday memories** with your little ones and join us for this fun event sponsored by the Newburg Community Center! No pre-registration required, and just a \$5.00 donation per child, we're looking forward to seeing you there!

We will also be doing a feed-the-community non-perishable food item drive for the Saukville Food Pantry! Please stop by with items to help this worthy local cause that helps sustain vulnerable members of our community during difficult times.



An update from St. John's Lutheran School

St. John's Lutheran School exists to glorify Jesus Christ, assisting parents in educating, training, and nurturing His children for this life and for heaven.

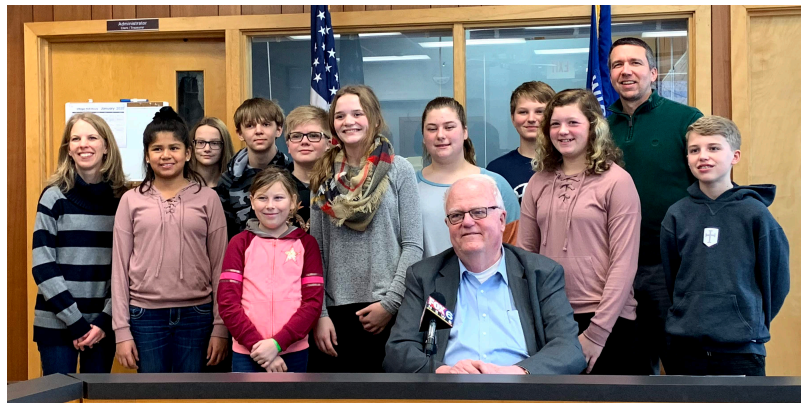
Our vision is to teach the never changing message of God's Word so that students may become lifelong Christians as they go into the world proclaiming his Word equipped with academic, spiritual, and social skills in order to win souls for Christ.

If you are looking for a school that fits this mold, please contact the principal, Mr. Tim Payne, for a tour. (262-675-6852)

You are always welcome to join us at church for worship! From Labor Day to Memorial Day, services are at 8:00 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings and at 7:00 on Monday evenings. We also have a 4:30 pm Saturday service until our live-streaming is up and running. Finally, the service recording is available on Sunday mornings on our website: www.stjohnsnewburg.com/sermons

Renovation Complete!

Starting in 2017, our PreK-8 school classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, etc. were completely redone from floor to ceiling (and even the roof!). If you haven't been in the school for a long time or ever, you are welcome to take a tour. Please give the school office (262-675-6852) a call to set up at time to visit!



Earlier this year, students attended Congressman Sensenbrenner's Town Hall meeting at Newburg's Village Hall. This was his last public visit before his retirement from Congress.

New Pastor

For the first time in St. John's 161-year history, we are blessed to have two pastors leading our congregation. We welcome Pastor Jon Arndt, who has served our sister congregations in Petosky, MI, and Dousman, WI, in his past service. Pastor Arndt and his family are excited to join our community, both St. John's and Newburg.



Second Year of Choice and Special Needs State Voucher Programs

We are in our second year of participation in the WPCP (Wisconsin Parental Choice Program) and SNSP (Special Needs Scholarship Program). If you are interested in taking advantage of these programs next school year, please talk to our principal, Mr. Tim Payne (262-675-6852).

Welcome, HOME – House Of *wheelchair-friendly* Modification Examples

Welcome HOME

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operated by volunteers

Looking for someplace to enjoy the outdoors while safely socially distancing from others in this Covid-19 climate?

The Welcome HOME grounds on Hwy Y are **open to the public**. (We do NOT shovel snow from the trails.) The majority of an approximately ¼ mile circular trail in the 12-acre woods is wheelchair friendly — you decide for yourself if you want to tackle the upper section of the hillside trail.



For those who prefer not to, benches on the boardwalk installed with the help of the Newburg Lions in 1992 are the perfect spot to sit and relax. You may be treated to a cautious distant visit by a young deer passing through, find yourself ducking to avoid acorns squirrels are knocking from the branches above, listening to crows squawk as they chase a hawk, notice a chipmunk staring at you from the handrail before scampering off...

You are also invited to linger on mowed trails that meander through the prairie adjacent to the house. Enjoy a book from the Little Free Library – take a book home with you, or gather the kids to read a book at the picnic table. Try your hand at a game of horseshoes.

Although we have altered our face-to-face interactions for the time being, we are here to answer your questions about the how-to's of creating wheelchair accessible home design. Give us a call or email to see if we may be of assistance to you.

(262) 675-2525

welcomehomebb@gmail.com

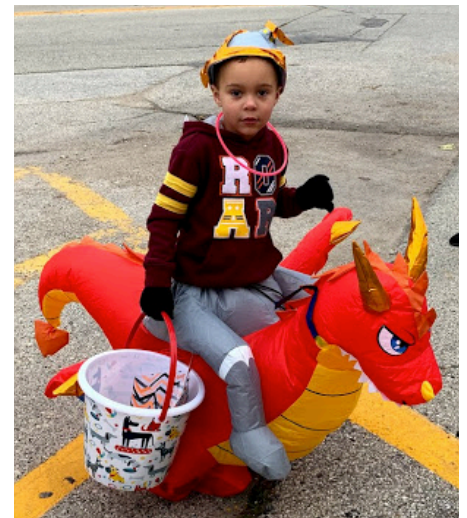




VILLAGE OF NEWBURG TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31, 2020
5:30PM TO 7:30PM

To let children know your home is participating in this fun community event of giving out pre-wrapped candy to Trick-or-Treaters, please turn on your porch light and tape this page to your front door. As an alternative, if you prefer to participate at Fireman's Park, instead of on your doorstep, please participate in our Trunk-or-Treat event. More info on the back of this page!



Sponsored by the Newburg Community Center in partnership with the Newburg Fire Department.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT NEWBURG STYLE!



You are invited to bring your decorated (vehicle) trunks and Trick-or-Treat with your local kiddos at Fireman's Park!

October 31, 2020 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Please Pre-register your Trunk by calling (262) 323-6595

Let's FILL Fireman's Park!



Each Vehicle will receive a number and be entered into the "Best Trunk Contest!" Winner receives a FREE Community Center Rental!

Popular trunk-or-treating themes are children's TV or movie characters, or ones that set a scene, like the old west or a campsite.

Participants: Set-up your trunk by 5pm. Event at 530pm to 730pm. Please use only pre-wrapped candy and treats! Social distancing of Trunks will apply.