

# Cascade Village News



**April May June 2024**

## New Water Rate Estimates for Citizens

Submitted by Jerry Hendrickson

As you are aware, we have been working on building a second well for the village.

The Wisconsin DNR has indicated a requirement to secure a second source of water for the village, and we have been working toward that end for several years. In 2020 the Village signed an agreement with SEH, Inc.

They are also helping with Securing Loans and Grants from Safe Drinking Water Loan.

As part of the loan process and following PSC guidelines we need to advise residents of the increases required in the water portion of your Sewer and Water Bill by June. The following are some examples of this required increase;

### Preliminary Rate Estimates, subject to change

	Current Rates	STEP I	Difference	STEP II	Difference	Total Increase
5/8"	\$15.00	\$25.58	\$10.58	\$63.09	\$37.51	\$48.09
3/4"	21.00	\$35.81	\$14.81	\$88.32	\$52.52	\$67.32
1"	30.00	\$51.15	\$21.15	\$126.17	\$75.02	\$96.17
1 1/4"	39.00	\$66.50	\$27.50	\$164.02	\$97.53	\$125.02
1 1/2"	48.00	\$81.84	\$33.84	\$201.87	\$120.03	\$153.87
2"	75.00	\$127.88	\$52.88	\$315.43	\$187.55	\$240.43
3"	105.00	\$179.03	\$74.03	\$441.60	\$262.58	\$336.60
4"	135.00	\$230.18	\$95.18	\$567.77	\$337.60	\$432.77
6"	180.00	\$306.90	\$126.90	\$757.03	\$450.13	\$577.03
8"	225.00	\$383.63	\$158.63	\$946.29	\$562.66	\$721.29
10"	282.00	\$480.81	\$198.81	\$1,186.01	\$705.20	\$904.01
12"	339.00	\$578.00	\$239.00	\$1,425.74	\$847.75	\$1,086.74

	Current Rates	STEP I	Difference	STEP II	Difference	Total Increase
First 100,000 gallons used quarterly	\$2.68	\$4.57	\$1.89	\$11.27	\$6.70	\$8.59
Over 100,000 gallons used quarterly	\$1.60	\$2.73	\$1.13	\$6.73	\$4.00	\$5.13

This will only impact the Water portion of your bill. New water rates will be reflected in Sewer and Water Bills September 1, 2024. Please note rate increases are preliminary and are subject to change

An additional part of the addition of the second well will also be new water meters to be installed in all residents' homes, and businesses. The current meters we have been using are obsolete, and we are not able to get additional meters or spare parts making it necessary to systematically replace all meters currently in use. You will be contacted by Cascade DPW when it is time to replace your current meter.

### **What is a Two Step Rate Case?**

A Two Step rate case includes major projects that the Utility will not complete in the current test year but will complete and put in service by the end of the next test year:

Step I: The utility excludes the project in preparing its current test year revenue requirement. The Utility implements the rate increase for this step following the public hearing and Commission order issuance.

Step II: The utility includes the project in its revenue requirement in a second test year revenue requirement. The Utility implements the rate increase for this step once the utility notifies the PSC that the construction project has been completed and is in service

The Commission's rate case application includes additional pages specific to identifying the Utility's Step II proposal. Commission staff prepares two rate proposals: one for each step.

## Dog Licensing

All dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed! A license requires submission of breed, sex, name, color, and proof of current rabies vaccination. Receipts, tags and vaccination papers will be mailed back to you. Landlords please advise your tenants to license dogs kept on your property. **Please keep in mind that by Village ordinance a property may only license up to 3 dogs.**

**DOG LICENSE FEES NEED TO BE PAID BY A SEPARATE CHECK THAN TAXES AND INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

Mail all payments and dog information to: Village of Cascade, Attn: Karel Melius, PO Box 157, Cascade, WI 53011

### **Dog License Fees**

Non-neutered male/ non-spayed female	\$15.00
Neutered male/ spayed female	\$8.00

## Online Bill Pay Option for Utility Bills

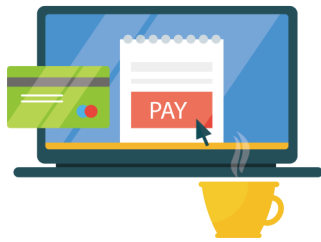
The Utility Board has approved the acceptance of credit cards for payment of utility bills!

Using UB-Pay customers are able to create an online account to view bills and pay your bill online with a credit card or e-check. There is a service fee of \$3.00/ \$100.00 of the utility bill (ex. \$150.00 bill is a \$6.00 service fee) for using this feature.

You have the option to view your utility bill online and continue to send a check.

To register go to:  
[www.ub-pay.com](http://www.ub-pay.com)

Municipal Code:  
**CascadeWI011**



## Cascade First Responders

Submitted by Val Halvorson

Hello and Happy Spring!! Thank you to our community of friends and neighbors that came to our Fish Boil Event! It was awesome to see everyone there. We hope you enjoyed your dinner and maybe even won a raffle! In fact, it was so much fun, we're hosting another fundraiser in June. Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> is our All You Can Eat Breakfast. We'll be serving pancakes, potato pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, coffee, milk and orange juice from 7-11am at the Cascade Fire Hall! Free dessert while supplies last! Everything is freshly made on site, it's a great breakfast to start off your Sunday! We can't thank you enough for supporting our organization.

Have you ever thought about joining our group? There's been some recent changes to Wisconsin Law and the EMR licensing requirements. EMR's are no longer required to take the national registry exam to obtain their Wisconsin EMR license. Now would be a great time to join, be a lifeline in our community! Please reach out to our Captain, Kelly Green, at 920-838-3969 with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you this spring and summer!

## Cascade Fire Department

Submitted by Chief Todd Triebensee

Welcome to spring in Wisconsin... changing weather all the time! By this time, we have had daylight savings time which means you should have checked and cleaned and/or replaced your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries or the whole unit if more than 7 years old. It is also time for campfires and yard clean up. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the smoke that comes from burning!

Thanks to everyone that attended our Winter Bash! We had fun and hope you did as well. Our department will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show on May 19th. Get your cars, bikes and anything with wheels and bring it to the show!



## Cascade Rec Club

Spring is here and with that the park will soon be in full swing. We will start playing ball sometime in May. I will post the schedules on our Facebook page as soon as we get them. Our 3rd annual co-ed Kickball Tournament will be on Saturday June 15th this year. If you're interested in putting in a team, please contact Steve Green for more information and to register. The annual men's softball tournament will be held on July 12-13-14 this year. There will be more information in the summer newsletter.

## Cascade Ladies Auxiliary

Hello everyone and Happy Spring! We hope you all had some fun this winter. I know we had fun at the hayride with Santa and saw a lot of familiar faces there! Thank you for your continued support! We are always looking for extra helping hands and delicious dessert makers. If you have questions or would like to join, please reach out to Kelly Green @ 920- 838 -3969. Thank you and enjoy the beautiful weather!

## Cascade Police Department

Submitted by Chief Jason Liermann

Has spring arrived? Hopefully soon! From the reports coming we are still expecting some snow. As a reminder, the village does have a winter parking ordinance, which states there is no parking on village streets between the hours of 2AM to 6AM. There is nothing in the ordinance that waives the parking restrictions. So, please make sure your vehicles are not on any village streets during the mentioned times. Winter parking regulations are in place until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cascade Police Department has some changes over the past couple months. Officer Noah Wetenkamp resigned on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 after 4.5 years with the department. We wish him the best in his future endeavors! Officer Hang Lor started with the Department on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Officer Lor previously worked for the Sheboygan Police Department. Currently, he is receiving training specific to our agency and soon will be on patrol by himself. The next newsletter will have Officer Lor's introduction article and I hope he will attend the April village board meeting.

This is a reminder that dog licenses were due by March 31, 2024. Please check the village website for further information.

ATV/UTV users, please remember that the Town of Lyndon has not passed an ordinance allowing their use. If you leave the village operating a UTV/ATV, you could be cited for illegally operating them on the roadway. This includes operating them near Harbor Lights.

Please follow us on Facebook or visit our CityProtect page. Links can be found on the village website under the government tab.



## Please Contribute!

If you have suggestions or a contribution for the newsletter, please email [clerk@villageofcascadewi.gov](mailto:clerk@villageofcascadewi.gov). We are always looking for:

- ⇒ Articles/specials about our local businesses
- ⇒ Information from local service groups
- ⇒ Fundraising activities to support our community
- ⇒ Historical information to share with new members to our village
- ⇒ Any other ideas or information that would be a great addition to the newsletter

## Cascade Lions

Submitted by Madonna Schneider

The Cascade Lions would like to thank the community for its continued support of our many various functions and fundraisers.

Join us on Thursdays. The hall will be open from 6:00PM until 10:00PM weekly. Please follow us on Facebook, in the event we would close for a Thursday evening, we will post an update.

The Blood center has not reached out to the Cascade community to schedule any upcoming blood drives. To schedule an appointment at a local blood drive, please visit the Versiti website.

The Cascade Lions will be holding a Memorial Day Brat fry from 11:00-3:00 PM. We will be dedicating the Veterans Memorial at 1:00PM. Please watch for posters. You can also check for updates on our Facebook page.

The Lions are always looking for new members. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Lions clubhouse. Social hour is at 5:30 with a meeting to follow. If you are interested in joining a fun and active club, please contact Madonna Schneider at 920.207.4338.

The Lions Clubhouse is a great place to hold your events!! The hall has a large meeting room, refrigeration, and a large yard to provide room for games, gathering and any necessary social distancing. Renters are responsible for providing their own shade tents, chairs and tables. For rental information please contact Lonny Schneider at 920.980.4107.



## Cascade DPW

Submitted by Shawn Bigelow

The Village of Cascade is preparing to replace your water meter. The existing inventory of water meters have reached the end of their useful life; they lack modern technology. Reading the meters is time consuming and expensive. The new water meter will enhance the Village's water conservation efforts and will allow customers to better monitor their water usage. Here are a few things you should know about the water meter replacement project:

**When is this work happening?** Replacement of the water meters is anticipated to occur this summer and fall.

**Who will be replacing my water meter?** The Village is in the process of bidding and selecting a meter installation contractor. All meter installers will undergo a background check and approval process.

**Will I have to pay anything to have my water meter replaced?** There is no cost to replace your water meter.

**Do I need to be home in order to have my water meter replaced?** Yes. In order to complete the work necessary to replace the water meter, the Village will require access to the water meter and must enter your home or business to do so. The Village's installer will send a letter with the information needed to schedule your meter replacement appointment.

**Do I need to do anything before my water meter is replaced?** In preparation for your water meter change, it is recommended that you replace the shutoff valves on both sides of the water meter. Properly functioning shutoff valves are a homeowner or business' first line of defense to prevent flooding in the event of a broken pipe or leak.

## Lake Ellen News

submitted by Bobbi Laine

Before your first time on the lake, review the Wisconsin DNR's regulations about boating, safety, fishing and transporting all recreational items between lakes. Also, keep in mind that water, bait, fish, plants and anything else in a lake cannot be transported between lakes. Many lakes have invasive species that have overtaken native species which is NOT healthy for lakes. Also, remember that whatever falls out of your boat stays in the lake so be extra careful with trash.

The Lake Ellen fireworks will be around 9 PM on Saturday, July 6, the first Saturday after the Fourth. (Rain date is July 7.) Raffle tickets will be for sale and available in local businesses and from

Association members. Please support the show!

