

Village Voice

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Village newsletters are mailed to residents in April and in October.



2021 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 10/31/2021

► **TRICK OR TREATING IN THE VILLAGE**
3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10/31/2021

► **Parade At 2:30 p.m.** - The annual Halloween Parade will start at the Commercial Club Park and end at the Municipal Services Center. If you plan on marching in the parade, please line up in the Commercial Club Park parking lot by 2:30 p.m.

People of all ages are encouraged to participate in the parade, marching on the streets of Hortonville to the municipal building.

A bag of treats and a gold dollar coin will be handed out to children in costume in the parking lot of the municipal building.

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

- **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)

From the Police Department

Greetings! As we approach the Fall season and the beginning of a new school year, we would like to remind the community of a few things. It is imperative that we are mindful of bus stops, pedestrian crossings, cross guards and children making their way to school. We want everyone to do their part and ensure safety for all.

Recently we have had a large volume of calls and visits from concerned residents regarding vehicles failing to stop at stop signs. This is extremely unsafe and can result in fines and/or classes for failing to yield the right of way. Please be aware of your surroundings and be cautious of bicyclist, folks taking walks and children at play.

As we prepare for the arrival of snow, we also want to remind the community of parking from November 15th of each year until April 1st of the following year. No person except an emergency vehicle shall park any vehicle between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any street in the Village. Permission from the Hortonville Police Department is needed to park overnight.

For those of you that will be partaking in Halloween festivities on Sunday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. please make sure you are aware of the traffic, house lights (signifying they're passing out treats) and remember to stay safe while trick or treating.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone that participated in National Night Out. It was a complete success and we could not have done it without the help of all the generous businesses that provided donations! We appreciate your support and presence in our community!



PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION

Pay your tax bill on-line at www.hortonvillewi.org. There is a convenience fee charged when paying on-line. See the yellow "Paying a Bill Online" article next to this article.

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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The Administration Office will be closed:

Closed - 12/23/2021 / Closed - 12/24/2021
Closed - 12/30/2021 / Closed - 12/31/2021

Avoid the hassle and long lines and mail your Property Tax payment to us. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt of your payment.

Please mail tax payments to:
VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
PO BOX 99
HORTONVILLE, WI 54944-0099

First installment or full payment of property taxes is due by January 31, 2022. Any refunds will be mailed within two weeks of your payment posting. Payments are considered posted the day they are received. All payments postmarked December 31st will be credited for 2021.

If you are paying using installments, the second payment is due by July 31, 2022, and cannot be paid at the Village Administration Building.

Please send 2ND payment to:
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY TREASURER
320 S. WALNUT STREET
APPLETON, WI 54911

Alternate tax payment location:
Wolf River Community Bank
309 E. Main Street



Paying a Bill Online

To make a payment online, go to our website at www.hortonvillewi.org and choose **Online Bill Pay** on the Home screen. Next choose either **Pay Utility Bills** or **Pay Village Bills** and follow the instructions. A **Village Bill** is a property tax bill, a Village invoice, court fines or parking fines.

Please note that payments tendered through this portal will be assessed a one-time convenience fee based on the total amount due. Convenience fees are in addition to the amount(s) owed and are calculated as follows:

- A 2.20% convenience fee will be charged for payments using Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit or debit card. The convenience fee is based on the total amount due.
- A fixed \$0.25 convenience fee will be charged for payments using e-check.
- You will have the opportunity to review the total amount due with the convenience fee prior to payment submission.
- While you will be paying fees to the Village of Hortonville, the full amount of the convenience fee is passed to Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) as the provider of this online payment service.



BURNING RESTRICTED

Remember that according to Village Ordinance 14-3 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.



Are You a Senior Citizen?

As this is written, we wonder if everything will change again by the time you receive this newsletter! If we have learned anything over the past 18 months, it is that we must be flexible and patient. We appreciate you bearing with us as we all do the best we can to plan our gatherings in a safe and respectful manner. If you are wondering about any changes in activities, please call the Village at 779-6011.

For those of you who have not heard, the ADRC meal site is open again in the Community Room at the municipal building. Hot meals are served, Monday through Friday at 11:00 a.m. If you choose, you may pick up your meal rather than dine in person. *You must call 920-740-4648 to reserve your meal by noon the day before, or Friday noon for Monday meals.* Meals are also delivered for those who are unable to leave their homes. You may call the same number for information on home-delivery eligibility.

Our first and third Monday gatherings are back on the calendar! The only change is that we will have lunch provided through the meal site since the food is already there! Both Mondays will start with lunch at 11:00 a.m. Again, if you choose to eat with us, please call 740-4648 by noon the Friday before to reserve your meal. After eating, the games will begin! Join us for cards, dominoes, puzzles, or just conversation! The third Monday will be our birthday celebration, with a dessert provided during the afternoon game time.

If you enjoy card playing, you are in for a treat! The first three Thursdays of the month, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., join the card sharks in the Community Room. Meals are served at 11:00 a.m., so call ahead and have meals cooked for you!



Are You a Senior Citizen?

By the time this reaches you, we will have had our annual Senior Autumn Fest on October 12th. This was a chance to gather information from agencies and service providers, enjoy lunch, and listen to Martin Schreiber talk about his life experiences as caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who has Alzheimer's Disease. If you missed this one, be sure to get your name on our mailing/e-mailing list for future events.

Footcare Clinics are still available at Pinewood Apartments for anyone interested. Call to make an appointment through Valley VNA at 920-727-5555. We thank Pinewood Apartments for sharing their space with Valley VNA and offering this valuable service.

Our Helping Hands of Hortonville van is out and about driving people for appointments, shopping, or errands. Rides are provided Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Fridays, 7:00 a.m.-noon. Please call 920-810-5624 at least 24 hours ahead of time to reserve a ride. More volunteer drivers are needed in order to meet everyone's needs. Please consider joining our driving crew!

We do all we can to get the word out about our activities. However, we rely heavily on word of mouth and know it not only takes a village to raise a child, but also a village to care for all our neighbors. Please be sure to reach out to someone, encourage them to come to lunch with you or offer to call for information for assistance. Let's be good to each other!





NOW is a great time to build in Hortonville!

The Village Board passed a resolution reducing building permit fees for residential construction.

- Single-Family: \$749 plus \$250 builder's escrow fee
- Two-Family: \$1,065 plus \$250 builder's escrow fee
- 4-family: \$2,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee
- 8-family: \$3,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee
- 12-family: \$4,418 plus \$300 builder's escrow fee

Permit fees include municipal water and sewer connections.

The builder's escrow fee is fully refundable when no extra inspections are required.



Welcome Kray Brown!!

You may have noticed a new face in the Village Administration Office. Kray Brown joined us in August as the newly hired Director of Public Works. Feel free to introduce yourself when you see Kray around town!

We also welcome other recently hired employees of the Village:

- Krissy Steber, P.D. Administrative Assistant
- Seth Tobison, Part-Time Police Officer
- Daniel Meltz, Account/Payroll Clerk
- Mark Hass, Water/Wastewater Operator
- Andi Bryant, Library Assistant
- Brandi Kronberg, Library Assistant

TOP REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:



1. It greatly improves your chance of getting your dog back if it goes missing.
2. It lets people know your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccine.
3. It's the law!

2022 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed. The dog license purchased is good for one year - from January 1st through December 31st.

We will have the 2022 dog licenses ready to be purchased by mid-December, 2021. 2022 licenses must be purchased by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 31, 2022, or the owner will incur a late charge.

Dog licenses are available at the Administration Office Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 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.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere in Otto Miller Park; there is a sign posted. Dogs are allowed in other Village parks but must be restrained.

SNOW SEASON PARKING

From **November 15th of each year until April 1st of the following year**, no person shall park any vehicle except an emergency vehicle between 3:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. of any day on any street including State Highway 15 in the Village unless permission is granted by the Hortonville Police Department.

In instances where the Village has declared a snow emergency, vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. If you have an emergency parking consideration, please call the Hortonville Police Department at 779-6165 with your request.



FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

This is a reminder to residents who have a fire hydrant in front of their property. Landscaping or signs shall not be placed within a 3-foot perimeter so as not to impede fire protection personnel. Also, the Village would appreciate residents' efforts in keeping the hydrants cleared of snow during the winter months.

FORECLOSURES AND UNATTENDED PROPERTIES

If you are vacating a property for an extended period of time or know of a vacated property, please notify the Village Water Utility at 779-6011.

Hortonville Water and Sewer Utility would like to be informed of any vacancies so that the water service can be turned off at the street. This will help minimize any property damage in the event any interior piping should freeze and burst.



GOING AWAY FROM YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

If you are planning a vacation this winter or will be gone from your home for an extended period, you may want to contact the Village office regarding trickling your water to avoid service interruption due to a frozen service lateral. When you are away from your home the water is not moving through the lateral thereby becoming more susceptible to freezing.

ICE BUILDUP ON SIDEWALKS

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for the **shoveling and deicing of sidewalks** bordering their properties within 24 hours of a completed snowfall. Now is the time to think about preventing ice buildup on the sidewalk in front of your residence. The melting and freezing of water that ponds on the sidewalk can be prevented with a little maintenance. By using an edger in the Fall and cutting back the grass that grows over the edge of the sidewalk, the water has a chance to flow off the sidewalk before freezing. The terrace area between the sidewalk and curb may also need some attention if it has built up over the years with dirt and doesn't allow the water to flow towards the curb and gutter. Remember, it is the resident's responsibility to keep the sidewalks free of snow and ice and with a little maintenance now a troublesome sidewalk can be avoided in the winter.

Also, Village ordinance prohibits the plowing or dumping of snow on any public street, alley, public property.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

LEAVES & RAKED YARD WASTE AND BRUSH

The Village will be picking up leaves and raked yard waste and brush at curbside again this fall (place at curb by 8:00 a.m. on dates listed below).

Leaves and raked yard waste must be placed in paper biodegradable bags and must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Bags will be picked up on:

Mondays: 10/18 10/25 11/01
Tuesdays: 10/19 10/26 11/02

Brush must be 3 inches or less in diameter, cut in lengths of 4 feet or less, and bundled (bundles must not weigh more than 50 lbs.). Bundles of brush will be picked up on:

Thursdays: 10/21, 10/28 11/04



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION AT THE CURB

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be collected at curbside on:

Thursday - January 6th
Thursday - January 13th

Residents should **place their trees on the curb by 8:00 a.m.** on these dates so the trees do not get buried in the snow banks during plowing activities.

Also, if these dates do not work out for residents remember the Village does have a drop off area at the compost site near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street.

COMPOST SITE

Open Hours: Dawn to Dusk 7 days/week

Residents are invited to drop off their yard waste and brush at the compost site located by the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 521 W. Cedar Street. Be prepared to show an I.D. or utility bill.

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 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 the Hortonville Municipal Code.

Outagamie County HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Residents are encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials, by appointment only, at hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste.

Appointments are required for ALL collection dates!

Online at www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org or call 920-832-5277.

Wednesday, October 20th
Saturday, October 23rd

If residents are unable to attend a scheduled collection date and time, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County permanent facility.



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

Saturday, October 23rd
Saturday, December 18th

Above listed Saturdays from
6:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

To schedule your donation appointment, call Sally at 779-6689 or log onto www.communityblood.org – sponsor code OU10. Appointments are preferred.



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UNION CEMETERY **Fall Cleanup**

All flower arrangements, real or artificial, must be removed no later than October 15th to allow for a thorough fall cleaning of the cemetery. Persons desiring to reuse such material must claim them prior to that date or they will be discarded by the Village.

Christmas, fall and winter arrangements may be placed after November 15th. All Christmas, fall and winter arrangements must be removed no later than March 15th for spring cleaning of the cemetery.

The full Union Cemetery rules and regulations can be found on the Village's website or may be picked up at the Administration Building.

GET YOUR EVENT ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website is a good place for residents to see what is happening in the Village and we would like to provide information about your organization's community event on the Events page of our website.

Send us a short article or a flyer about your organization's community event with information about contacts for the event and the event itself. Include your contact information with the article or flyer so we can contact you if we need any clarification before we publish on the website.

You can use the Contact Us on our website www.hortonvillewi.org, send an email to clerktreas@vohortonville.com, or mail or drop off your information at the Administration Office.



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.



AED Located in the Village

Until now, all AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) in the Village were located in areas not accessible to the public or only during very limited hours. Thanks to a donation from Gold Cross Ambulance, there is an AED located in Hardtails Saloon, 208 W. Main Street. We plan to move it near the clock in central downtown for 24/7 access in the near future on a kiosk with a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and security camera.

VILLAGE VOICE

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Public Works Director

Kray Brown - 779-6011

Library Director

Allie Krause - 779-4279

Fire Chief

Dave Dorn - 419-7872

Building Inspector

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

Municipal Court

- 779-9542
1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM
Norbert Dallman, Municipal Judge

Village Administration Office 779-6011

Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.