

# Village Voice

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



## 2020 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION SATURDAY, 10/31/2020

► **TRICK OR TREATING IN THE VILLAGE**  
3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10/31/2020

► **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)



Remember to vote:  
November 3, 2020 - General Election

Not registered to vote in the Village of Hortonville? Register online at [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov), or by mail using the forms found on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at [elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov), or in the Administration office at 531 N. Nash Street. You can also use these options to change your address if you have moved.



**NOW is a great time to build in Hortonville!**  
The Village Board passed a resolution reducing building permit fees for residential construction through the year **2021**.

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.



## PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION

**New Payment Option:** pay your tax bill on-line at [www.hortonvillewi.org](http://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 All day - 12/24/2020
- Closed All day - 12/25/2020
- Closed All day - 12/31/2020
- Closed All day - 01/01/2021

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, 2021. 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 2020.

If you are paying using installments, the second payment is due by July 31, 2021, and cannot be paid at the Village Administration Building.

Please send 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://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 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.



## **Are You a Senior?**

Happy Autumn everyone! In looking back at our article from the spring edition of the Village Voice, it is shocking to realize how quickly things changed after mid-March! We talked about activities and plans for the future. But then...COVID was here and we called an immediate halt to all our gatherings. We hope you are doing as well as can be expected and have found ways to get what you need. Hopefully, you have had some opportunities to safely gather with friends and family as well.

Our potlucks and birthday parties are still on hold for the near future. For those of you who have participated in the Grab n' Go lunches provided by the ADRC meal site, that program will continue at least through the end of October. Please call 920-740-4648 by Monday noon to reserve your meal pick-up for that Wednesday. It's a seamless drive-thru at the municipal building. There is no charge for the meals, but you are welcome to make a donation. At this point, there is a waiting list for home-delivered meals, but please keep this in mind for the future.

We have been told that the foot care clinics will start up again at the Pinewood location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. every other month. The next one open will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Valley VNA at 920-727-5555 or 866-930-8862 to schedule an appointment. Updates will also be provided on the Village Facebook page and website.

By the time you receive this, we will have had our 2020 version of our annual Senior Autumn Fest. The drive-thru event was held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, with free lunch, grab bags of information, displays of Village services, and nice fall weather ordered. If you missed out on this event, please call the Village office at 920-779-6011 and leave your name, address, and phone number so we can add you to our mailing list!



## **Are You a Senior?**

The library is open! You have your choice of in-person browsing (with masks on), or you may still order your materials for curbside pick-up. The staff aims to please and would love to see you. The 3<sup>rd</sup> -Wednesday book club is meeting, safely spaced outside as long as the weather cooperates.

There are numerous programs being offered through different agencies in on-line formats. We realize that not everyone has access to computers for these opportunities. If you do have this ability, please check out the UW Extension and the Outagamie County ADRC websites. If we hear of opportunities, we will get the word out via e-mail as soon as possible.

The Helping Hands of Hortonville transportation program is up and running. If you need a ride, please call the Village office at 779-6011 at least 24 hours ahead of time. Rides are offered Monday-Friday during daytime hours. There are suggested donation amounts, but no set fee payment is required. We will be collaborating with other transportation programs to assure everyone who needs a ride is able to secure one. Do not forget this fall's election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Refer to information on absentee, early in-person, and all voting options. Again, if you have questions or concerns, the Village staff will be happy to help you.

As our Village grows and plans for the future, rest assured your input is always welcome! Please contact our Senior Activities Committee, a Village board member, or Village staff to offer your thoughts. We have much to look forward to and want everyone's ideas heard as we look ahead to brighter days and fun times together. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season, from Halloween through New Year's. 2021 will be a fresh start for all of us!



By Al Habeck BOLD chairman

Another season of weed harvesting ended early. The pump for the paddle wheels died and it is an eight week time line for a replacement. Evergreen Equipment is going to come get the harvester and take it to their shop for repairs to the pump. The pump is under warranty. With the work Evergreen is going to do the harvester should be running all next summer. What we did get removed was 30 loads which equals 210 cubic yards of weeds.

DASH (diver assisted succession harvesting) was back again this year. They harvested 2482 pounds of Eurasian milfoil this year. We will be having Lake and Pond Solutions doing a lake study next spring and this should give us a better idea of how the DASH program is working.

If anyone is interested in helping with the harvesting next summer let me know. You can e-mail me at [51arh@charter.net](mailto:51arh@charter.net).

Notice to residents with lake shore property. The Black Otter Lake District will not be responsible for any damage done to docks that are left in the water over the winter.

## UNION CEMETERY Fall Cleanup

All flower arrangements, real or artificial, must be removed no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. All Christmas, fall and winter arrangements must be removed no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 2021 DOG LICENSES

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

We will have the 2021 dog licenses ready to be purchased by mid-December, 2020. 2021 licenses must be purchased by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 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.



## 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.



## 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.

## 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: 10/19 10/26 11/02**

**Tuesdays: 10/20 10/27 11/03**

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

**Thursdays: 10/22, 10/29 11/05**



## COLLECTION AT THE CURB

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

**Thursday - January 7th**

**Thursday - January 14th**

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

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 of Hortonville 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 Sec. 9.17 of 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](http://www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org) or call 920-832-5277.

Wednesday, October 21st

Saturday, October 24th

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

## VILLAGE MEETING AGENDAS

Posted in the Municipal Services Center west entrance and on our website.

Village meeting minutes are posted on our website as well.

[www.hortonvillewi.org](http://www.hortonvillewi.org)



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:

Saturday, October 17th  
Saturday, December 19th

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](http://www.communityblood.org) – sponsor code OU10. Appointments are preferred.



### 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](http://www.hortonvillewi.org), send an email to [clerktreas@vohortonville.com](mailto: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.



### INSPECTOR HOURS

Hortonville Building Inspector Paul Hanlon is available at the Administration Office, 531 N. Nash Street, on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please call Paul at 920-878-0024 to make an appointment.

**VILLAGE VOICE**

Village of Hortonville  
531 N. Nash St., P.O. Box 99  
Hortonville, WI 54944-0099

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Village President**

Jeanne Bellile - 740-2204

**Board of Trustees**

Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel - 779-6749  
Pat Lund-Moe - 450-9661  
Jim Moeller - 418-5870  
Dan Nejedlo - 538-4105  
Peter Olk - 660-5603  
Shauna Strelow - 915-5054

**Administrator**

Dave Tebo (interim) - 779-6011

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Jane Booth - 779-6011

**Chief of Police**

Kris Brownson - 779-6165

**Public Works Director**

Carl Mc Crary - 779-6011

**Library Director**

Allie Krause - 779-4279

**Fire Chief**

Dave Dorn - 419-7872

**Building Inspector**

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

**Municipal Court**

- 779-9542  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.