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HALLOWEEN IN HORTONVILLE SUNDAY, 10/29/2023

Trick-or-Treat hours: 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

► **A bag of treats and a gold dollar coin** will be handed out to all children in costume.

► **Parade to start at 2:30 p.m.** - The annual Halloween Parade will start at the Hortonville Municipal Services Center, 531 N. Nash Street, and end in the alleyway behind the bowling alley.

Hortonville businesses will have tables set up at the end of the parade (Pine Street) where the children can trick-or-treat. Thank you to all the businesses that participated!!



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.

MAIN STREET Reconstruction Testing

Around the timeframe of late October to early November this year, the completion and public opening of the bypass are expected. During this period, the Village plans to collaborate with the county to conduct testing on the potential modifications that will take place when the Village undertakes the reconstruction of Main Street.

Two key changes are being proposed as part of this testing phase. Firstly, the stop lights at the Main and Nash intersection will be converted to blinking red lights, effectively creating a four-way stop at that junction. The purpose of this test is to assess the feasibility of removing the lights entirely at Main and Nash.

The second change involves the Main and Mill intersection, which will be transformed from a two-way intersection into a four-way intersection. This alteration aims to enhance safety for both pedestrians and vehicles, as the current scenario of turning onto Main Street while on Mill Street is hazardous due to the presence of parked vehicles along Main Street and the lack of setbacks in the downtown area.

By implementing these changes during this preliminary phase, the Village and the county will have the opportunity to observe and evaluate the potential impacts before proceeding with the actual road reconstruction, ensuring that the final modifications are well-informed and suited for long-term implementation.

Nathan Treadwell - Administrator
Village.Administrator@hortonville.wi.gov



From the Police Department

As we bid farewell to Summer and welcome everything Fall, here are few things to make note of to ensure a smooth transition. The Village is still in transition and work will continue with the Highway 15 project and at the high school campus. Please be mindful of construction signage and specific parking around the school. Also, please like our NEW Facebook page, you will see the green vintage Hortonville patch, you will catch police department updates and such.

School and construction zones are still in full swing and we want to ensure safety for both children and drivers alike. Please be aware of your surroundings, drive slow and cautious while in work and school zones. We have a lot of little commuters in the community that will be walking or biking to school using crosswalks and getting on and off buses. Keep them safe! Crosswalks and crossing guards will be present - please make sure you are stopping when you see pedestrians at both. Please make sure you are stopping for ALL school buses when lights are flashing and arm is extended.

Winter parking is valid 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 Village police department. Please contact the police department or email ksteber@hortonvillepd.com to request overnight parking.

For those of you that will be partaking in Halloween festivities please make sure you are aware of the traffic, house lights (signifying they

are passing out treats) and remember to stay safe while trick or treating.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who participated in National Night Out on August 1st. It was a complete success and we could not have done it without the help of all the generous businesses and folks that provided donations! We appreciate your support and presence in our community!



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.

DROP BOXES AVAILABLE

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

- **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)



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.



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.



Happy Fall!

Black Otter Lake District has had an immense amount of unforeseen issues with the lake harvester. The harvester was supposed to be fixed and back for us to use as of this summer. Some of these issues include needing a new motor, hydraulic tank, new wiring across the whole machine, fuel pump ect. to name a few.

On the bright side we were able to have Aquatic Plant Management LLC come in for two weeks and clean up the lake - they did a great job.

Please join us for our annual meeting Monday August 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center where we will discuss this and many more pressing topics within the lake district. We will have food and drinks provided. Please feel free to contact Sean Kuske at boldchairman@gmail.com or (920) 419-1571 with any questions or concerns.



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.



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 in this newsletter.

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 - 12/22/2023 / Closed - 12/25/2023

Closed - 12/29/2023 / Closed - 1/01/2024

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, 2024. 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 2023.

If you are paying using installments, the second payment is due by July 31, 2024, 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, Hortonville

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!



2024 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 2024 dog licenses ready to be purchased by mid-December, 2023. 2024 licenses must be purchased by the end of the day on March 31, 2024, 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.

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 ext. 1.

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.

FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

The Village appreciates residents' efforts in keeping the hydrants cleared of snow during the winter months. THANK YOU!!!



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, or 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: 10/16 10/23 10/30

Tuesdays: 10/17 10/24 10/31

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:

**Brush Pick-Up Thursdays:
10/19, 10/26, 11/02**

Outagamie County

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Residents are encouraged to dispose of household hazardous wastes, by appointment only, at hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste's satellite location at 3414 N. French Rd., Appleton.

Appointments are required for ALL collection dates!

Online at Hazardous Materials Collection Appointments or call 920-832-5277. All collections run from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, September 13th

Saturday, September 16th

Wednesday, October 4th

Saturday, October 7th

If residents are unable to attend a scheduled collection date and time, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County permanent facility with an appointment. Call (920) 492-4950.

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.



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.

Comprehensive Plan

Once every decade, the Village undertakes a thorough update of its Comprehensive Plan. This plan serves as a local government manual for guiding the community's physical, social, and economic advancement. The Comprehensive Plan addresses a wide array of subjects including challenges and prospects, housing, transportation, utilities, community amenities, agricultural and environmental resources, cultural heritage, economic progress, cooperation among government entities, land utilization, and execution strategies.

A crucial facet of this process involves engaging the public. We will be organizing a public information meeting to deliberate on these various subjects. This gathering is anticipated to take place in either late September or early October. The Village is also requesting public input through a survey. You can conveniently access the survey by scanning the provided QR code or by visiting our website to access the survey link. If you require assistance in completing the survey, don't hesitate to visit the Village Library, where the library staff will be glad to help you.



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



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 7th
Saturday, December 9th

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

To schedule your donation appointment, call Sally at 920-779-6689 or log onto www.communityblood.org – sponsor code OU10. Appointments are preferred.



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.

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Public Works Director

Aaron Steber - 779-6011

Library Director

Allie Krause - 779-4279

Fire Chief

Jack Kuhnke - 810-8089

Building Inspector

Paul Hanlon - 878-0024

Municipal Court

- 779-9542
1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM
Peter Olk, 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.