# Village Voice

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#### Village newsletters are mailed to residents quarterly.

#### **ALONZO PARK UPDATE**

The development of a Splashpad and Playground enhancement at Alonzo Park in the Village of Hortonville is progressing, aiming for completion by the year's end. This project aims to provide an enjoyable and stimulating summer destination for the children in the Hortonville area. Notably, it will be the Village's inaugural ADA compliant park, featuring a poured rubber surface to ensure inclusivity for children of all ages and abilities.

Funding for this initiative will be sourced from the current tax levy, ARPA funds obtained from the federal government, a state government grant, and community donations. The Village aspires to collect \$200,000 in donations and is actively engaging local businesses to contribute. Detailed donation tiers and associated benefits are outlined below for businesses considering participation in supporting this endeavor.

#### Hortonville Benefactor \$75,000:

- Naming Rights to the Playground and Splashpad for 20 years
- Reserve the Park for a Private or Community Event 1 day a year for 10 years.
- Your name will feature prominently on the park sign for a duration of 20 years.
- You will be invited to participate in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

#### For those who contribute \$10,000 or more as Community Investor:

- Your name will feature prominently on the park sign for a duration of 20 years.
- You will be invited to participate in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony alongside other Community Investors.

#### For donors in the range of \$5,000 to \$9,999 as a Community Partner:

- Your name will be prominently displayed on the park sign for 20 years.
- You will also be invited to join the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony alongside other Community Partners.

#### Friend of Alonzo Park \$1,000-\$4,999

• A plaque recognizing your donation will be sent to you.

Please contact the administration office if you would like to donate or have any questions. The number is 920-779-6011 - ask for the Village Administrator.



#### From the Police Department

Spring is about new beginnings and transformation...the Village of Hortonville is still in the process of transforming. The new bypass has changed the landscape of the Village and additional changes are still in the works! Downtown now has two four way stops and we will see improvements being made at Alonzo Park as well!

With change comes some things to be aware of:

Please be mindful of pedestrians, especially child commuters at both four way stops, downtown. They no longer have the ability to push the cross-walk button, at the light, signifying pedestrian crossing. We will continue to have a crossing guard stationed at the BP in the morning and after school.

With spring comes vacations and we want you to know the Hortonville Police Department provides vacation watch services when requested. If you plan to be out of town for any length of time, call to be put on our list. Officers will check on your property in your absence to ensure nothing looks out of place. Also, for you dog lovers out there, please be mindful and dispose of dog waste while walking your dogs. We do have a pet waste station located on the Nash Street entrance to the community center.

Dog registration must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If not completed by that date you are at risk of being fined with a late fee. If your dog is over 5 months of age they should be registered. You can stop by the Village office and they will help you with the process. Also, it is important that your dog is wearing tags in the event they get loose and we need to find their home.

As always, make sure you are following our Facebook page. We put weekly updates and other important information on that page. For instance, be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny as he will be hopping into town at some point to visit with kiddos and spread Easter cheer.

If you have any questions, concerns or issues with Village ordinances, please do not hesitate to call the police department. We are more than willing to listen and help find solutions to whatever may be taking place.



#### Hortonville Mural Project

After completing over 70 murals in New London, the Wolf River Art League (WRAL) has given us the thumbs up to do some murals in Hortonville!

There are two murals already completed in Hortonville at Standard Projects and Bricks Hardware. WRAL artists will add thirteen more murals this year and the Village may have some projects for us also.

These are the guidelines for our murals:

- Bright, cheerful, inspirational, interactive.
- NO political, religious, business specific or crude content.
- Must be a WRAL member to design/lead a mural.
- Approval of mural content needed from business and committee.

The WRAL will support us but our group will still need to do some fundraising to pay for the paint, brushes, etc. The artists donate their time and talents but watch for future events that YOU can participate in. Last year we had some HHS volunteers getting their Volunteer Hours in for school and we will continue to get them involved this year. Donations are always accepted to help cover costs also.

WRAL is 54 years young and reinventing ourselves so that we can beautify our cities, support the local artists and inspire upcoming artists in the Wolf River area.

If you would like to join WRAL, please contact us through the New London Chamber of Commerce @ 920-982-5822 or go to our website wolfriverart.org.

We will have a Bake Sale for the mural project on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> (during the April election). The highlight of the bake sale will be some homemade cake pops!

For any questions on the Hortonville Mural Project contact:

Julie Parker 920-378-5138 Melinda Marcks 414-550-0530

#### Village-Wide Rummage Sales

Saturday, May 11, 2024 & Saturday, August 10, 2024

To place your ad, fill out and mail the special form that you can find in upcoming issues of the New London Buyers' Guide OR call the New London office at 920-982-2511 for more information or to place your ad over the phone. You can drop your ad off at the New London office, 301 S. Pearl Street. They do accept Credit/Debit Card payments over the phone. All costs and revenues are handled by the Buyer's Guide.

NOTE: Garage sales, yard sales and similar merchandise sales may be held no more than twice per year at any residence and for a total of not more than 6 days in that year. The sales shall be conducted between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and last no longer than 4 consecutive days.



#### FROM BLACK OTTER LAKE DISTRICT

Sean Kuske, BOLD Chairman

Happy spring! With 2024 summer around the corner and our harvester back in line, you can expect to see our harvester out multiple days a week for cutting. BOLD hopes to finally have the lake looking in the best shape possible for the first time in many years.

If anyone wants to participate in volunteer work we are working with FWWA to do another lake cleanup day on Saturday May 4, 2024. Sign up at FWWA.org or reach out to Sean, <u>boldchairman@gmail.com</u> with questions.

#### **ELECTION INFORMATION**

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The hours are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

There are three Village Trustees up for election.

Want to check your voter registration or apply for an absentee ballot? Go to myvote.wi.gov.

All voting takes place in the Community Center at 531 N Nash Street.



The Village of Hortonville recognizes the "No Mow May" initiative. The Village shall temporarily suspend enforcement of the tall grass and noxious weed control ordinance for the month of May only.

If you choose to participate in "No Mow May", we do have signs available at the Village administration office, 531 N. Nash Street. This sign can be posted in your yard during the month of May.

Any questions, please call 920-779-6011.

#### CURBSIDE YARD WASTE AND BRUSH DISPOSAL

Have materials at the curb by 8:00 a.m.

Residents must use biodegradable bags that can be purchased from area retail stores.

Curbside pickup for leaves and yard waste:

Monday April 8th	Tuesday April 9th
Monday April 15th	Tuesday April 16th
Monday April 22nd	Tuesday April 23rd

Curbside pickup for bundled brush:

Bundled brush must be no more than 3 inches in diameter, no greater than 4 feet in length and weigh no more than 50 lbs. in order to be picked up.

Thursdays: April 11th, April 18th, and April 25th

## HORTONVILLE UNION CEMETERY Spring Cleanup

In order to facilitate cleanup of Union Cemetery, all flower arrangements, real or artificial, need to be removed from gravesites no later than March 15th. Any unsightly or damaged items that are not removed in a timely manner will be so removed at the discretion of the Village of Hortonville. During this spring cleanup period, an individual who has an anniversary of the death of their loved one may place a floral arrangement, decoration, etc. in their memory next to the headstone or in the trim and stone enclosure. Spring and summer arrangements may be placed after April 15th of each year.

Anyone interested in getting a complete copy of the Rules, Regulations and Policies for the Union Cemetery should come to the Village's Administration Office and pick up a copy. It is also recommended that you check the Village's website, www.hortonvillewi.org, to read these Rules, Regulations and Policies.



#### HORTONVILLE SUMMER RECREATION

Siri Claybaugh, Rec Director Registration Opens at 7:00 a.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup>

Hortonville Recreation is preparing for another great summer this year!

Hortonville Recreation is a 6-week long summer program that offers fun and exciting activities and events for kids to ensure a memorable and fun-filled summer vacation. Counselors and volunteers work hard to engage the kids involved with the program and make every day just as amazing as the last.

Sports Tournaments, Arts & Crafts, Field Trips, Friday Fun Days, and other exciting activities make for a memorable summer experience for kids of all ages. If this opportunity sounds intriguing or beneficial to you, Hortonville Recreation could be an amazing program to become involved with!

With the generous help and efforts from the Friends of the Hortonville Library, a fund has been created to offer financial assistance to Village residents who may be in need.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

#### POOL FILLING CREDIT

Upon request by water and sewer utility customers, a seasonal sewer credit based on the number of gallons above two thousand (2,000) gallons will be issued for a residential customer swimming pool. The customer must notify the utility of the number of gallons the pool holds or a before and after meter reading to receive the seasonal credit.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Doing some remodeling this spring? Most construction projects require a building permit, and some that don't require a permit may require approval prior to starting the project.

Once you obtain the proper permit, please remember to contact Diggers Hotline 1-800-242-8511 if any excavating will be done.



What an interesting winter it's been so far. As you receive this, there may be a spring breeze in the air, or maybe more snow? Whatever is happening outside, your Senior Activities Committee is planning activities to entice you to join us for some fun and learning opportunities.

A monthly calendar is available and posted on the Village website and Facebook page. Paper copies are available at the library, meal site, and our gatherings. We also e-mail the calendar to everyone on our list and to provide updates to plans as more develop. If you are not on our e-mail list, please call the Village office at 920-779-6011 ext. 8 and ask to be included.

Here is what we have planned for the coming weeks: <u>March 1<sup>st</sup> and every Friday evening during Lent:</u> Fish Fry at St. Peter and Paul Parish

<u>March 4<sup>th</sup>, noon</u>: *Potluck* and a movie, "Jerry and Marge Go Large" in the Community Room

<u>March 7<sup>th</sup>, noon</u>: Senior Activities Meeting in Community Room (bring your own brown bag lunch) <u>March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am</u>: Coffee and Conversation in the Community Room with "ReBuilding Together". This agency assists people in making their homes safe and accessible.

<u>March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm</u>: *Birthday Party at Care Partners* with a spring activity and music.

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-5:00 pm: FREE Balance Screening at Orthopedic Spine Therapy in Hortonville. Please call 920-779-4441 for an appointment

<u>April 1<sup>st</sup></u>No potluck due to Spring Elections on April 2nd

**<u>April 8th</u>, 9:00 am:** *Coffee and Conversation* with Fox Valley Memory Project. We'll learn about signs of dementia as well as how to keep our brains healthy.

<u>April 11<sup>th</sup>, noon</u>: *Senior Activities Meeting* in Community Room (brown bag lunch)

<u>April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm</u>: *Potluck and Birthday Party.* We will make May Baskets to share with others.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Field Trip to Hearthstone Museum in Appleton. <u>RSVP by April 16<sup>th</sup></u> to 920-779-6411 ext. 8. Lunch at Pullman's. Leave at 9:15, return by 2pm. Cost is \$9 for the museum plus lunch. Please indicate if you would like a ride, or if you are driving and can take others in your vehicle.

**May 6th:** Potluck and Greeting Card creation. Busy day! We will start at 10 am making cards and then break for our potluck lunch at noon. Kelsey Larson, Dietician with the ADRC, will join us for lunch and talk about healthy eating. Card making will continue after lunch.



<u>May 9<sup>th</sup>, noon</u>: *Senior Activities meeting.* Brown Bag Lunch

<u>May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am</u>: Coffee and Conversation to discuss spring planting. We'll create plans for the outside planters at the municipal building.

<u>May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm</u>: *Birthday Party and Spring Planting!* Let's make the planters at the Municipal Building look beautiful for the summer! We'll be scheduling ongoing care through the season, so if you'd like to help with weeding and watering, we'd love to have you on the team!

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, noon: Potluck and fun to celebrate summer's arrival.

The Outagamie County meal site is available each day, with meals served at 11:00 am in the Community Room. If you or someone you know may need home delivered meals, this option is available if requirements are met. Please contact Lisa at 920-740-4648 by noon the day prior to reserve your meal or to request home delivered meals.

Cards are played Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00-3:00 in the Community Room. We partner with the library for many activities. Be sure to check out their calendar for additional happenings, including additional book clubs and special activities for all ages.

As you notice, we have listed the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish's Lenten Friday Fish Fry on our calendar. Our annual Senior Autumn Fest is held at the church each October. The parish and staff have generously shared their space and support at no cost to us over the past few years. We are sincerely grateful for this contribution to our community and see this as an opportunity to help support their work.

We hope you'll find something in the next few months you'd like to participate in. It's a great way to connect with others to share conversations, laughter, and new experiences. New ideas for speakers, activities, and outings are welcome—please share your thoughts and ideas with any committee member. Get out soon to connect with others and maybe spark some new interests to pursue. We look forward to making 2024 a special year for all.





#### Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 27, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Join the American Legion in remembering those who have lost their lives and served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

A memorial service will be held in the Hortonville High School auditorium starting at 9:30 a.m. After the service, a parade from the high school to Veterans Memorial Park (on East Main Street) will commence. There will be a short service at the site of the Veteran's Memorial.

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

The Hortonville American Legion Hammond-Schmit Post 55 will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 22, 2024 at the Commercial Club Park Hortonville. There will be music, food, drink, and games for the entire family. We would like to invite the whole Hortonville community to join us. More details in the June newsletter will follow.



#### **GRASS CUTTING**

Per Village Ordinance 26-26, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the grass cut the <u>entire</u> grass cutting season.

Failure to keep the grass cut may result in a fine.



#### 2024 DOG LICENSES

All dogs kept in the Village need to be licensed by the end of the day on March 31st. You must purchase a dog license every year. Previously registered dogs will be charged a \$5 late fee as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.



#### May 6-9, 2024

Hydrants are flushed twice a year in order to provide our customers with the best water quality possible.

 Monday: All areas NORTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.
 Tuesday: All areas SOUTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.
 Wednesday-Thursday: All areas that may be incomplete from the previous days.

If you notice employees flushing in your area, **do not run water until they have left the area**. If you notice discolored cold water in your home, do not run any <u>hot water</u> until your cold water is clear. If you notice discolored hot water, you should flush your water heater. There is a connection for a garden hose on the bottom of most water heaters to clean any build up from the hot water tank.

Flushing ensures proper operation of hydrants and also removes loose scale accumulation from inside the water mains. Slightly discolored water may appear in your home. This does not mean your water is unsafe to drink. If discolored water continues to be a problem, please call 920-779-4086.

#### 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 of Hortonville may dispose of the waste or waste material itself at the expense of that person found illegally disposing the waste.





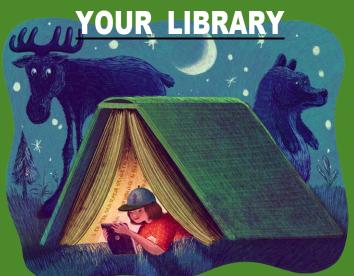


You'll receive **one newsletter a month** with upcoming programs and events!

### FOHL Book/Bake Sale: May 17th & May 18th

For a full list of our events- follow the library on Facebook, and check out our NEW website: **www.hortonvillelibrary.org!** 

### ADVENTURE BEGINS AT



## 2024 Summer Library Program Registration opens 6/3

Programs start 6/17

## We want YOU... to help us support the library and community!

#### The Friends of the Hortonville Public Library (FOHL) is looking for new members and collecting financial contributions for the Hortonville Summer Recreation Scholarship Program.

Pencil us in- the FOHL meets in the library every other month! During our meetings, we help plan library events and celebrations, the annual book sale, and more.

Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the library.

Through your generous donations, **10 kids** from lower income households were able enjoy the Summer Recreation Program this past summer! **Thank you for your help in making memories for these children!** 

The FOHL needs your help to continue this scholarship program in 2024 and beyond! Please consider sponsoring a child's registration fee or by making a donation in any amount to the scholarship fund for the Summer Recreation Program! One child= \$200- \$275

Stop by the library or send us an email at friendsofthehortonvillelibrary@gmail.com for more information about FOHL or how to contribute to the Rec Scholarship Program.

Checks and cash accepted; please make checks out to FOHL with the memo line designating the funds to the scholarship program.





Friends of the Hortonville Library



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