

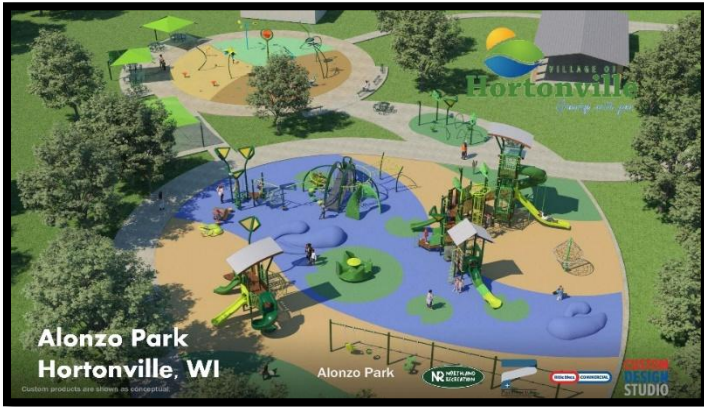
Village Voice

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Village newsletters are mailed to residents quarterly.



SAVE THE DATE!

The tentative date for the Grand Opening of the Alonzo Park Playground and Splashpad will be Saturday, May 31st, starting at 10:00 a.m. with a ribbon cutting.

Along with the grand opening, there will be food trucks and ice cream. More details to come!



Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 26, 2025 - 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.



RETIRING IN MARCH

Knowledgeable, methodical, reliable, good work ethic. These are just a few words that describe our Public Works Clerk, Lisa Visocky. As she enters into retirement on March 5, 2025, we are happy to see her enjoy her time in her new adventure.

There were so many times people would yell out, "Hey, Lisa....." because Lisa knew the answer 99.9% of the time. Or, do you know so and so? And she'd fill you in. Lisa has been an invaluable source to our work team, always gets the job done and is very efficient. On top of it, she has a wicked sense of humor, providing great camaraderie to our staff.

Lisa started working at the Village of Hortonville as a part-time employee on November 14, 1994, sitting just a few feet from the Clerk/Treasurer and the Accounts/Payroll Clerk. To say it was close quarters would be an understatement.

On January 1, 2007, Lisa was promoted to full-time and has been with the Village for a whopping 30 1/2 years. Working with many department heads throughout the years, Lisa has gained a plethora of contacts and long-term friendships.

When we relocated to a new municipal building in 2014, there was more room to spread out. Working in utility billing, there is a lot of documentation, and Lisa was thrilled to have the space!

Lisa is a reader, seamstress, lover of malted milk balls, enjoys golfing with her husband Tim, among many other hobbies.

Thank you, Lisa, for all your hard work and we wish you well – you will be missed!

Your Village of Hortonville Team!

From the Police Department

Spring brings new beginnings, and with that we are very excited to welcome warmer weather, flowers, trees full of green leaves and seeing people enjoy the time of having longer days!

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 31st, if not completed by that date you are at risk of being fined with a late fee. If your dog is over 4 months of age they should be registered. You can stop by the Village office and they will help you with the process. It is important that your dog is wearing tags in the event they get loose and we need to find their home.



As we spring forward, we would like to share some new information with you. If you did not know, Sergeant Brian Bahr has been promoted to Chief of Police and wanted to share a message.

As the new Chief of Police, I want to take this opportunity to

introduce myself. I began my career with Hortonville in 2004, and have served as a patrol officer, school resource officer, training officer, and patrol sergeant with the department. I am excited to build new relationships in this new position while fostering those I have developed during my years of service. I am proud to serve this department, the community, and those who visit.

I encourage you to reach out to me with any concerns, questions, or suggestions you may have. Your feedback is valuable in assisting the department with providing the highest quality of service. I want all residents to feel safe, respected, and valued.

Hortonville is a fantastic community that I am honored to serve!

Chief Brian Bahr

Village-Wide Rummage Sales

Saturday, May 10, 2025 & Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

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

As we are in the midst of winter with spring in our sight I just wanted to take the time to tell you about some updates on the lake. For the first time in the last few years we have been able to keep ice long enough to put the fence up around our aerators. I'm sure many of you remember the maintenance issues we were having with the harvester as of late last year. We have ordered the correct parts and will start fixing it once the weather permits us to. If all goes well we should have the harvester up and running for our cutting start date of June 1, 2025.

Our annual Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance lake clean up is scheduled for May 3, 2025 and will be held at Black Otter Park in the morning. The last few years we were able to gather hundreds of pounds of garbage from around the lake and watershed. Please check FWWA.org if you would like to sign up or type in this link <https://fwwa.org/what-we-do/trash-free-waters/cleanup/>.

If anyone has questions feel free to reach out to Sean Kuske at boldchairman@gmail.com

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The hours are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Village President and three Village Trustees will be on the ballot for the Village.

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

There are no scheduled elections for fall of 2025.



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.

For leaves and yard waste, residents must use biodegradable bags that can be purchased from area retail stores.

Curbside pickup for leaves and yard waste:

Monday April 7th	Tuesday April 8th
Monday April 14th	Tuesday April 15th
Monday April 21st	Tuesday April 22nd

Curbside pickup for brush:

New this year! There is no longer a need for residents to cut or bundle brush when setting out at the curb. The Village now has a chipper and it is actually easier for us to chip the branches that are in larger pieces.

Thursdays: April 10th, April 17th, and April 24th

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 1st

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.



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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 with 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 to provide updates as details change. If you are not on our e-mail list and would like to be included, 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. Gatherings are held in the Community Room of the Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted.

March 3rd: *Card making beginning at 9:00 a.m., potluck at noon. Create greeting cards to take home, or to make for gifts to others.*

March 10th: 9 a.m.: *Coffee and Conversation: Wisconsin Foodie: The History of the Kwik Trip Glazer! Free samples included with the viewing of the show. . Meet our new Police Chief, Brian Bahr, who will be with us to introduce himself and answer questions.*

March 13th, noon: *Senior Activities Meeting in Community Room (bring your own brown bag lunch).*

March 17th: 1:00 p.m.: *Birthday Party: Stan Dorn, retired Fire Chief, will discuss the History of the Hortonville/Hortonia Fire Department; treats and beverages provided.*

April 7th: *Potluck with Music! Hortonville High School students will entertain us and stay for food and conversations.*

April 10th: Noon: *Senior Activities Meeting in Community Room (brown bag lunch).*

****April 14th: Field Trip to the "History Museum at the Castle":** *Meet in the Community Room at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the museum. Afterwards, lunch at a local restaurant is planned for those interested. The museum tour will be \$5 per person, with the rest paid by Senior Activities. Lunch will be on your own. RSVP and \$5 due to Lauren in the Village Office by April 9th.*

April 21st, 1:00 pm: *Bingo for Bars! Bake or bring your favorite bars, along with the recipe. We'll play bingo with bars going to the winners!*



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May 5th: Cinco de Mayo! *We'll celebrate with a taco bar provided by Senior Activities. Feel free to bring salads or desserts to add to the meal. The party will continue with a pinata and some special activities.*

May 8th, noon (tentative): Senior Activities Committee Meeting

May 12th, 9 a m : *Coffee and Conversation: Kelly Sassman will join us to talk about Tai Chi. This is a wonderful way to be good to our bodies as we age.*

May 19th, 1 p.m.: *History topic, TBD.*

****June 2nd, 9am:** *Let's get down and dirty as we get the planters at the Village Building ready for the season. Work first and then sit down for snacks and beverages to celebrate our accomplishments!*

****June 9th, 11-1:** *We'll be at Whistler's Knoll for a special program presented by Holly Boettcher on "Growing and Using Herbs". You can order a delicious flatbread pizza ahead of time and grab a glass of wine or beverage while we're there. There is no cost for the program, but food and beverages will be at your expense.*

The Outagamie County meal site continues to be available each day, with meals served at 11 a.m. 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.

Join in the fun with the card players on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-3 in the Community Room. We partner with the library for many activities. Be sure to check out their calendar for additional events, including book clubs and special activities for all ages.

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. Let's enjoy this time of our lives by learning, laughing, and living our best lives!

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.



May 12-15, 2025

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 to the Village limits.

Tuesday: All areas SOUTH of Main Street 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 hot water until your cold water is clear. If you notice discolored hot water, you should flush your water heater.

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.

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.



GRASS CUTTING

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

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

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish (107 Olk St, Hortonville) will be having their famous Lenten Fish Fry for the following Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11 from 4:30-7:30 PM & April 18 with carry out only from 4:00-7:00 PM. Serving haddock, walleye or shrimp meal that includes a choice of potato, coleslaw, marble rye bread, homemade dessert & coffee. Children's menu available. Our full menu is on our website (www.ssppp.org). Carry out is also available by calling 920-779-6133 or 920-779-0551--you can place your order starting at noon on all Fridays. Our facility is handicap accessible. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

COMPOST SITE

Open Hours: Dawn to Dusk 7 days/week

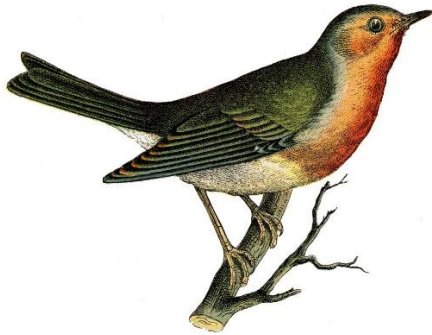
Residents are invited to drop off their yard waste and brush at the compost site located by the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 521 W. Cedar Street. Be prepared to show an I.D. or utility bill.

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.

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Municipal Court

1st Wednesday of the Month at 6PM

Peter Olk, Municipal Judge

Village Administration Office 920-779-6011

Office Hours:

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

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