



Upcoming Events

February 17 - Village Board
 February 17 - Building Board
 February 18 - Primary Election (at Village Hall)
 February 18 - Police Commission

Quote of the Week

"If you only have one smile in you, give it to the people you love."

- Maya Angelou

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Manager's Office

- The Village Manager attended the Walmart ground breaking ceremony. Walmart is looking to open before the next school year begins. Village Manager attended a presentation on the consolidated North Shore Dispatch Center.
- The Spring Primary Election will be held on February 18th for the position of Village Trustee. Voting locations will be consolidated to one location at Village Hall in the Board Room.
- The Assistant Manager and Health Officer held the first ever Farmers Market Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Discussions related to the location (remaining at American TV), vendors, and ways to advertise and grow the market. This year's format and layout will be very similar to years past.



Park and Recreation



- **Residents and Nonresidents can register for Winter/ Spring programs.** A listing of the Winter/Spring programs can also be viewed on the Village's website. Four ways to register for recreation programs; on-line, in-person at the office, by mail or drop box located in the front of Village Hall.
- The Director and Supervisor met with members of the School District's Administrative Team to review the collaborative effort for summer school and summer programs offered by the Department.
- Director is working with DPW staff on the removal of the platform from the Pond.
- **Sheepshead Tournament, Saturday, March 22nd at the Lois and Tom Dolan Community Center.** Participants must register in advance for the tournament at the Park and Recreation Department. Tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. consisting of three (3) rounds of 15 games. Registration fee is \$8.00 with a registration deadline of March 14th.
- **Village Park Permits are now being sold for the 2014 picnic season that runs from May 1st – September 30th.** The facilities include a shelter area, grill, volleyball court, horseshoe court and children's play area. Park Permit fees must be paid in full at the time the reservation is filled. Pond Admission Fees will be charged in addition to the Permit Fee and will be assessed the day of the event. A Clean Up Deposit Fee will also be charged the day of the event and will be returned if the shelter and park area are left in good condition.

Public Works



- The Director, Community Services Director, and the Engineering Manager met with the Village's engineering consultant to discuss the Dean Road Reconstruction project between 55th Street and Teutonia Avenue. The Village received funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under the safe routes to school program to add a sidewalk along the north side of West Dean Road between 55th Street and Teutonia Avenue. The Village will also be replacing the pavement on Dean Road along with undertaking drainage improvements and culvert replacements. Construction is expected to start after Memorial Day.
- The Director and Laborer met with a representative from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to discuss the Village's Urban Forestry Grant work-plan for 2014. The Village was successful in receiving a grant for \$50,000 to help with the Village's effort to defend against emerald ash borer. The Village will be treating approximately 200-ash trees with chemicals to help prevent emerald ash borer infestations and preserve the Village's tree canopy.
- The Director and Community Development Director attended the Public Information Meeting on Wednesday for the County Line Road Reconstruction Project between 67th Street and the railroad tracks just east of 52nd Street. The purpose of the meeting was to inform residents of the design plans and to allow the opportunity for input. The existing roadway asphalt will be replaced along with the addition of a new sidewalk along the south side of the roadway between 60th Street and the Oak Leaf Trail. Construction is expected to occur this summer.
- In the Original Village, KS Electric completed directional boring new cables for the remaining street light installation. The cable directional boring occurred at the intersection of River Lane and Deerwood Drive and also at the west end of River Lane and Deerbrook Drive. WeEnergies has delayed the installation of the remaining light poles until spring or after the frost is out of the ground. Due to the extreme depth of frost this year (approximately 6-feet) it is not recommended to install the light pole bases because there is a concern of leaning poles after the frost leaves the ground. The remaining black light poles to be installed are in the north half of the neighborhood along Deerwood Drive (north of Larry's Market) and along River Lane. Roadway construction work remains halted in the Original Village and will resume again in the spring. Remaining work includes, but is not limited to, shrub planning, tree planting, mulching, topsoiling, seeding, and sodding.
- Another weekend with more accumulating snow meant that DPW was back to working winter operations. The DPW crew came in on Saturday late evening between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. for a salting operation on all Village roadways. DPW crews were back salting on Wednesday late afternoon during the light snow event. The Village, like many other North Shore communities and communities in southeastern Wisconsin, is very closely monitoring our salt supply. DPW will be salting the roadways as efficiently as possible in order to ensure our salt supply lasts through the season.
- The Director and Administrative Assistant attended the Beautification Committee meeting on Tuesday. The main topic was planning for the upcoming Arbor Day/Keep Greater Milwaukee Clean/Earth Day event. A date of Saturday, May 10th has been set for the event. Electronic recycling, appliance recycling, and paper shredding will also be included. More details will follow at the upcoming regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meetings.
- The Recycling Center has switched to Winter Hours. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE RECYCLING CENTER HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2014.** The Recycling Center is now open only on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the months of January, February and March.
- DPW crews are continuing to fill potholes on streets throughout the Village with cold-patch asphalt and also assisting the Water Department with cold-patching asphalt in locations of water main breaks. DPW crews rented a grinding machine to grind down the heaving concrete on Bradley Road in the westbound lanes immediately west of Sherman Blvd. Voids and potholes on Bradley Road were also filled with cold-patch asphalt. Permanent repairs on Bradley Road will take place in the spring.

Administrative Services



- § The Administrative Staff continues to work on the budget compilation, year-end reports, and audit work papers.
- § The Treasurer/Comptroller attended the regularly scheduled Department Head meeting and the Finance/Public Works Committee meeting.

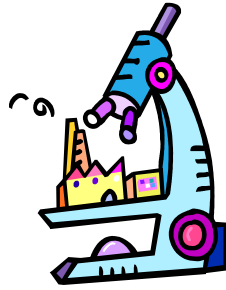
Recycling Center on Winter Hours

Saturday
10:00 AM to 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Health Tip

February is American Heart Month, and Valentine's Day is a great time to start taking steps to be heart-healthy. Here are some ways to participate: prevent and control high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes; avoid smoking and secondhand smoke, limit alcohol use; maintain a healthy weight be active; eat healthy. Programs designed for support can be found at American Heart Association web site: www.heart.org.

Community Services



- The Inspection Department issued the following permits this week: 4 Certificate of Compliance for residential real estate sale; 2 Building permits: (2) Kitchen remodels – 1 due to a fire; 5 Electrical permits: (3) wiring new furnaces, (1) residential bath update on electrical outlets, and (1) replacing (3) antennas and removing (3) coaxial lines; 4 HVAC permit: (4) new residential furnaces; 3 Plumbing permits: (2) bathroom remodels – 1 with new gas water heater, and (1) water pipe replacement with 2 hose bibs and 2 washer connections.
- The Inspection Department also conducted the following inspections: (4) rough Building inspections, (2) final Building inspections, (2) rough Code Compliance inspections for real estate sales, (3) final Electrical inspections, (1) rough Plumbing inspection, and (1) final Plumbing inspection.
- The Community Development Director attended a groundbreaking event for Walmart.
- The Community Development Director held a meeting with business owners from the Original Village to discuss plans for a block party event to recognize the completion of the streetscape project. The block party is proposed to take place on Saturday, June 7th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- The Zoning & Planning Specialist has now met with the Police Department, Health Department, Water Department, and the Department of Public Works to begin coordinating efforts to proactively address various issues pertaining to code enforcement. This week, for example, the Zoning & Planning Specialist will begin sharing foreclosure data with the Water Department on a weekly basis. The objective is to work with the Water Department to identify abandoned or foreclosed properties, and prevent frozen pipes from rupturing and causing property damage or undue water losses.
- The Engineering Manager completed an invoice to WeEnergies for permits that have been issued allowing them to excavate in the Village rights of way over the last six months of 2013. The Village has an ordinance which requires anybody, be they a large public utility installing a cable or a small local plumber, has to dig a hole to connect to a sewer. Because We Energies has a high volume of work to do to serve their customers, they also create a large number of permits, which are held by the Village and invoiced twice a year. The permits, which fluctuate in cost depending on the size of the projects, generate a check of several thousand dollars to the Village.
- The Engineering Manager created a number of maps for the Police Department showing details of intersections in the Village which share a border with an adjoining community. For example, at the intersection of West Bradley Road and North 51st Street, the City of Milwaukee has jurisdiction of the southwest corner of the intersection while the Village has jurisdiction of the other three quadrants. Sometimes when an accident occurs, the responding officers have a difficult time discerning in which community the accident happened and, therefore, which police department needs to show up. The maps will aid officers, especially during the winter when the pavements, as well as visible landmarks, are often obscured by snow.

North Shore Health Department



- The health officer attended a meeting for the Brown Deer Farmers' Market. This was the first meeting for the ad-hoc committee. Items discussed were rules and regulations of the market, approving a budget, fees, and the responsibilities of committee members.
- Daycare immunization reports are being completed and returned to the health department. Our area day cares have a good record of compliance.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced this month that there has been a 43% reduction in motor vehicle deaths among children age 12 and under in the past decade. However, more than 9,000 children in this age group died in crashes during that time. **In 2011, a third of the children who died in crashes were not buckled into child seats or seat belts.** Parents and caregivers can help keep children safe by: knowing how to use car seats, booster seats and seat belts, using the right car seat for each child on every trip, no matter how short, and by setting a good example by always using a seat belt themselves. Remember to use a car seat or booster seat that is age and size appropriate. Continue to use a booster seat until the five step test is passed. **Keep children ages 12 and under in the back seat.** For help installing or adjusting your car seat, or to ensure that your car seat or booster seat continues to fit your child, visit: www.nsfire.org and request a car seat installation appointment. For more information on child passenger safety from the CDC, visit: www.cdc.gov.
- Staff attended the Elderly Services Advisory Board meeting.
- The next immunization clinics are Tuesday, February 18th, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Shorewood office and Wednesday, February 19th, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Brown Deer office. Appointments are required for these clinics. Please call 414-371-2980 for an appointment.
- Considering how to enjoy those extra minutes of sunshine at the end of the day? Why not use them getting a few minutes extra exercise outside: chop that ice, move some snow off the mountain by your driveway, walk up and down the driveway (carefully if there's ice) a few extra times. Even though the groundhogs predicted six more weeks of winter, Spring **IS** coming!

Water



- ◆ It appears that we found our slow leak. This week Tuesday, we had a significant main break on Calumet, just east of the water tower. Tuesday night, the drain cycle on the water tower was back to 4+ hours.
- ◆ The Engineering Manager and Zoning & Planning Specialist had a discussion about foreclosed homes. The Zoning & Planning Specialist will be forwarding the list that he compiles of foreclosed homes to the water utility on a weekly basis, allowing us to drive by and spot read the water meters. This is done to insure that the meter is not spinning in the home. If the home owner turned off the heat when abandoning the home, the pipes can freeze and split sending thousands of gallons of water down the home basement drains. This can become expensive for the water utility.
- ◆ Water utility workers went to the Diggers Hotline conference on Wednesday to learn about underground safety. Staff attended the Tri County Water Works meeting on Thursday to learn about water main design, valve actuation, and reservoir/tank cleaning technology.
- ◆ Quarterly water meter reading was performed this week. The utility will send out water bills by the end of the month.
- ◆ The water utility staff is working on a main break analysis presentation for the water commission meeting tentatively scheduled for February 27th.