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Sherwood News

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From the Administrator. . .

Happy Holidays from the Village Hall!

As we transition into Winter mode you may have noticed the Public Works Dept. placing locator posts by roadway infrastructure. Please do not remove these markers for the snow plows. If you place markers on your property, they should be made of fiberglass. Please keep them out of the road Right-of-Way. And, remember to clear your mailbox of snow to ensure delivery.

Refurbishing of the Village Hall is nearly complete. This year, a second brick portico was added at the gymnasium entrance to shield visitors from wind, rain and snow. The parking lot was improved by placing storm water drains and pipe to remove runoff from the building and parking areas. In Spring, the roadway signage and landscaping will be addressed. From this point forward, the Village Hall will be your official polling place.

The Public Works Dept. recently completed a 1/3 mile trail section connecting the Miller Pond Trail (Stommel Road) west to Pigeon Road. The new trail lies between the High Cliff Golf Course Holes #13 & 14 and thru the 5-acre wooded parcel purchased last year, exiting onto Pigeon Road. Sixty-five trees were felled and removed with the help of Summer Helpers Ben Vanden Heuvel and Brett Arnold, and a bulldozer from the J&E

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VILLAGE HALL
W482 CLIFTON RD
PHONE: 920-989-1589
HOURS: M-F 8:30-4:30

Jeff Weyenberg
Village President

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Administrator

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Clerk/Treasurer

Kathy Mader
Utility Clerk

Beth Lautenschlager
Office Coordinator

Public Works
W479 CLIFTON RD
920-989-4085

Bill Diedrick
Scott Nadler



Real Estate Tax payments

The Calumet County
Treasurer's office will

be mailing the real estate tax bills in mid-December. Real estate tax payments may be made in person, by mail, or placed in the drop box outside the village office entrance door.

If making your tax payments in person, office hours are M-F 8:30-4:30 with the exception of holiday closures.

Please note the holiday office schedule:

CLOSED:

Friday, Dec. 23

Monday, Dec. 26

Monday, January 2

Make checks payable to the Village of Sherwood Treasurer.

If a receipt is needed, **please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.** The first installment is due by January 31.

After January 31, all payments need to be forwarded to:

Calumet County Treasurer,
206 Court Street
Chilton, WI 53014

Administrator continued...

Quarry. The DPW cut out the trail base using our skid steer, kept the good topsoil for future projects, and replaced it with a stone base. This section will be asphalted next Summer, while additional side trails will be cut and left as grassed sections. Please get out and enjoy your trail system.

Next year, the Village portion of your property tax bill will be reduced from \$5.53 to \$4.78 p/\$1,000 of assessed value (14%). This is due to the large reduction of Tax Increment District #1. Most of this very successful TID's valuation is now on the general tax roll. The Village portion of your tax bill is now lower than at any time in 20+ years.

While there are several small projects to complete before closing TID #1 in 2014, the last major project is development of the 17-acre Upper Wanick Park site using an approximately \$2.5 million budget. A Citizen Committee is being formed now to work with a professional consulting group to steer the site development process. Between 11 and 13 members will comprise the Committee, working with the consultant from March to September developing alternatives to be considered by the PRUT Board. One design plan will be selected and recommended to the Village Board. The project could be under construction by Summer 2013.

Please consider being a citizen member of this historic design committee by filling out a Volunteer Information Sheet located on our webpage and returning it ASAP!! We want your input.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Please call or stop by the Village Offices with any questions.

Randy

Randy Friday, Village Administrator

E-mail: administrator.sherwood@newbc.rr.com

Spring election candidates

Beginning December 1, 2011, nomination papers may be circulated for the April 3, 2012, Spring Election for the following Village offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Joe Hennlich
Village Trustee	Joyce Laux
Village Trustee	Terri Welisek

All terms are for two years. Nomination papers may be obtained at the Village Clerk's office, W482 Clifton Road. Completed papers must be filed by 5 p.m. January 3, 2012, with Susan Williams, Village Clerk. If necessary, a primary will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2012. ▲

2012 Dog licenses due



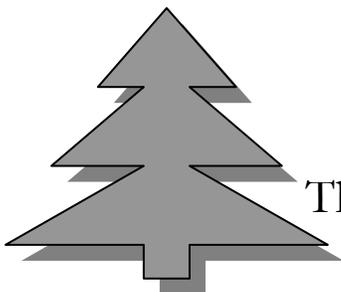
Don't forget to have your dog licensed for 2012. By State law, all dogs 5 months and older must be licensed annually by March 31 of each year. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required.

The fee for a neutered male or spayed female is \$3; an unaltered dog is \$8.

2012 dog licenses are available now. **If you no longer have your pet, please contact the office so we can remove the pet from our database.**

For your convenience, you may handle your license renewal by mail, please include proof of rabies vaccination, license fee and **a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**

After March 31, a \$5 late fee will be charged in addition to the licensing fee. **Please mark your calendars — we will not be sending out reminder letters.** ▲



Christmas tree disposal

The yard waste site will be open from December 30 through January 27 for Christmas tree disposal.

Wisconsin Election Laws—Photo ID and Other Recent Changes

As we covered in the last issue of the newsletter, beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you have met ID requirements. Wisconsin does not issue a separate “Voter ID” card. Instead you must use one of the photo IDs listed below. **Acceptable forms of Photo ID:**

- Wisconsin driver’s license*
- Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card*
- U.S. passport*
- Military ID card*

* The above documents may not have expired earlier than the date of the last November election.

- Certificate of naturalization issued within last two years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver’s license or state ID receipt
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.
- Unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains an issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within two years of issuance, along with a separate document showing proof of current enrollment.

If you are eligible to vote but do not have an acceptable ID, you may obtain a **free** ID for purposes of voting. Please visit <http://gab.wi.gov> and click “Voter Photo ID” for more information. Your photo ID does not need to show a current address.

Provisional Ballots:

Voters who do not provide Photo ID

Voters, including absentees, who are required but unable to provide photo ID may vote by provisional ballot.

Provisional ballots are not counted unless the voter provides an acceptable photo ID to the municipal clerk by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election.

Changes to Absentee Voting

Absentee in the Clerk’s Office

Absentee voting in the clerk’s office is now restricted to the two weeks before an election. Absentee voting now ends at

the close of business the Friday before the election.

The new law prohibits absentee voting and voter registration the Saturday, Sunday or Monday before an election.

Beginning in 2012, absentee voters in the clerk’s office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls (see list on the left).

Absentee Requests by Mail

Beginning in 2012, absentee requests for ballots sent by mail must be accompanied by a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter ID (see list on the left).

Once you have sent the clerk’s office a photocopy of your ID, you will not need to send photocopies with future absentee ballot requests by mail, fax or email unless you change your name or address.

Absentee Requests by Email/ Fax

If submitting an absentee request via fax or email, you must either include a photocopy of acceptable ID with your request or in your absentee ballot envelope.

Signing the Poll Book

Voters must sign the poll book to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter. Only one poll book needs to be signed.

Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a physical disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, tell the election officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. Election officials will write “exempt” in your signature block.

Voter Registration Changes

You can register to vote up until the Friday before the election or on Election Day. You must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. Proof of residence is required when registering less than 20 days before an election, on Election Day, and for first time Wisconsin voters registering by mail. For more information on acceptable proof of residence documents, contact your local municipal clerk. For more information about the Voter Photo ID Law go to <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS.

Refuse & Recycling



Missing or damaged waste cans

This year's wind storms tossed around its share of waste cans. The office has received a number of calls from residents reporting that their waste can has blown away after collection.

The waste cans are owned by Veolia, our waste carrier. Veolia has a serial number on each can and tracks which address that can is assigned to. The Village is billed for garbage service based on how many of each size can is in the inventory.

Each address is accountable for its waste can. If it gets dirty and stinky from your garbage, wash it. If it blows away, look for it. If it gets damaged during collection, report it, and Veolia will repair or replace it at no charge.

Every can is accounted for in Veolia's inventory. If your can goes missing, and you think a neighbor may have it, call the office to get the serial number of your can. If you find a can after a wind storm, call the office and report the number. Then, when we get a call from a neighbor, we can tell them where to find it.

If your waste can cannot be found, the office will order a new one for you, BUT we have to pass along Veolia's \$50 charge for a replacement can. Billing you \$50 does not mean it's your can, it just covers the cost of the replacement. If you find your can at a later date, we will reimburse you the \$50 when you turn in the extra can.



Overflow/Bulk Pickup in 2012

There will be one bulk pickup in 2012. Mark your calendars—it will be on **Mon., May 21.**

Rates for garbage cans in 2012

The annual rate for garbage pickup in 2012 will be \$108 for a 40gal can, \$119 for a 60gal can and \$130 for a 90gal can. Garbage pickup is on your tax bill as a special assessment. If you move in mid-year the service is prorated. ▲

2012 SCHEDULE	TRASH	RECYCLING
JANUARY	6	EAST
	13	WEST
	20	EAST
	27	WEST
FEBRUARY	3	EAST
	10	WEST
	17	EAST
	24	WEST
MARCH	2	EAST
	9	WEST
	16	EAST
	23	WEST
APRIL	30	EAST
	6	WEST
	13	EAST
	20	WEST
MAY	27	EAST
	4	WEST
	11	EAST
	18	WEST
JUNE	25	EAST
	SATURDAY - 2ND	
	8	EAST
	15	WEST
JULY	22	EAST
	29	WEST
	SATURDAY - 7TH	
	13	WEST
AUGUST	20	EAST
	27	WEST
	3	EAST
	10	WEST
SEPTEMBER	17	EAST
	24	WEST
	31	EAST
	SATURDAY - 8TH	
OCTOBER	14	EAST
	21	WEST
	28	EAST
	5	WEST
NOVEMBER	12	EAST
	19	WEST
	26	EAST
	2	WEST
DECEMBER	9	EAST
	16	WEST
	SATURDAY - 4TH	
	30	WEST
	7	EAST
	14	WEST
	21	EAST
	SATURDAY - 29TH	
	WEST	

Sherwood Water & Sewer News



Fluoride in your drinking water

A reduction of fluoride in your drinking water will take place beginning in January 2012. The Appleton Water Treatment Facility (AWTF) fluoridates the community's water to improve oral health and reduce tooth decay. Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proposed the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water be set at the lower end of the current recommended range (.07-1.2 mg/l) to prevent tooth decay. The reason for the change is that Americans have other sources of fluoride as compared to when fluoride was first introduced. Too much fluoride can lead to dental fluorosis which can leave white markings on the tooth enamel.

Clear Water discharge

The Clear Water Discharge Control Ordinance #04-61 prohibits the discharge of any and all clear water into a sanitary sewer. This includes water from a roof drain, gutter, sump pump, ditch, pipe or cistern. Violators of this ordinance face a fine of up to \$1000 per day.

Sump pump discharge in roadways

The Village Board stipulates that uncontrolled discharge from sump pumps, including frozen runoff onto public sidewalks and streets and excess runoff from one lot onto another poses a threat to the public health and safety. Every year we get complaints about ice build up on public streets. To reduce the public exposure to liability and ensure safe passage to motorists and pedestrians, sump pump discharge pipes should be moved to the rear or side yards between November 15 and April 15 of the following year. The sump pump discharge shall drain on the premises, not directly onto the roadway creating a hazard.



Adopt a fire hydrant

The Sherwood Water & Sewer Utility encourages citizens to adopt a fire hydrant in winter. Please help keep your neighborhood safe by clearing the snow around the hydrant making it easily accessible for the Fire Dept in case of a fire emergency. Thanks for the help!

Installment plans for overdue bills

You may enter into an installment plan to pay what you owe your utility. This helps you pay your current bills and any overdue bills. You will be asked to make a "reasonable down payment" and "reasonable installments." A reasonable amount is based on:

1. The size of your overdue bill.
2. Your payment history.
3. How long your bill has been overdue.
4. Reasons your bill is overdue.
5. Other important factors such as household size, income, and necessary expenses. Your utility may ask you to sign an installment agreement. Do not sign it unless you agree to the terms. You have the right to suggest a different payment agreement. If you do not pay installments as agreed, the utility may disconnect your service. If you do not pay, the utility does not have to negotiate a new agreement before it disconnects your service. It is up to you to let the utility know if there have been any significant changes in your ability to pay. If you and the utility cannot agree on an installment plan, you can file a dispute with the PSC. While the PSC investigates and attempts to resolve your dispute, your service should not be disconnected. However, you must pay all bills not in dispute.

Service Disconnections

A utility must either mail or personally deliver a notice before your service is disconnected. This notice must include:

1. Date of notice.
2. Date when service can be disconnected.
3. Reason for the disconnection.
4. If feasible, the occupants may apply to the utility to accept responsibility for future bills and avoid disconnection of service.
5. How to contact the utility about the notice. The notice must be mailed to your home or mailing address at least 10 days before the disconnection. If the billing address is different from the service address, notice shall be posted at the service address at least five days before disconnection. The utility is required to make a reasonable effort to contact you by

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telephone or in person before service is disconnected. If service is not disconnected within 20 days after the notice is mailed, the utility must leave a new notice at the site not less than 24 hours or more than 48 hours prior to disconnection. A utility may disconnect utility service without notice where a dangerous condition exists for as long as it exists. Service may be disconnected with a written 24-hour notice for non-payment of a bill covering theft of water.

Your service **cannot** be disconnected if:

1. You fail to pay for merchandise or non-utility service.
2. You fail to pay for a different type or class of utility service.
3. There is a declared heat advisory, warning, or emergency for your area.

Your service **can** be disconnected if:

1. You fail to pay your bills, including delinquent bills from a previous address.
2. You fail to pay your installment plan as agreed.
3. You fail to pay required deposits.
4. You tamper with your meter.
5. There is a safety hazard.
6. You refuse or fail to allow the utility to obtain a meter reading at least once every four months where the utility bills monthly or bimonthly, or at least once every nine months where the utility bills quarterly.

Medical Problems

The utility may delay disconnection for up to 21 days if there is a medical emergency in the home. During this delay, you must work with the utility to make payment arrangements in order to continue the service on a permanent basis. The utility may require a letter regarding the medical emergency from your doctor, a public health official, a social service official, the police, or sheriff. The letter must specify the medical emergency, the need for water, and the expected duration of the emergency. The utility may grant another 21-day extension if there is evidence that you are working with the utility to establish a payment plan.

Delinquent Bills Levied as a Tax

Delinquent municipal utility bills may be levied as a tax as provided in Wis. Stat. § 66.0809(3).

Have a Dispute?

First contact your utility to try to resolve the problem. If you are behind on your bill, the utility may offer you an installment plan to pay the amount owing. If the utility cannot resolve your problem, you may contact the PSC at 1-800-225-7729 or (608) 266-2001. While the PSC reviews your dispute, your service should not be disconnected. However, you must still promptly pay any charges not in dispute. After the PSC completes its review, a staff member will contact you and the utility to discuss the resolution.

The PSC does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provisions of programs, services, or employment. If you are speech, hearing, or visually impaired and need assistance, call (608) 266-5481 or TTY (608) 267-1479. We will try to find another way to get the information to you in a usable form.

**For More Information Contact:
Public Service Commission**

610 N. Whitney Way, P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854
608-266-5481 / TTY: 608-267-1479 <http://psc.wi.gov> ▲



Winter ordinance

Per Village Ordinance #3 no parking is allowed between 2:30 and 6:30 a.m. on Village streets between November 1 through April 1. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed for noncompliance.

Snow Removal Do not blow or push snow into the street or across the street. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove snow from the entire width of the walk in a timely basis.

Garbage containers Please keep the full approach and exits to your garbage container and mailbox clear. Do not place the garbage container on the road. The snow plow driver will not be responsible for damaged containers. To comply with mail delivery and snow removal, place your garbage container on the apron of your driveway away from your mailbox.

Mailboxes It is each, individual property owner’s responsibility to keep their mailbox clear of snow and ice and accessible for mail delivery.▲

In your neighborhood...

Calumet County Bi-Monthly Foot Clinics

Sherwood Community Center—**Thurs., Jan. 5 and Thurs., Mar. 1, 2012 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.**

Cost: \$15 Bring two bath towels. Call 989-2700 extension 432 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

The Sherwood American Legion Post 496 is accepting applications for its annual scholarship awarded to students in the Sherwood service area of the post. Applications can be requested by writing to: Sherwood American Legion Post 496 Scholarship Committee, P O Box 29, Sherwood, WI 54169. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Application deadline is March 31, 2012.

Y Sports Programming

Soccer — Registration for the 2012 YMCA Sherwood Youth Soccer League starts in February. The In-town League (ages 4 – 2nd Grade) will start on April 17 and end on June 7. The Lake to Lake League (grades 1 – 8) will start practicing in early April and play games on Saturdays from April 14 to June 9. Registration will start on February 1. The deadline for the Lake to Lake League is March 4. The deadline for the In-town League is April 2.

Baseball — T-ball and Rec League, ages 5 – 10 will be played on Monday evenings starting June 11. The season runs until July 28. The Traveling League (ages 8 – 10) will start playing games in late May, and wrap up their season in early July. Sign up for all of these leagues begins on Mar 1.

Registration Forms are available at The Heart of the Valley YMCA and at the Sherwood Village Office. You may also register online at www.ymcafoxcities.org or print off a registration form from the website. Remember, if you want to receive the Sherwood Resident Rate, you must register in person or mail in the form. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call or email Brandon Vanderhoof, Sports & Recreation Coordinator, Heart of the Valley YMCA. bvanderhoof@ymcafoxcities.org or (920) 830-5703.

StrongWomen — The next session of classes will run Tue/Thurs from Jan 3 to Mar 22, 2012. You MUST

register to join; the deadline to register is Dec. 22. Classes are held in the Village Hall gym.

The 9am-10am is an ADVANCED CLASS (must have taken traditional class before to join Advanced group).

The 10am-11am is the traditional class.

Call Nancy Krueger at (920) 740-9572 or email nkrueger@vpind.com to register.

Sherwood Boot Camp Classes Start the new year out right!! The next session of Boot Camp classes begins Jan. 3. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Village Hall gym. For more information or to register contact Nancy Krueger at 920-858-4894 or bnkrueger@msn.com.

Walking in the gym Escape the snow and ice! The Village Hall gym is open to Village residents from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for walking and jogging with the exception of 9 to 11 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. ▲

Becoming a Bird City



The Bird City Wisconsin committee recently submitted an application to add the Village of Sherwood to the list of 29 other Bird City Wisconsin locations. Our extensive ponds, trails system and proximity to High Cliff State park help Sherwood handily meet the seven criteria needed for designation and recognition as a Wisconsin Bird City.

By receiving the Bird City Wisconsin designation, the Village of Sherwood can take pride in a successful conservation effort and demonstrate our continued commitment to the health of our bird population. If you would like to take part in a fun and important “birding” activity join the annual Christmas Bird Count Jan. 1st. Contact Terri Welisek, the Calumet County Coordinator at terriw@new.rr.com or 989-1969 for further information.

Learn more about Bird City Wisconsin via <http://www.birdcitywisconsin.org>.

We’d like to recognize the team efforts of Terri Welisek, Deb Cook, Pam Kuhlmeier, Juliana Flavin and Sandra Sharer for help in the application process. ▲



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 Sherwood WI 54169

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

POSTAL PATRON

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings will be held at the Village Hall, W482 Clifton Rd., unless posted otherwise.

- Plan Commission (PC) 1st Monday - 6:30 p.m.
- Village Board (VB) 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
- Utility Commission (UC) 3rd Monday - 7 p.m.
- Park Rec and Urban Tree (PRUT) meets quarterly.

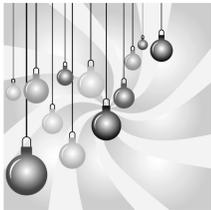
Agendas are posted at the post office, community center, Village Hall and on the Village website: www.villageofsherwood.org

JANUARY 2012				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
OFF	PC	4	5	6
VB	10	11	12	13
UC	17	PRUT	19	20
VB	24	25	26	27
30	31			

FEBRUARY 2012				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
PC	7	8	9	10
VB	14	15	16	17
UC	21	22	23	24
VB	28	29		

MARCH 2012				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
PC	6	7	8	9
VB	13	14	15	16
UC	20	21	22	23
VB	27	28	29	30

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



OFFICE CLOSED:
FRI., DEC. 23
MON., DEC. 26
MON., JAN. 2

Your Elected Officials

POSITION & NAME	PHONE	TERM EXPIRES
President: Jeff Weyenberg	920-358-0533	2013
Bob Benz	989-1760	2013
Roger Kaas	989-2106	2013
Joyce Laux	989-1956	2012
Joe Hennlich	989-2715	2012
Jim Rath	989-3629	2013
Terri Welisek	989-1969	2012