

1st Quarter

January 2013



“Gateway to High Cliff State Park”

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VILLAGE HALL

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

Jeff Weyenberg
Village President

Randy Friday
Administrator

Susan Williams
Clerk/Treasurer

Kathy Mader
Utility/Finance Clerk

Valerie Seidel
Administrative Assistant

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W479 CLIFTON RD
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From the Administrator...

Happy Holidays from the Village Hall!

Annually, as we transition into Winter mode, you may notice 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 and out of the roadway. Remember to clear your mailbox of snow to ensure delivery.

Construction projects this year were highlighted by replacing several sections of water line and repaving several neighborhood streets in the Forest Avenue/King’s Way area. Additionally, State Park Road was refinished in front of the High Cliff Golf Course. Next year, the *Lake Shore Estates – East subdivision* roadways will be urbanized, receiving curb, gutter and asphalt.

We also began the *Knight Drive extension* project that will serve as the Entry/Exit road to *Upper Wanick Park*. The road base will be open during the winter to get residents used to the new roadway and help get the base compacted before Spring construction begins.

In the interior roadway section (4 acres), it appears Sherwood will once again host a grocery store. We are in the final stages of concluding a deal that will bring a new *Dick’s Family Foods* store (Wrightstown) to our community. Over 100 years old, *Dick’s* is the oldest, independent grocery store operating in Wisconsin. It is run by the VandenWymelenberg family and we eagerly await the opening of their new store.



The Village is excited to announce the development of a new grocery store near the Knight Drive extension!

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Nomination Papers

Beginning December 1, 2012, nomination papers may be circulated for the April 2, 2013 Spring Election for the following Village offices:



Office

- Village President
- Village Trustee
- Village Trustee
- Village Trustee

Incumbent

- Jeff Weyenberg
- Roger Kaas
- Jim Rath
- Bob Benz

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 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 with Susan Williams, Village Clerk. If necessary, a primary will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013. ▲

Administrator continued...

During the Winter months, construction drawings will be finalized for both the Park and grocery store projects. In Spring, both projects will begin and so will the transformation of over 40 acres of land. Both projects are intended to be completed by Oct. 1 next year.

Most Park (YMCA) recreation offerings will be moved from Wanick Park up to Legion Park (behind the *Community Center*), including soccer and softball offerings. The soccer fields will be re-graded for better drainage and the current baseball field will be moved. Check out the Park plan on the Village website at 'News/Projects'.



Next year again brings a local tax rate reduction. The *Village portion* of your property tax bill will be reduced from \$4.78 to \$4.58 p/\$1,000 of assessed value (-4%). In the past five years, the Village portion of your tax bill has been reduced over 20%.

And, it remains lower than at any time in 20+ years.

We look toward next year as one of great changes and possibilities for Sherwood. Many thanks to all that contributed to the Park development and new grocery store projects.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season,

Randy

Randy Friday – Village Administrator



Christmas tree disposal

The Village's Yard Waste Site will be open from Friday, Dec. 28 through Friday, Jan. 25 for Christmas tree disposal.

Real Estate Tax payments



The Calumet County Treasurer's office will be mailing the real estate tax bills in mid-December.

Payment Options: Real estate tax payments may be made in

person, by mail, or placed in the drop box outside the village office entrance door (cash or check only).

If you are making tax payments in person, office hours are Mon. through Fri. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM with the exception of holiday closures.

Village Office holiday office closures: Tues., Dec. 24 Wed., Dec. 25 & Tues., Jan. 1

Check payments: Please make checks payable to the Village of Sherwood Treasurer.

Receipt Requests: If a receipt is needed, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

First Installment Deadline: January 31

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

Calumet County Treasurer
206 Court Street
Chilton, WI 53014 ▲

2013 Dog licenses

Don't forget to have your dog licensed for 2013! 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 \$5; an unaltered dog is \$10. 2013 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. ▲**

Garbage cans



Our waste management provider supplies the garbage cans used for automated collection. The cans come in three sizes: 35-, 65- and 90-gallon. Residents are assessed on annual pickup fee based on the size they select (\$108, \$119 and \$130, respectively).

If a resident resides in Sherwood part-time and suspends service while they are away, they will be assessed a \$25 administrative/delivery fee when restarting service.

If your can is damaged during collection and requires repair or replacement, please call the Village office to make arrangements at no cost. If a can is damaged through misuse (i.e., hot ashes) or lost, the homeowner will be responsible for the replacement cost. ▲

Please mark your calendars!

**Spring Bulk Item Pick-Up:
Monday, April 29, 2013**

Items accepted for collection include: furniture, rolled carpeting (4ft maximum length), cabinets, countertops, mattresses/bed springs, non-metal doors, wood windows, wooden playground equipment, large appliances without Freon (stoves, washers, dryers, etc.; granted if item can be handled by 2 people safely).

Excluded items for collection include: uncontainerized or piles of construction material, Freon-containing items (refrigerators, AC units, freezers), tires, batteries, TVs/DVD players/VCRs, computer equipment, liquid, yard waste items, engines / products run on petroleum, electronic items banned from landfills.

Keep in mind that this will be the **only** bulk item date this year, so please plan accordingly!

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office. Thank you! ▲

2013 TRASH & RECYCLE

MONTH	TRASH	RECYCLING
JANUARY	5 (SAT)	EAST
	11	WEST
	18	EAST
FEBRUARY	25	WEST
	1	EAST
	8	WEST
MARCH	15	EAST
	22	WEST
	1	EAST
APRIL	8	WEST
	15	EAST
	22	WEST
MAY	29	EAST
	5	WEST
	12	EAST
JUNE	19	WEST
	26	EAST
	3	WEST
JULY	10	EAST
	17	WEST
	24	EAST
AUGUST	1	WEST
	7	EAST
	14	WEST
SEPTEMBER	21	EAST
	28	WEST
	5	EAST
OCTOBER	12	WEST
	19	EAST
	26	WEST
NOVEMBER	2	EAST
	9	WEST
	16	EAST
DECEMBER	23	WEST
	30	EAST
	6	WEST
JANUARY	13	EAST
	20	WEST
	27	EAST
FEBRUARY	4	WEST
	11	EAST
	18	WEST
MARCH	25	EAST
	1	WEST
	8	EAST
APRIL	15	WEST
	22	EAST
	30	WEST
MAY	6	EAST
	13	WEST
	20	EAST
JUNE	28	WEST
	5	EAST
	12	WEST
JULY	19	EAST
	26	WEST
	2	EAST
AUGUST	9	WEST
	16	EAST
	23	WEST
SEPTEMBER	30	EAST
	6	WEST
	13	EAST
OCTOBER	20	WEST
	27	EAST
	3	WEST
NOVEMBER	10	EAST
	17	WEST
	24	EAST
DECEMBER	1	WEST
	8	EAST
	15	WEST
JANUARY	22	EAST
	30	WEST
	6	EAST
FEBRUARY	13	WEST
	20	EAST
	28	WEST

Sherwood Utility News — “Your Bill of Rights” as Village Resident

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) provides this information to let you know your rights as a water customer. If you have a question or problem with your service, first contact your utility. If your utility cannot resolve the problem, call the PSC.

What is on Your Bill

All water utility bills must include:

1. Account number.
2. Billing address.
3. Service address (if not the same as the billing address).
4. Current meter reading and date.
5. Prior meter reading and date.
6. Number of units consumed.
7. Minimum and estimated bills shall be distinctly marked as such.
8. The date on which the utility bill is due.
9. The rate schedule under which the bill was computed.
10. Clear itemization of the amount of the bill for the present billing period, any unpaid balance, and any late payment charges.
11. Clear itemization of other utility charges and credits. If the rate schedule is not included with the bill, the utility must provide a copy of the rate schedule to all customers whenever a rate change becomes effective *and* at least once each year.

Late Payment Charges

A utility can add a late payment charge if your bill has not been received by the utility by the due date printed on your bill. A late payment charge can be:

1. A one-time charge of 3% of the unpaid bill (minimum of 50 cents), *or*
2. A monthly charge of up to 1% of the unpaid bill (including unpaid late payment charges).

A Deposit May Be Required

If you are a new residential customer, you may be asked to post a deposit if you did not pay an undisputed bill for gas, electric, or water service anywhere in Wisconsin during the last six years *and* your income is above 200 % of federal income poverty guidelines. If you are a current residential customer, you may be asked to post a deposit if:

- a. Your service has been disconnected within the last 12 months.
- b. You falsified a service application.

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.
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.

“Your Bill of Rights” Continued...

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.

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 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.

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> ▲

Bird City update

The WI Bird City recognition awarded to Sherwood earlier this year is another point of pride for our community. The 17 box bluebird trail on Sherwood Forest Golf Course produced lots of new native songbirds with 13 Eastern Bluebirds, 28 Tree Swallows, and 7 tiny House Wrens.

Get involved with the Audubon Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, Dec. 16 when observers fan out in our area to count the type and numbers of birds to monitor annual changes. It's fun and easy. Contact Terri Welisek at 989-1969 to join the team. There's the Great Backyard Bird Count as well in Feb. 2013. To learn more, go to <http://birds.audubon.org/great-backyard-bird-count>.

Be sure to watch your yard for winter arrivals of Evening Grosbeaks, Red Crossbills, and Pine Siskins as early reports of a big movement from the north are coming in. Hard to believe that these birds stay with us during our winter when conditions on their arctic breeding grounds are too harsh.

As winter closes in you can aid birds by providing a heated birdbath and keeping your feeders and suet sticks stocked. Oh yes, and keep your binoculars handy! ▲

Winter ordinance



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

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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 off the roadway on the apron of your driveway away from your mailbox.

Mailboxes—Keep in mind that it is the 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. 2, 2013 from 12:30 PM to 2 PM.**

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

Local Scholarship Opportunities



The Sherwood American Legion Post 496 is accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards. This annual scholarship must be used for undergraduate or graduate, full-time study at an accredited college or university. The applicants' primary residence must be in the Sherwood service area of the Thomas E. Kees American Legion post.

To receive an application, write Sherwood American Legion Post 496 Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 29, Sherwood, WI 54169-0090 and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Completed scholarship applications are due no later than March 31, 2013.

The Sherwood Area Optimists are offering four \$250 scholarships to area graduating seniors planning to attend any accredited college, university, or technical college as a full-time student. Preferential consideration will be given to the applicants residing within the Sherwood area.

To obtain a scholarship application, please send a request to: Sherwood Area Optimist Club Scholarship Committee, c/o Jan Keuer, N251 Kings Court, Sherwood, WI 54169 or e-mail dkeuer@new.rr.com. All applications are due by April 1, 2013.

Sherwood Optimists Activities



Bowling Tournament — The 10th annual Adult/Youth 9 Pin Tap Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at Shenanigans in Sherwood. Two shifts, 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM, are available for teams of 1 adult and 1 youth, under 18. An entry fee of \$15.00 is required for each team. The tournament is limited to the first 36 teams, with teams pre-registering.

To register, please call Rick at Shenanigans at 989-1232 or stop in to pick up an entry form. The deadline for registering is Mon., Jan. 21, 2013. This family event is co-sponsored by Shenanigans and the Optimists. Trophies and door prizes are given out!

High Cliff State Park Events



Candlelight Ski/Hike — The Candlelight Ski will be on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Forest Management trail is torch-lit for skiers and hikers alike. Stop by the bonfire to warm up along the trail and visit the Friends of High Cliff concessions stand for some hot beverages and snacks. We ask that you please leave your pets at home for this event. A state park vehicle admission sticker is required.



Arbor Day Event — Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting and Park Spring Clean-up will be on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Volunteers should meet at the park pavilion at 9 AM to receive trees for planting and garbage bags for litter pick-up. The Friends of High Cliff State Park will be providing a noontime lunch. Groups of 6 or more are asked to pre-register. Volunteers are encouraged to bring shovels and work gloves. A state park vehicle admission sticker is not required for registered volunteers.



Winter Spring Naturalist Programs at High Cliff — Find winter and early spring naturalist programs at High Cliff visiting these web pages: DNR “Get Outdoors” <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/getoutdoors/events.html> or go to the Friends of High Cliff website at www.friendsofhighcliff.org. ▲

Youth “Y Sports” Programming

Soccer — Registration for the 2013 YMCA Sherwood Youth Soccer League has begun! The In-town League (ages 4 – 2nd grade), starts on April 16 and ends on June 6. The Lake to Lake League (grades 1 – 8) starts practicing in early April and plays games on Saturdays from April 13 to June 8. Registration starts February 1. The deadline for the Lake to Lake League will be March 3. The deadline for the In-town League is April 1. We are looking forward to another great soccer season!

Baseball — The YMCA will again be offering baseball in the summer in Sherwood. T-ball and Rec League, ages 4 – 10, will take place on Monday evenings starting in June. The Traveling League, ages 8 – 10, will start playing games in late May and will wrap up their season in early July. Sign-up for all of these leagues begins on March 1.

Registration Forms are available at the Heart of the Valley YMCA and at the Village Office or 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 contact Brian Vanderhoff, Sports & Recreation Coordinator at the Heart of the Valley YMCA, at bvanderhoff@ymcafoxcities.org or (920) 830-5703. ▲

Adult fitness class offerings and opportunities



Strong Women — A group based exercise program targeted for midlife and older

women that focuses on strength training and aerobic exercise.

Session Dates: Tuesdays/Thursdays from Jan. 8 through March 28

Traditional Class: 10 AM – 11 AM

Advanced Class: 9 AM – 10 AM (must have taken traditional class prior to qualify)

For registration and more information, contact Lynn Michels at (920) 849-1451.

Walking in the Gym — Escape the snow and ice! The Village Hall gym is open to Village residents from 8:30 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday for walking and jogging. Please be aware that priority use of gym will go to fitness classes scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.



Hatha Yoga — A holistic and low-impact style of yoga, which focuses on posture, discipline, breathing and meditation.

Class Schedule: Fridays from 9 AM – 10 AM

Cost of Class: \$20 per 6-week session or \$4

per class. No preregistration required—pay at time of class.

Session Dates: Jan. 11 – Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 – March 29

For more information, please stop by one of the class sessions!



Boot Camp — Want to get in shape or challenge yourself for the new year? Give this class a try!

Class Schedule: Tuesdays/Thursday/Friday mornings starting February 5, 2013

Time: 5:30 AM – 6:15 AM

For registration and more information, contact Nancy Krueger at (920) 740-9572 or nkrueger@vpind.com. ▲



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Sherwood WI 54169



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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 PM
 Village Board (VB) 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:30 PM
 Utility Commission (UC) 3rd Monday - 7 PM
 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 2013				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
PC	8	9	10	11
VB	15	PRUT	17	18
UC	22	23	24	25
VB	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2013				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
PC	5	6	7	8
VB	12	13	14	15
UC	19	20	21	22
VB	26	27	28	

MARCH 2013				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
PC	5	6	7	8
VB	12	13	14	15
UC	19	20	21	22
VB	26	27	28	29

Your Elected Officials

Holiday Schedule

The Village Office and municipal garage will be closed:

- Tues., Dec. 24
- Wed., Dec. 25 &
- Tues., Jan. 1

NAME	PHONE	TERM EXPIRES
Jeff Weyenberg, <i>Pres.</i>	358-0533	2013
Bob Benz	989-1760	2013
Joe Hennlich	989-2715	2014
Roger Kaas	989-2106	2013
Joyce Laux, <i>V. Pres.</i>	989-1956	2014
David Miller	841-3141	2014
Jim Rath	680-6026	2013

