

Village of Sherwood News

January 2020

Refuse and Recycling Updates



Christmas Tree Disposal

The Village Yard Waste site (at intersection of Kesler Rd. and Military Rd.) will be open during the month of January for Christmas tree drop-off. The Village does not provide curb side pick up, so please take advantage of this offer. E-mail questions to officecoordinator@villageofsherwood.org.

BULK ITEM PICK UP

TUESDAY

May 12, 2020

Acceptable items: Furniture, rolled carpeting (4 foot maximum length), cabinets, countertops, mattresses/bed springs, non-metal doors, wood windows, wooden playground equipment, large appliances without Freon (stoves, washers, dryers, etc. allowed if item can be handled by two people safely).

Non-accepted items: Uncontained items or piles of construction material, tires, batteries, TVs/DVD players/VCRs, computer equipment, liquid, yard waste items, engines/products run on petroleum, and electronic items banned from landfills.

Freon-containing items (refrigerators, AC units, freezers, old dehumidifiers) are also prohibited for collection. If you have an appliance with Freon, please contact the Village Office to find out how to properly dispose the item.



FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

As I'm sitting here writing this article the temperature today is in the 30's. But wait...its Wisconsin and the weather is sure to change within 24 hours. Speaking of change...we are in the process of filling the open position of Village Clerk. Thank you to our other office staff for the extra effort and to the Village residents for their patience while we work through this process.

YOU are the Village of Sherwood and have the right to stay engaged in village issues. Unfortunately, when citizens do get involved it is only when it affects them personally. Their property, their neighbors, their ditches, and their...well you get the idea. Some say that our village regulation atmosphere is not strong enough while others believe that we're good where we are and perhaps too concerned about our level of regulations. I realize that there are numerous factors that affect today's generation that are different than those of past times. But is it really? We all need to "Collaborate". That is to say; yes, we need to look at the past but also plan to collaborate for the future of the Village of Sherwood. And how? By staying involved in village issues by coming to board meetings and voicing your opinions. Or better yet, think about becoming part of an active committee, commission, or board position. You live in a great village, let's all collaborate to make it even better for the future.

With the spring and warmer days and nights many of you will be out walking, running or biking. I ask that you always think about your safety. It's a proven fact that today's motorists are easily distracted and may not see you until the last minute. Help them see you from afar by wearing bright reflective clothing.

Always remember to shop local. I look forward to seeing you next year.

Best Regards,

Joyce Laux, Village President

FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

The Village tackled a few projects during this year's construction season:

Sundown Court	Culvert & road replaced at Palisades Pond due to wash-out.
Stumpf/Meehl	Subdivision roadway and drainage improvements.
CTH 'M'	Stormwater inlets placed at Stumpf intersection.
State Park Road	Re-asphalted section from Jurek Court to Harrison boundary.
State Park Estates	Trail area in/out of Wanick Park area at Lake Breeze Drive.
Natures Way Drive	Oversee extension of roadway for new subdivision.

The Village continues pursuit of new road construction from the Village Hall to STH 55/114 at CTH 'B', across from Jeannie's bar. To locate that intersection, property has been acquired. with construction possible in Summer providing a much-needed addition to our interior roadway system. Developable land across from the Village Hall has now been listed for sale by J&E Quarry as their quarry operation has ceased. In November, the Community Development Authority finalized the former-*Shenanigan's* site for redevelopment. And, in December, the CDA welcomed the pottery shop (*High Cliff Studio*) as its newest business into the *Historic Downtown*. Its owners are residents Jason and Allie Sonsthagen. Congratulations on your fantastic December opening!

The Village Board approved the FY2020 *Annual Budget* tax rate at \$4.32 p/\$1,000 of assessed value. Our local tax rate remains lower today than it was a quarter century ago!

As always, we wish you a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

Randy Friday

Contact Us

VILLAGE HALL
W482 CLIFTON RD
PHONE: (920) 989-1589
HOURS OF OPERATION:
M-F 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM

Village Administrator

Randy Friday

Clerk/Treasurer

Randy Friday

Utility/Finance Clerk

Kathy Mader

Park and Rec. Coordinator

Brenda Stumpf

Office Coordinator

Kristy Van Hefty

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"Be a Fan" of your local municipality...

Keep up-to-date on our upcoming events on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/villageofsherwood



Bird City Update

Sherwood is one of over 100 Wisconsin municipalities committed "to enhancing the environment for birds and educating the public about interactions between birds and people and the contributions birds make to a healthy community." Part of educating our community is to keep all of us informed of the threats to birds and what we can do to help birds thrive. The top three direct threats to our bird population are cats, collisions and pesticides. The following website gives great information to minimize these threats and protect our bird population. www.abcbirds.org

CATS – Predation by domestic cats is the number one human—caused threat to birds. According to The American Bird Conservancy reports outdoor cats kill about 2.4 billion birds annually. The following website provides you information about why keeping your cat indoors is not only good for the birds that visit your yard but the health of your cat as well. <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/faq-outdoor-cats-and-their-effects-on-birds/>

COLLISIONS - About 1 billion birds die from window strikes each year according to a 2014 study. Visit this website for some good ideas to help save birds from colliding into home windows. <https://www.preventivevet.com/cats/when-birds-and-windows-collide-what-you-can-do-to-help>

PESTICIDES – Pesticides widely used in homes and gardens along with rodent poisons and sprays used for ornamental plants can be very toxic to birds and bees. Visit this website to learn how to choose bird safe pesticides for your yard and home. <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/07/140709-birds-insects-pesticides-insecticides-neonicotinoids-silent-spring/>

Sherwood has a small group of interested people wanting to help Sherwood stay bird friendly – JOIN US! Contact me at debracook53@gmail.com.

SNOW REMOVAL — Snow from your property is your own responsibility. It is unlawful to shove accumulated snow onto nearby vacant lots, ditches, or lots across the roadway. The Village is not responsible for broken or altered stakes placed in Village right-of-way while truck snowplows clear roadways. Do not plug-up your culvert ends or you may regret it come springtime!

PINK STAKES SERVE AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE — Pink -topped stakes are placed strategically by our Public Works to ensure proper snowplowing of Village streets. These markers help our drivers maintain the integrity of Village infrastructure AND help with mitigating issues with your property! Please do not remove them.

OVERNIGHT PARKING ENFORCEMENT — Village Parking Code Chapter 20 Art. I — No parking is allowed between 2:30 AM and 6:30 AM on Village streets between Nov. 1 through April 15. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed for noncompliance and may be towed.

MAILBOXES — It is the property owner's responsibility to keep the mailbox clear of snow and ice and accessible for mail delivery. Please ensure it can withstand the force of snowplowing.

ADOPT A HYDRANT — The Sherwood Water & Sewer Utility encourages citizens to adopt a fire hydrant for the winter. Help keep your neighborhood safe by clearing snow around the hydrant making it easily accessible for the Fire Department in case of a fire emergency.



FROM THE CLERK-TREASURER

Real estate tax payments may be made in person, by mail, or placed in the drop box outside the Village Office entrance door. Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, money order or credit card for an additional fee. 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 the following holiday closures:

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

CHECK PAYMENTS: Please make checks payable to Village of Sherwood Treasurer.

FIRST INSTALLMENT DEADLINE:

Friday January 31st payments must be received by 4:30pm. If by mail, documents must be postmarked by Jan. 31st.

AFTER JANUARY 31ST, PAYMENTS MUST BE FORWARDED TO:

Calumet County Treasurer, 206 Court Street, Chilton, WI 53014 ▲



2020 Dog Licenses are available NOW!!!

Sate law requires all dogs five (5) months and older are licensed annually by March 31st. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. **2020 dog licenses are blue.** If your license is red it is expired! Fee for a neutered male or spayed female is \$5. Unaltered dogs are \$10. If you no longer have your pet, contact the Village Office at 989-1589 so we can remove the pet from our database. Thank you!

SEEKING NOMINATION PAPERS

Beginning December 1, 2019 nomination papers may be circulated with the final day for filing nomination papers being 5PM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 for the Spring Election being held on February 18th for the following Village Offices:

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Village Trustee	Ned Marks
Village Trustee	David Miller
Village Trustee	Kathy Salo

UPCOMING 2020 ELECTIONS

- Spring Primary Election February 18, 2020 (if needed)
- Presidential Preference Primary & Spring Election April 7, 2020
- Partisan Primary Election August 11, 2020
- General Election November 3, 2020

For alternative absentee voting information, please contact the Village Office.

FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COORDINATOR

I hope your 2019 was as good as mine. It sure seemed to fly by quickly. It was another great year for park and recreation activities and we hope you had a chance to enjoy some of them.

Reminder: If you are looking to rent our facilities, Village residents have the first chance before rentals are opened to the general public. You have the first 5 business days of the new year. Please remember grilling is not allowed in the parks unless you rent one of our portable grills and use it in the designated area.

Every summer we look for a Park and Recreation Assistant. This person assists the Coordinator with various activities, events and outside maintenance. Do you know someone who may be interested? If so, please have them contact me for more information and an application.

Did you know you can donate a memorial bench to be placed in our parks or trail system? We have more information at the village office if you are interested. Also, we have our community forest that lies between Golf Course Road and Hole #14 at High Cliff Golf Course. You pick a tree from our available stock we will move it into the “Community Forest”, where it will be tagged with the name you wish on the tree. If you would like additional information you can call me at the Village office.

Upcoming Events: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11th at 10 a.m. Information and registration form is included in this newsletter. The Home Alone/Babysitting class will be held on April 18th from 8 a.m.- 4p.m. and is for kids ages 10-15. This is a great class taught by an American Heart Association BLS Instructor. This class is limited in size so sign up early. New this year; We host a Daddy/Daughter Spring Dance on March 14th from 6 – 9p.m. at High Cliff Event Center. There will be fun, food, soda, photo booth and more. A flyer is included with more information.

Please remember that you **MUST** pre-register for these events.

Hope you all stay warm this winter and I look forward to a prosperous 2020! Any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me.



Brenda Stumpf, Recreation Coordinator (parkandrec@villageofsherwood.org)

Sherwood Area Optimists Offer Scholarships

The Sherwood Area Optimist Club is a community-based service organization committed to serving youth by creating a more optimistic future through innovative programs. We are offering six \$500 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 applicants residing within the Sherwood area.

To obtain a scholarship application, please send a request to: Sherwood Area Optimist Club Scholarship Committee, c/o Susan Jorgensen, N7807 Lakeshore Lane, Sherwood, WI 54169 or e-mail sjorgensen@new.rr.com. All applications are due by April 1, 2020.

SHERWOOD WATER & SEWER UTILITY—YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS

What if you have a complaint?

If you have a dispute regarding electric, gas or water service, the PSCW can help:

Did you contact your utility to resolve the dispute?

- Both you and the utility must make reasonable attempts to resolve a dispute

No?

- Contact the utility using its contact information included with the bill or notice

Yes?

- You may contact PSCW Consumer Affairs to try to resolve the issue

Conservation & Moving

If you would like information on conservation or are expecting to move to another location, contact your utility. The utility can provide estimated energy costs at the new location, in the form of average energy used or the largest and smallest bills in the last twelve months. As another note on conservation, it is recommended that water heater thermostats be set no higher than 125° Fahrenheit

For more information on conservation, go to FOCUSONENERGY.COM or call: 1-800-762-7077

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About Us

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) is an independent regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest. The agency is responsible for the regulation of Wisconsin public electric, gas and water utilities, including those that are municipally-owned, since 1907. The PSCW works to ensure that, in the absence of competition, adequate and reasonably priced service is provided to utility customers.

Contact Us

Phone (Local/Toll Free)

General: 608-266-5481 / 888-816-3831

Consumer Affairs: 608-266-2001 / 800-225-7729

Web

<http://psc.wi.gov>

You can also Log a Complaint Online at: <http://apps.psc.wi.gov/pages/complaint.htm>

En la Comisidn de Servicios PUblicos del estado de Wisconsin (PSCW) podemos ayudarle en español. Cuando llame a la PSCW, simplemente indique que quisiera servicio en español, y conectaremos a un interprete a la lima.

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Utility Customer Bill of Rights

**Your Rights as a Residential
Electric, Gas, or Water Utility
Customer**

SHERWOOD WATER & SEWER UTILITY—YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS

Disconnections

A utility can disconnect your service for:

- Nonpayment
- Default on a deferred payment agreement
- Nonpayment of a deposit
- "Name switching" on an account where a customer did not pay their bill and continues to reside at that address
- Tampering with utility equipment
- Safety hazards or other emergencies
- Failure to provide access to a meter or utility-owned equipment

A utility must:

- Send you notice before disconnection (except where there is a safety hazard or self-reconnection)
- Include the reason(s) for disconnection, ways to contact the utility, and the dispute procedure on the notice

Winter Disconnection Rules

If a utility service provides the primary heat source to your home or impacts the primary heat source to your home (for example, water or steam radiators), a utility cannot disconnect that service from November 1st through April 15th. Before winter, the utility must attempt to contact customers whose service was disconnected for nonpayment. Utilities are also required to check the customer's well-being, attempt to negotiate payment plans, and inform the customer about any special assistance available to avoid disconnection.

Medical or Protective Services Emergencies

If a disconnection will aggravate a medical or protective services emergency, the utility may delay service shut-off for up to 21 days. The utility may require documentation from a professional involved with the medical emergency or crisis. Contact your utility about any such special circumstances.

Deposits

Utility companies may require a deposit for service to ensure payment. A standard deposit cannot exceed the sum of the two largest consecutive bills during the last twelve months. A deposit requested due to nonpayment during the winter months cannot exceed the four highest consecutive bills during the last twelve months. The following rules apply to payment and refund of deposits:

Existing Residential Customer

- Deposits can be requested if:
- your service was disconnected during the last 12 months for nonpayment of an undisputed account or your initial application was falsified or incomplete.

Winter Moratorium

- Deposits can be requested if:
- You had debt incurred during the winter (November 1st through April 15th) that was 80 days or more past due and you had the ability to pay.

New Residential Customer

- Deposits can be requested if:
- you have an unpaid bill for utility service anywhere in Wisconsin during the last six years which remains outstanding.

Low Income Customer

- You do not have to post a deposit if you can document that your income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Please contact your utility, Energy Assistance, or the PSCW for additional information on low income resources.

For residential service, the deposit will be refunded, with interest, after 12 consecutive months of prompt payment

Budget Billing & Deferred Payment Agreements (DPAs)

To manage high winter gas bills or high summer electric bills, ask your utility about budget payment plans. This allows you to average estimated annual use into even monthly payments. Every six months, your payment amount is readjusted to reflect your actual use. At the end of a budget year, your bill is adjusted to correct over-billing or under-billing.

You may also request a deferred payment agreement (DPA) to pay a current or past due balance. A DPA consists of a down payment on the balance and installment payments toward the remaining balance negotiated between you and your utility depending on your situation. If the installment payments are not paid, the utility may disconnect your service. Municipal utilities may not be required to offer a DPA to some customers.

Delinquent Bills Levied as a Tax or Lien

Under state law, some delinquent municipal utility bills may be transferred as a tax to the property tax bill of the property owner or as a lien on tenant's personal assets.

Meter Readings

Generally, meter readings are based on actual meter readings by the utility or the customer. If a utility cannot read your meter, a customer does not provide a reading, or there is an emergency, you may receive an estimated bill. The PSCW requires electric and gas utilities to read your meter at least once every six months and when there is a change of customer. You must allow utilities to perform meter readings or your service can be disconnected.

OPEN BURNING SURVEY

The Village Board is reviewing the ordinance on open burning which is the ability to burn leaves and brush outside of a fire pit without a permit. Please respond to the following questions:

Do you support open burning in the village? _____

Why or why not? _____

Would you support a property tax increase to fund the purchase of equipment or contracted pickup of leaves and small branches in October and November? _____

How often do you visit the yard waste site? _____

Name: _____

Address: **(required)** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please complete this questionnaire and mail or drop off your response to the Village Office no later than March 1, 2020:

Village of Sherwood

W482 Clifton Rd, Sherwood, WI 54169

Or email

officecoordinator@villageofsherwood.org

Or online

www.villageofsherwood.org and click on the Village News and Newsletters tab on the left.

One response per voting adult, per household, please.



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Monthly Meeting Schedule

All meetings are 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
- Park Rec and Urban Tree Board (PRUT) 3rd Monday — 6:30 PM
- Community Development Authority (CDA) 4th Wednesday — 6:30 PM

Agendas are posted at the Post Office, Dick's Family Foods, Village Hall, and on the Village website: www.villageofsherwood.org.

**Holidays will cause meetings to be held the next day.*

Office Closures

Village Office and Public Works Garage will be closed the following days:

December 24th—Christmas Eve
 December 25th—Christmas Day
 January 1st— New Years Day

January 2020				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		OFF	2	3
PC	7	8	9	10
VB	14	15	16	17
PRUT	21	CDA	23	24
VB	28	29	30	31
February 2020				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
PC	4	5	6	7
VB	11	12	13	14
PRUT	18	19	20	21
VB	25	CDA	27	28
March 2020				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
PC	3	4	5	6
VB	10	11	12	13
PRUT	17	18	19	20
VB	24	CDA	26	27
	30	31		