

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON

NEWSLETTER

October/November 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT

Polls open November 6th at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The Village Board Public Hearing for 2013 Budget approval is set for November 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Board meeting will follow.

The Village board has hired Richard Swatek as the Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer. I look forward to being of service to all residents, business owners, taxpayers and investors in Arlington. Thank you kindly! Rick

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-Or-Treat will be held this year on Wednesday, October 31st from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Be sure to leave your lights on so children know which homes are participating. Have fun, watch for cars and be safe.

BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf material must be in a collapsible leaf container, plastic bin or tub (sorry, no plastic trash bags). The last Leaf collection is the 2nd Monday of November. Still time left to enjoy fall yard work. Leaf material should not be placed at the curb until 5 days before the scheduled pickup. Brush/Leaf can always be taken to the Yard Waste Recycling Site.

ON-LINE WATER/SEWER BILL PAYMENTS

Customers can pay their water and sewer bills online with a credit card. Customers will be charged a convenience fee of 3% of their total payment plus \$1.00. More information is available from Wisconsin Payments at www.wisconsinpayments.com

SNOW PLOWING

Snow plowing will be here soon so please make sure your mailbox is not leaning over the curb. Now is the time to make adjustments as frozen ground is coming. The Village is not responsible for mailbox damage if any portion of the mailbox is over the curb. Please see the US Post Office for exact specifications and know that every effort is made not to damage any property. Please give plenty of room for plow trucks, as their visibility is very limited as we safely serve you.

Our Public Works professionals have been flushing hydrants and turning valves on and off. You may experience a brief drop in water pressure or discolored water which will only last a few minutes.

BUILDING PERMITS

You may need a building permit if you plan to begin a project such as construction, basement or other remodeling, building a deck or installing a pool. Please check with Jim Lawton, Village Building Inspector, before starting your project. (608) 745-4070 or Cell (608) 697-7779

LITTERING AT THE VILLAGE YARD WASTE RECYCLING SITE

The brush and leaf piles provided by the Village at the Yard Waste Recycling Site are only for the disposal of grass, leaves, brush and other organic materials. Other materials, such as steel, bricks, concrete, painted wood, plastic or any garbage may not be dumped at the site. Garbage bags should be taken with you and disposed of properly. Individuals responsible for dumping materials other than those permitted at the site could face a fine of up to \$252.00, as well as the cost for Village employees to pick the material up and transport it to the Columbia County Solid Waste Facility in Pardeeville.

WATER SOFTENERS

Water softeners should be checked to ensure that they only recycle (regenerate) as often as necessary. Regeneration should be based upon flow rather than run on a timed basis. Water softeners that recycle more often than necessary can significantly increase your water/sewer bill. If you have an older softener, please consider contacting a water conditioning professional for options and water/sewer cost savings.

FALL SAFETY REMINDERS

It is Turkey fryer season, be safe and make sure the Bird has no excess moisture as boil overs are very hazardous to the cook and property.

Fall is the time to check your furnace filter and get a tune up. Also check your smoke detectors, plus emergency travel kits (blankets etc. for your car). Be prepared, be safe.

SPEED BOARD SIGN

The speed board sign is available for placement anywhere in the Village. You can contact Dan at 697-9685 or Shannon at 516-3935 for more information on availability.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING INFORMATION

Note: December 25th pick up will be the on 27th and January 1st pick up will be on 3rd.

HUNTING

Hunting is not permitted within Village limits per Section 11.03(c) of the Village Code. This restriction includes all of the industrial park and most of the property west of Goose Pond Road, north of Kampen Road and east of the rail line.

Board Members

President	James Laatsch
Trustee	Bryan Borge
Trustee	Sharon Miller
Trustee	David Qualle
Trustee	Jason Humboldt

The Village Board meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

Arlington is one of a few communities in the state that has been chosen as a test site for 4 new water meters. The new technology will electronically send meter readings to the village office computer. This technology in full use can free up our Public Work professionals from physically reading meters for more important duties. It's Windows format will create billing efficiencies and extensive data for administration. When in full implementation, it could provide a positive net return for Arlington taxpayers. As residents may know, in 2014 lead meters will be no longer be allowed for installation or service.

OFFICE NOTES

If the Village office is closed during business hours, I am at a meeting or running Village errands. Please place your payments in the box by the front door. If you need to contact me when the office is closed, you can leave a message at 635-2474 or email Rick villageofarlington@centurytel.net

Village Public Works Garage 635-4781

Emergency Numbers

Dan Mulhern	697-9685
Shannon Rohrbeck	516-3935

Village Building Inspector

James Lawton	697-7779
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General Engineering

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Richard Swatek	635-2474
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Fax: 635-8699
Email: villageofarlington@centurytel.net

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Thank you!

