

## Spring - 2018

When is spring coming? This is a common cry I am hearing. For those who prefer warmer weather, I always feel that as we approach the middle of January, we are over half way through the colder weather. We have had our share.

To start, I want to recognize some anniversary dates of our staff.

Penny Schneider – Admin Assistant – 20 years

Conni Killian-Ritchie – Municipal Court Administrator – 15 years

Chuck Hornung – Village Administrator – 10 years

Brian Goldapske – DPW – 5 years

I would also like to thank Jim Moore for his many years of service. Jim has retired from his role as Village president. It was a pleasure working beside him. Congratulation to Mike Streetar for being elected as the new Village president. Mike started his duties as Village president April 17<sup>th</sup>.

A couple 2018 projects are under way.

- The second phase of the Indiana Ave. reconstruction has started. The leaf and brush drop off bins were closed during this phase as the actual street is being constructed. It is working out well as the weather is not conducive to residents cleaning up their yards. I hope by the time the Spring Villager is out, the street will be re-opened.
- The roof of the new shelter at Le Mieux Park is on. The colorful shelter adds to the beautiful park.
- Carpeting has been replaced in the Board Room – Municipal Building

The spring election on April 3<sup>rd</sup> went well. The Village had just shy of 30% turnout. The result are posted on the Village web site.

As some of you may know, I will be retiring in July. I have been the administrator for a little over ten years. I don't know where the time went. With all the great Village staff, it made the job easy. I can only say it has been a great joy serving as the village administrator. I plan on staying active in the community. You will see Katie and me walking the streets and working on the Village gardens. I have been asked if we plan on moving. I respond by saying no. North Fond du Lac is our home. A great place to live work and play as our motto states. I am considering running for the Village board in the coming years. I am also asked what I will do after retirement. I will try and stay ahead of Katie's lists, working in the yard, woodworking, and helping our three daughters with remodeling projects. We will throw in a few trips to places we would like to see. I want to see if the comments from retired people who say they are so busy after they retire is true. I would also like to thank the residents for their support and kind comments.

Congratulation to Nick Leonard who was chosen as my replacement. Nick has been with the Village for seventeen years. Nick's title was Director of Engineering and Planning. I have involved Nick with many of the day to day activities and the transition will go smoothly. I have told Nick and the Village Board, that I am available for questions at any time. Please support Nick in his new position. I know he will do well.

Think Spring.

Chuck Hornung  
Village Administrator