

Winter - 2018

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

Here is a quick recap of what projects are planned for 2018:

- Replace the very heavy tables in the Community Center – Combined Hall to lighter fiberglass tables. (Finished)
- Replace carpet at the Library (Finished)
- Replace carpeting in the Board Room – Municipal Building
- Replace the mobile computers in the PD squad cars
- Replace the video Cameras in the PD squad cars
- Replace one of the Village lawnmowers
- Replace the Village Refuse truck
- Replace one of the DPW pickups
- Resurfacing of several village streets – one being the North end of Minnesota Ave.
- Finish the reconstruction of the South end of Indiana Ave.
- Finish the construction of the new pavilion at LeMieux Park.

I would also like to thank several of our staff who were extremely helpful and patient during our recent business system software upgrade. The previous software had not been upgraded since it was installed and existed on a restrictive database system. Continued software short comings and system failures prompted the change. Many of the staff were very excited to learn of the enhancements made to the software creating more efficient ways of processing the day to day operation tasks. Kris Ruch, Nick Leonard, Teresa Mielkie, and Laurie King all had a hand in making the conversion successful. We are still going through a learning curve but are operating fully on the new system.

Don't forget the Spring Primary where we have three candidates running for the Village President position. Our current president Jim Moore has decided to retire. The three candidates have articles in this Village with their backgrounds. The Spring Primary is on February 20th. Absentee ballots will be sent as soon as we receive them from the County Clerk.

Stay warm.

Chuck Hornung

Village Administrator