

THE VILLAGER

Summer 2006

From the President and Administrator

Personnel Changes

Many of you already know that Fire Chief/EMS Director Dana Sechler left employment with the Village. During his tenure, the Fire/EMS department made huge strides. The interim command staff has done an excellent job of keeping the North Fond du Lac Fire and EMS Departments moving forward.

Jennifer Frounfelter, former Community Center Director, left for bigger and better things. She was replaced by Piersen Bowman who begins his senior year at Marian College in the fall and plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Public Administration after Marian. Let's hope we get to keep him for a while.

Joe Ruppenthal retired from the Public Works Department after nine and a half years of service with the Village. Good luck, Joe. We hope you enjoy your retirement.

Projects and Future Plans

Like it or not, change is headed our way. If we just sit around and do nothing, nothing is what we will get. At best, we get change that we don't

want or don't need. We have the choice of simply accepting change that comes our way, or making decisions that guide us in a sensible, planned way. Andy Warhol said, "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself".

Railroad Overpass

The Office of the Commissioner of Railroads understands that the Village of North Fond du Lac has one of the top four places in the state as it pertains to railroad congestion. The OCR gave an order that stated, "That the Wisconsin Central Ltd. shall bear 50% of the cost of a study to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a grade-separated crossing at or near the Lake Shore Drive crossing, provided that the Village Board of North Fond du Lac passes a resolution no later than January 13, 2006 authorizing Village staff to commence such a study whether with its own personnel, through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, through the Regional Planning Commission or through some other entity or

mechanism." The Village did pass the proper resolution on December 5, 2005 and did contract with Donohue & Associates to perform the study for an amount not to exceed \$59,316.70. We did budget for one-half that amount in the 2006 budget. We recognize that the preliminary financial figures point to the total project cost of an overpass to be in the millions of dollars. It is no secret that the Village does not have that kind of money, so we will have to enlist the help of the Federal Government and State Government to bear most of the costs of the project. East Central Regional Planning will do a study to consider the impact of extra traffic on Lakeshore Drive or Winnebago Drive if an overpass is built.

Downtown Development

The Village has been involved in discussing the possibilities of building a new municipal facility (but only if we can afford it). The comprehensive plan (or smart growth plan) pointed to an area north of the business park as a location for a future facility. We have reconsidered the location and are now planning the municipal facility to be built in our downtown. This facility would house the administrative offices, library, public works offices, Lakeside Municipal Court and hopefully, a contracted postal unit. This building would then attract private development or redevelopment around the facility. The public safety departments (Police, Fire and EMS) would remain in the current municipal building.

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Survey

Please give us your input by filling out this survey. Please tear out the survey section and return to the Village Administrative Office.

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Village of North Fond du Lac Citizen Survey

Please provide your address so we can insure that each address has only one response. Results will not be counted without an address.

Address:

1. Do you support the idea of building a new municipal facility that will be a catalyst to downtown development?

 2. Do you support the idea of building an overpass at Lakeshore Drive if the majority of the costs are funded with the help of Federal and State dollars?

 3. Would you like the opportunity to pay your water and sewer bill by an automatic debit of your checking account?

 4. Would you like the opportunity to pay your water and sewer bill by credit card?

 5. Would you support the idea of being billed for water and sewer on a monthly basis instead of quarterly?

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LIBRARY NEWS

www.northfonddulaclibrary.org



Library staff took part in the Pride Day parade this year. They carried a banner with this summer's reading program theme, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." Some of the children who are library users handed out bead necklaces, Tootsie Rolls, and bookmarks to parade watchers. The Winnefox Library System (of which your library is a member) borrowed its mascot, Winnie the Fox, to march in the parade. Thanks to the local area person (who shall remain unknown) who donned the costume to help liven up the parade.

The end of the Summer Reading Program will be a Pets-tacular Carnival with games, food and prizes to be held at the library on Friday, August 4th.

Thanks again to the Fond du Lac Skyport for our grand prize of a

1/2 hour scenic flight for 3 persons. At the time of this printing the winner had not yet been announced.

??? If you have questions...libraries have answers. By accessing your library's web page (www.northfonddulaclibrary.org) you have access to a librarian's assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just click on the "ASK WISCONSIN" logo on the web page to connect to this service. You can then choose either to send an email or enter a chat session with an experienced librarian who can help find the information you need. That reference person will find the best resources to answer your question whether it be a specialized database, a web site or even a book or magazine. The Ask Wisconsin Librarians service is made up of librarians from over 400 libraries nationwide. They have the knowledge & tools to assist in answering any sort of question, no matter how trivial or profound. A local person was very pleased to find out where to locate the gravesite of a friend in an area cemetery via this service. And someone else was able to find a specific ethnic recipe that had been difficult to locate. This service is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction through the Winnefox Library System.

The library is still trying to fill in the missing volumes from its collection of (Oriole) High School Yearbooks. If you have any of these years: 1966 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1985 1988 1990 1997 or if you know anyone who might have a copy, please contact the library at 929-3771 or email director@northfonddulaclibrary.org

Need a sturdy book bag? The library still has some canvas book bags available for \$5. These commemorate the library's 100th anniversary in 2005.

A reminder that after Labor Day, Spillman Library will be open again on Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. The other hours remain the same: Monday & Thursday 12 to 8 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 - 5 PM. Magnet bookmarks with these hours are available at the checkout desk.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. If you don't have your card, what are you waiting for? It's free and taxpayers already support their public libraries so come in and take advantage of all it has to offer.

Story times will be starting up again after Labor Day on Sept 14th and 15th. Preschool age are offered on Friday mornings from 10-10:30 and a family night for all ages is held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7 PM. Please join us for the stories and



Motor Unit Update

On June 16, 2006, Officers Troy Damsteegt and Jeremy Sternweis graduated from Police Motor School. These officers attended the training, sponsored by Harley-Davidson, at the Michigan State Police Academy in East Lansing. On June 17, 2006, the motorcycle hit the streets for active patrol.

In its first month of service, the motorcycle was ridden on 25 days for a total of 878 miles. This averages out to be about 35 miles per day. The decision to add a motorcycle to the patrol fleet was primarily driven by the desire to help reduce vehicle related costs; most notably the skyrocketing cost of gasoline. The Department is obtaining the motorcycle from Harley-Davidson of Appleton for \$750 annually. The Motor Unit was also intended to improve community relations through increased personal contact with citizens, as well as improving general patrol techniques and traffic education/enforcement.

In the month of June, the Motor Officers contacted 75 citizens on a social basis. This does not include special events that the Motor Unit participated in during the month. Officer Damsteegt conducted a school visit on June 20, and showed the motorcycle off to more than 60 students. On June 24, 2006, during Pride Day festivities, the motorcycle was used to lead the 5K Run/Walk. The Motor Unit was then used to lead the parade through the streets of the Village. Officers Damsteegt and Sternweis shared the Motor Unit responsibilities on Pride Day. When the Motor Unit was not being utilized for a special activity on Pride Day, it stayed in the immediate area of Village Park.

Also during the two weeks the motor-

cycle was active in the month of June, the Motor Unit responded to 19 calls for service and made 1 arrest. The single arrest required that another officer bring a squad car to the Motor Officer to complete the transport. The Motor Unit conducted 20 traffic stops and wrote 28 citations and warnings. The Motor Unit officers also conducted 3.3 hours of Directed Area Patrol time and 1 hour of Extra Patrol.

Based on the statistics that the Motor Officers have recorded, it appears that the Motor Unit is going to be a very useful tool for the North Fond du Lac Police Department. In the future, we should see an even greater usage and impact of the Motor Unit. Sergeant Donovan Heavener, who worked as a Motor Officer for Federal Way Police Department in Washington, will also begin riding the motorcycle in the near future.

Water Billing Error

Due to a billing error, your current bill will show adjustments under "previous balance" for sewer service and sewer usage charges for the billing cycles of October 2005, January 2006, and April 2006. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Swimming Pools

With the onset of warm weather people like to spend more time outdoors. Many people buy permanent above or below ground pools for their yards while others buy the new storable pools. Having a pool can make for a relaxing and cool summer. But because of the risks of drowning or shocks there are regulations that need to be followed.

The Village of North Fond du Lac ordinance 21.12(7) defines a swimming pool as an outdoor structure containing a body of water having a depth of water at any one point greater than one foot. **Most of the newer storable swimming pools are not exempt from the Village pool ordinances.** The ordinance states that storable pools that can meet all of the following are exempt from the provisions of Ordinance 21.12(7):

1. Maximum dimension of fifteen feet.
2. Maximum wall height of eighteen inches, and
3. Have less than twelve inches of water in it.

As shown above most of the new storable pools in the twenty-four to thirty-six inch range are not exempt from the pool ordinances and require permit and inspection. Decorative pools and fish ponds are not exempt from the pool ordinance.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the North Fond du Lac Police Department are extremely proud of the work they perform in service of the citizens of this community. Continuing our commitment to providing the North Fond du Lac community with the highest quality of law enforcement services, the Police Department will begin producing and distributing a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will highlight police projects throughout the community, community alerts, case updates, and crime prevention and safety tips.

In order to avoid mailing costs, the newsletter will be distributed to interested parties by e-mail. It will also be posted on the Police Department website, and it will be available for pick-up at the department. Anyone interested in receiving the newsletter should contact Chief Lamb at 929-3760 or by e-mail at wlamb@nfdl.org.

Action Plan for Parks

During the summer of 2005, the Police Department received a number of complaints regarding Village Park. Some of the incidents reported involved juveniles loitering in or near the pavilion during all times of the day. While in the pavilion, the juveniles would skateboard on picnic tables and use vulgar language which could be heard by neighbors of the park. Some complaints were taken regarding juveniles threatening residents when they were confronted regarding the problem activities in the pavilion area. As soon as the Police Department received these complaints, interviews of the neighboring residences was conducted. The department found that the major com-

Date	Event
August 23, 2006	Residential Water Bills Due
August 25, 2006	Village Pool Closes.
September 4, 2006	Regular Board Meeting rescheduled for September 11th due to Village Offices being Closed.
September 4, 2006	Offices Closed-Labor Day
October 23, 2006	Yard Waste Pickup will be on the following Mondays, October 23, October 30, November 6 and November 13.
October 29, 2006	Halloween Trick or Treating Hours 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building board room. These meetings are televised live on cable channel 25. The board also meets as a Committee of the Whole for workshop discussions of village issues on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and following the regular board meeting as needed.

plaint was behavior of juveniles during park hours in the pavilion area.

During that same fall, LeMieux Park was the target of vandals on several occasions. Several reports were received by the Police Department regarding damage to the slide in the park. There were also complaints of juveniles in the park after hours and juveniles trespassing to neighbors' yards. Some of the complaints included juveniles starting fires in the sandbox in the park. A Neighborhood Meeting was conducted on November 14 and 15, 2005, during which neighbors were encouraged to immediately call the police whenever they observed any suspicious or criminal behavior.

In order to continue its efforts to eliminate such problems, the Police Department is taking a number of steps to make sure the parks remain a pleasant and enjoyable place for all who visit them. The department will keep residents informed of potential concerns and problems through the use of a Neighborhood Policing newsletter. The Police Department has also requested DPW

to have lights in the park left on until early morning hours to discourage after hour violations and to improve visibility in the park. Officers will be strictly enforcing ordinance and state law violations in and around the parks. Additionally, the police department will conduct saturation patrols in area using marked squads, bicycles and foot patrol, and officers will routinely patrol parks whenever events (baseball game, picnics, etc.) are in progress.

Anyone wishing to receive the Police Department newsletter should contact Chief Lamb at 929-3760 or by e-mail at wlamb@nfdl.org.

THE VILLAGER, is published quarterly by the Village of North Fond du Lac and is available on the website or at the village offices. Please direct questions or comments to:

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North Fond du Lac, WI 54937-1399**

Bike Safety

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, each year, there are about 900 bicycle-related deaths in the United States and another half a million bicycle-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. To reduce injuries, the North Fond du Lac Police Department encourages riders of all ages to use helmets. Studies have shown that using bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent.

Buy a helmet that bears a label saying it meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard Z90.40 1984; the Snell Memorial Foundation standard B 90, B 90S, N 94, or B 95; or the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard F 1447 93 or F 1447 94. Riders should wear the helmet flat atop the head; not tilted back at an angle. The helmet should fit snugly and should not obstruct the rider's field of vision. Always wear the helmet with the chin strap firmly buckled. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened to provide impact protection. A helmet should never be used after it has been involved in an accident. Damage to the helmet may not be visible to an untrained eye. Even very small cracks in the helmet may greatly reduce a helmet's effectiveness in preventing injury.

Along with using safety equipment, rider actions and reactions play a major role in contributing to injury-free cycling enjoyment. Follow these additional safety tips to help ensure safe summer cycling.

- See and be seen...Wear bright fluorescent colors during the day.
- Avoid biking at night...If riding at night, equip your bicycle with

head and tail lights and wear reflective clothing.

- Stay alert...Keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.
- Go with the flow...Ride with traffic.
- Check for traffic...Be aware of traffic around you.

Learn the rules of the road...Obey traffic laws. Traffic laws are the same for bicycles and cars.

It is important that children are exposed to safe riding habits. It is not enough that parents talk to their children about bike safety. Parents must lead by example. Keep bike riding safe for yourself, and for your family.

CLERK STRIVES TO OBTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) signed in 2002 and the Wisconsin state statutes require all voters in Wisconsin to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006.

If you would like to avoid long registration lines in the next election, please consider bringing your Wisconsin Department of Transportation issued driver's license or identification card number to the Municipal Offices located at 16 Garfield Street. By bringing your driver's license or identification card number it will make it easier to complete the form.

You may have already completed the voter registration information at one of the previous elections. If you are not sure, you may call the village offices at 929-3765 to find out.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

J.A. Moon, President -	921-9695
Mike Streatar, Trustee -	926-0223
Chuck Hornung, Trustee -	923-1757
Jim Scharf, Trustee-	921-6625
Jim Moore, Trustee-	922-7212

Village Departments

Administrator	929-3765
Clerk-Treasurer	929-3765
EMS	929-3760
Fire	929-3760
Inspections/Zoning	929-3765
Library	929-3771
director@northfonddulaclibrary.org	
Municipal Court	924-2479
Police	929-3760
publicsafety@nfdl.org	
Non-Emergency	
Calls for Services	906-5555
Public Works	929-3765
publicworks@nfdl.org	
Community Center	929-6811
nfdlseniorcntr.@charter.net	
Water & Sewer	
Utilities	929-3765

For Emergencies-Call 911

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
Visit us on the web at www.nfdl.org

Village Newsletter Locations

The Villager is available via e-mail, on line at www.nfdl.org and at the following locations:

Municipal Offices
Community Center
Spillman Library
Steenberg Communities
The Classic Cut
PDQ
NFDL Mighty Mart

If you are unable to obtain the Villager from one of the locations listed in the newsletter or from the website, please call the village offices if you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive the newsletter.

Drinking Water Quality Report

Your Village of North Fond du Lac water utility operates 3 deep wells which pump an average of 450,000 gallons of water a day. The water utility complies with strict Federal and State regulations and meets or exceeds the standard for tap water. Customers with water service lines made of lead pipe may experience lead levels in their tap water above the Federal standard. Lead and copper are not found in significant amounts in the groundwater which is your village's source of drinking water. Due to the naturally corrosive nature of water however, lead and copper can leach from pipe walls and plumbing fixtures when it comes in contact with these metals. The Village utility conducts lead and copper samples regularly in a select group of homes in areas likely to contribute to elevated levels of lead and copper. Your water utility meets state and federal level standards as a whole but individual homes may not. None of the homes out of 20 sampled in 2005, exceeded the lead and copper standards. The utility will again be required to sample for lead and copper in 2006. Also in 2006 the utility will test for nitrates at the wells

Monthly water samples are taken at various locations and sent to state certified lab for analysis. In 2005 organic and inorganic samples all were under the MCL.

The Village of North Fond du Lac water utility currently replaces its sections of the water lateral on all watermain relay projects. The home owner is then encouraged to replace their section of lateral service line if it is found to be made of copper or lead.

All drinking water, including bottled water, can be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health threat. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. If you are concerned about elevated levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds up to 2 minutes before using tap water. For more information about contaminants and potential health affects, you can call the Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Annually, the Village of North Fond du Lac water utility is required by the State of Wisconsin to provide you, the water utility customer, with a report on the quality of its water. If you have any questions about this report or your water utility please contact Mr. Mike Tolvstad, Director of Public Works at 929-3765 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Definition of Terms Used in the Chart on the Following Page

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
mrem/year	Millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	13	1.3	.150	.150mg/l	9/20/05	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservative
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	1.25ppm	1.25ppm	2005	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promote strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	5.87	5.87 mg/l	9/20/05	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10	0.010	0.010 <0.012 mg/l	9/14/05	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)	15	0	3.5	2.9-3.5	10/27/03	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l)	50	n/a	11.1 (average)	3-50	07/24/02	NO	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l.
RADIUM (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0	2.6	2.6	9/3/03	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
URANIUM (Pci/l)	NA	0	.5	.5	9/3/03	NO	