

# The Villager

Winter 2006

## From the President & Administrator

Happy New Year from the Village of North Fond du Lac! The beginning of a new year gives us a chance to look back at the previous year to reflect upon accomplishments and mistakes.

### Personnel Changes

The Village mourned the loss of former Village Trustee Jan Pinto. For those who could not attend her final ceremony, the "Celebration of Life" was an outpouring of emotion and thanks like we have never seen.

The Village Board welcomed two new members. Jim Moore was appointed on January 1 to fill the remaining unexpired term of John Duffy. Jim Moore then was successful in his bid for a full two-year term during the April Election. Jim Scharf was also elected in April to complete the Board. Village Staff conducted five training sessions for the Board which encompassed public safety, finance, public works, economic development and goal setting.

Longtime Village Clerk/Treasurer Jodie Goebel resigned after more than seventeen years of service to the Village. Rather than filling the position, the Board decided to split the duties among existing staff and save some tax dollars. If it is found that this arrangement does not work, then a full-time Treasurer will be considered.

### Let's Get Involved!

The construction of Winnebago Street/

County Highway 00 was completed. We now have a first-class entrance into the Village. The Board recently discussed communication with the public. Our meetings are not heavily attended, so we can reasonably deduce one of three things: 1) the public thinks we do a great job, 2) the public doesn't like what we do and thinks they can't change the Board's opinion or 3) apathy: the public just really doesn't care. Perhaps it is a combination of all three, but the public should be informed on the proceedings of the Village Board. Unfortunately, that takes a little work on behalf of the local citizen. Citizens can come to the meetings. Citizens can watch the regular meetings which are televised (7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month) on Charter Cable channel 25. The agendas and approved minutes are available on the Village website ([www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org)) as well as other information about the Village. The agendas and minutes are also posted in three locations: Village Hall (16 Garfield Street), US Bank (718 Wisconsin Avenue) and Spillman Library (719 Wisconsin Avenue). Deanna Lefebvre also writes a column in the Friday edition of the Fond du Lac Reporter which reports the happenings in the Village. Village staff occasionally guests on KFIZ's "The Focus". Absent any of the above methods, citizens can always call the Village Office at 929-3765. The Board did discuss buying space

in a local newspaper or even sending each resident information on a regular basis, but cost was a big detriment (1,800 homes times \$.39 times quarterly newsletters is \$2,808.00; monthly would be \$8,424.00). If there is a great idea out there as to how the Village can better communicate with the Public, please let us know. We do believe that communication is vital. As Robert Maynard Hutch said, "[The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment](#)".

### 2006 Budget Process

The 2006 budget was particularly difficult to balance (much more so than the 2005 budget, though we thought at the time it could not get any worse). After the first review of the 2006 figures, we were faced with a sizeable deficit. We had \$150,000.00 more to pay for debt service and the state put a 2% ceiling in the increase in property taxes. Eighty percent (80%) of the Village's revenue is from state shared revenue and property taxes. Shared revenue was static in 2006 and a 2% increase in property taxes means a net gain of \$24,000.00. We all know that heating, insurance and employee costs will be higher, so we were faced with a major financial conundrum. We decided to leave the Clerk/Treasurer position vacant. We switched health insurance carriers (hats off to the three employee unions involved who realized the need to embrace common sense during negotiations—all three contracts were settled). Capital projects were scaled back or eliminated and still we were \$300,000.00 in the red. We decided to use \$150,000.00 in fund balance, which took the balance to a negative \$150,000.00. We were faced with coming up with the difference or cutting employees (perhaps 2 to 4). The historical staffing levels in the Village are there after years of finding a comfort level of service utilizing the employees. We did not want to cut employees, which

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would adversely affect the level of service provided to the public. The local school district will receive more funding from the State in 2006, which means the amount they put on the tax roll was much less than in the past year. That would give the Village some wiggle room, but how could we have an increase of \$150,000.00 for debt payments and comply with the 2% ceiling? There is a provision in the law that allows an increase for debt payments for debt issued before July of 2005. Our debt payments were for debt issued before that date, so we were then concerned what the effect would be on the taxpayers. Adding the \$150,000.00 and \$24,000.00 to the tax roll did increase Village taxes by 12.8%, but the overall increase was only 3.7%. The Board did view the increase as an alternative to staff cuts and ultimately a reduction in services. We remain open to money-saving suggestions.

## Ordinance Updates

An Ordinance Deleting Section 16.09 (1)(A) 4 and Amending Section 16.09 (1)(C) Parking Regulations

(1)(a). No parking from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days at the following locations:

(1)(a) 4. On the west side of Chapman Avenue from McKinley Street to Polk Street.

(1)(c). Parking is restricted to police vehicles on the west side of Illinois Avenue from a point four feet south of the southern edge of the police department driveway for a distance of 42 feet.

An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 14.05(3) Animal control. Seizure, Impoundment and Disposition.

Section 14.05(1), (2), and (3) is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: (1) Restraint of Dogs. Any person owning (*owner*) or having charge, custody, care or control of any dog, (responsible party) shall:

(a) keep the dog inside an enclosed

structure; (b) upon an appropriate chain or tie no more than six (6) feet in length; (c) in an enclosed yard, either walled or fenced; (d) or in any other appropriate restraining enclosure. Public access to one entrance of the owner's residence or business must be provided without interference from such dog. No tie, chain or enclosure shall allow the dog to be within six (6) feet of any street, sidewalk, public way, or neighbor's driveway or walkway. In addition, any dog not so tied or enclosed, whether upon the owner's premises or upon the public streets and highways, shall be restrained by an appropriate leash or chain, not exceeding six (6) feet in length in the hands of a person directly controlling the movement of such dog, provided that such leash or chain is in the hands of a person of sufficient strength to physically control such dog. (e) Exceptions. The following shall be exempt from the above restrictions: 1. A duly authorized police dog, properly trained and directly subject to the voice control of the dog's assigned officer. 2. A seeing-eye or other handicap-aid dog owned by and within the control and voice control of its owner. 3. A dog that remains within the owner's rear yard under the personal, immediate, and direct supervision of the owner or other person either of whom is physically present and able to control the dog by voice command. Rear yard is defined as the yard area behind a house or other structure, which is separated from all public streets and sidewalks by a residence or similar building.

(2) Restraint of Cats and Other Animals. Any person owning (owner) or having charge, custody, care or control of any cat or other animal (responsible party) shall keep such animal exclusively upon his/her own premises, which shall include his/her automobile. Any cat or other animal which is allowed or taken outside the respective custodians house or other dwelling, including an automobile, shall be kept upon an appropriate chain or tie no more than six (6) feet in length, or in any other appropriate restraining enclosure. Public access to one

entrance of the owner's house or dwelling must be provided without interference from such animal. Any such animal that is taken off of the custodian's property must be restrained in an appropriate restraining enclosure, or restrained by an appropriate leash or chain not exceeding six (6) feet in length, in the hands of a person directly controlling the movement of such animal. (3) Seizure, Impoundment, and Disposition. Any dog, cat or other animal found or discovered running loose and untied, or not leashed as provided in this section may be seized, restrained by physical or chemical means, and impounded by any police officer or humane officer. The fact that a dog, cat or other animal is licensed does not exempt the animal from the provisions of this subsection. If any such dog, cat or other animal is so seized, restrained and impounded, the police officer shall attempt to notify the owner *or* responsible party personally or by mail as soon as possible if the owner or responsible party is known or can be ascertained with reasonable effort. The owner or responsible party shall be liable for all costs associated with the utilization of Humane Society services plus a Village-determined fee for animal control services. Said owner or responsible party shall further be subject to the forfeitures and costs provided under Section 14.25, which forfeiture shall not exceed \$500 per occurrence. If no responsible party or owner claims the animal after seven (7) days, the animal may be disposed of by a Humane officer, police officer, or Humane Society, in a proper and humane manner.

An Ordinance Creating Section 14.01(c) Open Burning.

(1)(c). No person shall install, use, or maintain an outdoor wood burning heating system in the Village of North Fond du Lac.

# LIBRARY NEWS

[www.northfonddulaclibrary.org](http://www.northfonddulaclibrary.org)

The Fond du Lac county libraries now have a RED county wide library card. Your North Fond du Lac Public Library has started to use this version of the card when registering new users. Many people have told the staff that they like the idea of a red colored card because it's easier to find in their wallets or purses. Remember that one library card (from any library in the 30 library Winnefox system) is good at every library. New library cards are given at no charge. If you would prefer to have a red card instead of the current white one, the replacement charge would be \$.50.

The Spillman Library director, along with some half dozen other Winnefox directors, agreed to start a DVD circuit. Each library pays a membership fee which entitles each library to some 30 rotating DVDs every other month. (This is in addition to the ones purchased for our library that stay in our permanent collection). This especially benefits smaller libraries who want a variety of audio-visual items on their shelves to offer their patrons who come to browse that area. This rotating collection will offer over 180 DVDs during a year's time. This is another example of cooperation among the Winnefox system libraries.

A final reminder that the Library is holding its Annual Used Books and Other Materials Sale during National Library Week which this year is from April 3rd -8th. Come in for the bargains.

Last year, the Fond du Lac Library offered a City wide Read where everyone is invited to read the same book. The title chosen was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This year this idea has been broadened to include all of Fond

du Lac county.

The selection is *Population: 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren At a Time* by Michael Perry.

Your local village library will have 20 copies of this paperback book available for check out.

This title "celebrates small-town life." It is based on the true experiences of the author who lives in a small Wisconsin town and details his calls on the volunteer fire department and EMS. Described as "sometimes comic, sometimes sad" it is a wonderful read. Please join Your Neighbors in reading this book. Watch the local papers and the "Keeping On Track" in North Fond du Lac column for further details. The author, Michael Perry, is making a personal appearance on Thursday, March 23rd, at the Fond du Lac Library and you're invited to hear him in person.

Friday, March 10th is a free day for the public schools in the village. The Children's Librarian is planning a tie-in program to the above book for the county wide read.

Elementary age boys and girls are encouraged to come to this from 1-2 PM. The village EMS and Fire Departments have agreed to be a part of this program. Come and hear what they have to say and see some of their equipment.

A reminder that the library offers tax booklets and forms as a public service to area residents. Both federal and state forms are available. If the forms are already printed, there is no charge. If they need to be copied from the reproducible booklet, there is a charge of \$.10 per copy.

Thanks to all who donated books or videos or DVDs to the library this past year.

Jackie Anderson, Katie & Megan Andrews, Christine Arrowood, Renee Bell, Samantha Bernier, Johnny Blatz, Marjorie Brashier, Barb Breaux, Carol Cratchy, Peter Dart-Fashun, Linda Fleschner, Rainer Fleschner, Steve Friis, Catherine Herdt, Diane Herdt, Kris Hill, Carol Holterman, William Klingbile, Wilbert Kraus, Jim McCullen, Geraldine Marten, Teresa Mollet, Jim Moon, Sarah Moore, Janet Murphy, Charles Nevitt, Anika Olson, Dianne Phillips, Janel & Keith Prickett, Elda Rockhoff, Gary & Keri Rose, Eleanor Sechler, Cathie Smet, Edna Smith, Josh Stephanie, Janet Stoegbauer, Hallie Stollenwerk, Lee Ann Thiel, Muriel Trampf, David Vandergalien and Darleen Worm.

Apologies if anyone's name was inadvertently omitted from this list.

The library accepts donated books and audio/visual items with the understanding that it can be added to our collection if needed or else put in our annual used book sale. The only materials not accepted are Reader's Digest Condensed Books or older encyclopedia sets. Thanks again to those who remembered the library with donated items.

Parents and care-givers are reminded to keep the library in mind when planning summer activities for children. The Summer Reading/Craft Program will start on June 12th this year through July 28th. The statewide theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales." So mark it on your calendars for a worthwhile and fun activity for summertime.

More information on how to use your digital camera and *How To Do Everything With Your iPod & iTunes* is available in new books at the library.



## North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS Ambulance Update

North Fond du lac Fire & EMS has been providing advanced level ambulance services and operating at the Intermediate/99 level of care for just about a year now. Advancing to the Intermediate/99 status was a big step that the members of the service felt was needed for the residents of the Village, as well as those in the Townships of Fond du Lac, Eldorado, Friendship, and Lamartine. Each member took the challenge of the task, and rose to the occasion, and they became successful with each of their goals.

Due to the success and growth of our service, North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS has begun to attract new individuals that are certified and licensed as high as the Paramedic level. With the last batch of hiring completed, we now have the following EMT's: 12 Basic's, 8 IV Tech's, an Intermediate/99, and 7 Paramedics.

Due to the success of our private billing service, North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS was able to save up enough money in 2005 to pay cash for the purchase of a new ambulance. We have also rented a second ambulance to use in addition to our primary ambulance, until the new vehicle arrives sometime in May.

We are currently collecting data to support the use of maintaining two ambulances to serve the residents within our district. In the past 6 weeks, our service has used the loaner ambulance 6 times,

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## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Date	Event
January 31	Last day to pay 1st installment of property tax at Fond du Lac County Treasurers Office, 160 S. Macy Street. Personal property taxes can be paid at 16 Garfield Street.
April 1	Deadline for 2006 dog and cat licenses with no penalty.
April 4	Spring Election-Polls open 7:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.
April 14	Offices Closed-Spring Break.

The regular board 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 on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building board room.

in addition to the regular use of the primary ambulance. The revenue that was brought from the use of the loaner ambulance has already paid for the related expenses. We are optimistic that the data will show the need to keep two ambulances in service.

## North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS Fire Update

In the fall of 2005, North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS accepted delivery of a new fire engine/pumper and a rescue unit. The firefighters switched over all the equipment, and participated in extensive training on both vehicles.

The fire engine/pumper was made by Pierce Manufacturing (located just south of Appleton) and it replaced the 30-year old pumper, which was built in 1976. The tank on the truck holds 1000 gallons of water, and it pumps at 1250 gallons per minute. In addition, the new vehicle holds 30 gallons of foam, which is also used to help fight fires.

The rescue unit was also built by Pierce (in their Florida plant) and it replaced the 17-year old Chevy pickup, which was built in 1987. There is enough space on the vehicle that we can now put all the rescue equipment on the same unit. We were also able to update some of the hydraulic equipment, which

we use to extricate victims from car accidents.

Both vehicles were purchased through a unique lease program that is available to fire departments. The vehicles are leased over ten years, in which a payment is made once a year. At the end of the ten years, the vehicles are purchased for \$1.00, and they become the sole property of the Village of North Fond du Lac Fire & EMS. By participating in this lease program, we were able to purchase the vehicles with a savings to the taxpayers of \$18,000 a year for each of the next 10 years; with a total savings of \$180,000.00

**For additional information on volunteering with NFDL Fire & EMS, please contact Dana Sechler, Fire Chief / EMS Director at (920) 929-3765, or [dsechler@nfdl.org](mailto:dsechler@nfdl.org)**



## Sidewalk Shoveling

Residents are reminded to keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow. The village ordinance requires that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. If you have problems with ice that cannot be removed, a salt and sand mixture is available in the sand containers that are disbursed throughout the village.

If you have a hydrant located near your home, cleaning the hydrant area ensures that in case of emergency the fire department will have access to the hydrants.

## Winter Parking

November 1st marked the beginning of the winter parking season in North Fond du Lac. The Police Department would like to remind residents about the Winter Parking regulations. Please cooperate with public works crews by following the restrictions that have been established so that they can be most effective in keeping our roads safe.

The ordinance specifies that **between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the snow removal season**, it shall be illegal to park any vehicle on any street, highway, or any terrace, street, or highway right of way, during or after any snowfall where the accumulation of snow is one inch or more and the parking of a vehicle on the street, alley, highway, terrace, or right of way interferes with the timely and efficient removal of snow.

Listed below are selected excerpts of Chapter 16 that relate to **Winter Parking**. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, please feel free to contact one of the local police officers to discuss your questions or concerns.

### (2) **OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING.**

(a) Regulated. **Between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the snow removal season**, it shall be illegal to

park any vehicle on any street, highway, or any terrace, street, or highway right of way, during or after any snowfall where the accumulation of snow is one inch or more and the parking of a vehicle on the street, alley, highway, terrace, or right of way interferes with the timely and efficient removal of snow.

(b) During the time of snow emergency, which is determined by the Director of Public Works, all vehicles will be required to be moved off the streets by 2 a.m. Failure to adhere to this section, will result in citation and towing of vehicles, which are in violation, at owners expense.

(c) Violations of 16.09(2)(a) and (b) will be subject to the penalties stated in section 16.25.

(d) Snow removal season. A snow removal season is defined as November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

**ORDINANCE SECTION 2.** – Village Code section 16.25 is amended to read as follows:

**16.25 Penalty.** In lieu of or in addition to other penalties as prescribed, the penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be as provided in section 24.05 of this code.

(a) Each day that any such provision is violated by any person shall be and constitute a separate violation hereunder.

(c) Parking penalties for the first violation of the winter parking ordinance during any snow removal season will be \$15.00 (\$30.00 if not paid within 5 days). The penalty for the second violation shall be \$30.00 (\$45.00 if not paid within 5 days). The third violation shall be \$50.00 (\$65.00 if not paid within 5 days), and the fine for any fourth or subsequent violation of the winter parking ordinance during a snow removal season shall be \$100.00.

e) If a parking ticket is not paid within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of issuance of the citation, the Village will make application to the Department of Transportation in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes to suspend the vehicles registration and refuse to renew registration of any and all vehicles registered to the violator. Such suspension shall be in effect until such time that the Village gives written notice to the Department of Transportation that the forfeitures imposed has been satisfied.



## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

### Elected Officials

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

### Village Departments

Administrator	929-3765
Clerk-Treasurer	929-3765
EMS	929-3760
Fire	929-3760
Inspections/Zoning	929-3765
Library	929-3771
Municipal Court	924-2479
Police	929-3760

[publicsafety@nfdl.org](mailto:publicsafety@nfdl.org)

Non-Emergency	
Calls for Services	906-5555
Public Works	929-3765
<a href="mailto:publicworks@nfdl.org">publicworks@nfdl.org</a>	
Community Center	929-6811
<a href="mailto:jfrounfelter@nfdl.org">jfrounfelter@nfdl.org</a>	
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](http://www.nfdl.org)

## Elections

The Spring Election to be held Tuesday, April 4, 2006 will decide which candidates will fill two trustee positions for the Village of North Fond du Lac. The candidates running for the two village trustee positions are Charles J. Hornung, Michael J. Stree-tar and Mark Beveridge.

All wards vote at the Community Center located at 280 Garfield Street. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you are unable to come to the polling place to vote you may vote by absentee ballot. A ballot can be mailed to you up until the Friday before the Election Day or you may vote absentee in person up until the Monday before the election.

**Beginning in 2006 the village is required to maintain voter registration records. If you have not filled out a voter registration form or are unsure whether you have completed the form please feel free to call or stop in at the Village Municipal Offices, 16 Garfield Street, 929-3765.**

## Pet License

All cats and dogs in the Village of North Fond du Lac must be licensed annually. Tags and licenses will be issued upon proof of rabies vaccination. A male or female dog license is \$15 per year, the fee for a neutered or spayed dog license is \$10 per year. A cat license is \$10 per year for a male or female cat and \$5 for a spayed or neutered cat.

## 11(a). Number of Licensable Pets.

No more than 3 licensable pets, 2 dogs 1 cat, 2 cats 1 dog, shall be kept on any premises without the approval of the Village Board. Owners having more than three (3) pets at the time of Code adoption may continue to keep such animals: however, animals exceeding the prescribed limits shall not be replaced.

## Recycling Changes

There will be some changes in the way that recycling is done in the village this year. Waste Management has provided recycling services in the village for many years using the 18 gallon container we have all become familiar with setting on our curbs every week. The new system will use carts similar to those we have used in the village for garbage pickup for the last 13 years. The new system should be much easier to use.

The new 65 gallon carts will allow residents to co-mingle all of their recyclables in a single container. This container will have a cover that will keep rain and snow out of the container and recyclables from blowing around on windy days. The containers will start to be delivered sometime in February with use starting in March. The old containers will be collected by Waste Management.

Some things that residents should remember:

Place your container in your driveway or in a location on the terrace.

Do not place your containers on top of snow banks.

The refuse and recycling container should be placed at least 6' apart to allow for easy access to the containers. All materials must be in the container with the cover closed.

Collection will be every other week.

The new container will have three times the volume than the old container, so a bi-weekly collection should not be a problem. If you have a need for a larger or smaller container, Waste Management will provide you with a 35 or 95 gallon container.

Another big advantage to the new system is the savings to village taxpayers. By going to this new system the village will save about \$17,000 a year in recycling costs. That is a 26% savings.

When Waste Management delivers your new container there will be a collection calendar and directions to use the new system. Please take the time to read the directions to help make the transition as smooth as possible.



## Weekly Activity Reports

The North Fond du Lac Police Department is pleased to announce a new addition to our website. Visitors to our site can now view Weekly Activity Reports. These reports do not reflect all of the calls for service handled by the police department. However, they do provide community members with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with some of the incidents being responded to throughout the community. The Weekly Reports offer specific information regarding the dates, locations, and nature of incidents being investigated by the North Fond du Lac Police Department.

We share this information with the public because we firmly believe that an informed community is one that is better able to protect itself from those that choose to violate society's laws and threaten the safety, security, and quality of life in our community. Additionally, we hope that, by drawing attention to some of the problems that we're encountering, community members will be able to assist us by helping to watch for continuing problems.

Visit us at [www.nfdl.org](http://www.nfdl.org) often. Simply click on the "Police Department" heading on the left side of the page to access our Main Page. Once inside, visitors can navigate throughout the website using the one-click navigation bar on the left side of every page. It's a user-friendly site full of valuable information and resources. After your visit, feel free to share with us any feedback you might have; particularly recommendations for improvement.

## Police Will Begin Using Motorcycle to Offset Vehicle Costs

In 2006 the Police Department will begin using a motorcycle to help reduce vehicle related costs; most notably the skyrocketing cost of gasoline. While decreasing vehicle related costs, the use of a motorcycle will also enhance some patrol operations for the Department. The motorcycle that's been selected for use is a 2006 Harley Davidson FLHPI Road King. The Department is obtaining the motorcycle for \$750 annually.

The Department has typically kept vehicles in the patrol fleet for 3 years, but has had limited success in getting 4 years of use from others. In 2006 the Department was originally planning to replace 2 squad cars. However, after careful research, the Department determined that it could save approximately \$10,000 in the 2006 budget alone, by instead replacing 1 squad car and adding the motorcycle. Doing so will allow the other car to remain in patrol use for a fourth year. Longer term, the use of the motorcycle will help the Department in its goal to run more patrol vehicles for the additional year by decreasing the annual mileage on those vehicles. The use of the motorcycle will also provide for a substantial savings in fuel and maintenance costs.

Cost savings aren't the only benefits for using a motorcycle for police work. A motorcycle is an extremely effective tool for traffic law enforcement, and they provide many of the benefits of a police mountain bike, but without the limitations of a non-motorized unit.

Additionally, in speaking with other agencies that use police motorcycles, both large and small alike, the Department has learned that the motorcycles are a valuable community-policing tool because the public tends to be more comfortable approaching

an officer on a motorcycle as opposed to one in a car. Many times, the mere presence of a motorcycle is the basis for a conversation between the officer and citizen. The Department places a tremendous amount of value in positive interaction with the public and sees this as a golden opportunity to further those efforts.

The Department already has one officer that was previously trained as a motorcycle officer while he worked for another law enforcement agency. Additionally, the Department will be providing this training for two other officers in the coming months.

## It's 11 o'clock: Do You Know Where Your Child Is

The Police Department has recently been asked about North Fond du Lac's curfew for children. The Village has a curfew ordinance, which makes it unlawful for any child under 18 years of age to loaf, idle, or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, or public places in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless such child is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult having legal custody of such child. The ordinance does not prohibit any child from performing an errand or duty if directed by his parent or guardian of urgent necessity or from pursuing the duties of his/her employment in an expeditious and orderly manner, or from going to or from business or amusement places or private homes. The ordinance also makes it unlawful for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit a child to be in violation of these restrictions. The penalty for violation of the curfew ordinance is a forfeiture of \$50.

## Crime Tip Line Offered

The Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of a

County Wide Crime Tip Line. Effective immediately, members of the public can call 920-906-4777 to anonymously report information regarding criminal activity anywhere in Fond du Lac County. The tip line was implemented by the Fond du Lac County Law Enforcement Executive Association. The Police Department would like to acknowledge and thank Fond du Lac County for donating one of their phone lines and the programming required to provide this service.

Upon calling the crime tip line, callers will be given the option of either talking directly to a law enforcement dispatcher, or they may use a menu system to leave a voice message for one of the following Fond du Lac County law enforcement agencies:

- Sheriff's Office "1"
- Fond du Lac Police Department "2"
- North Fond du Lac Police Department "3"
- Ripon Police Department "4"
- Waupun Police Department "5"
- Campbellsport Police Department "6"
- Brandon/Fairwater Police Department "7"
- Oakfield Police Department "8"
- Rosendale Police Department "9"

This crime tip line should not be used in emergency situations. Callers wishing to report life threatening or other similar emergencies should call 911.

The Police Department encourages residents of to use this Crime Tip Line to help us better protect our community.

Present this  
coupon for  
**\$5.00 off**  
a Spa Pedicure



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