



Village of Highland Winter 2008 Newsletter

VILLAGE BOARD Meets 1st Monday at 6 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Maintenance M-F 7 am- noon; 12:30-3:30 pm
782 Main Street Sat 7 am –11 am

Clerk-Treasurer M-F 8 a.m. – noon; 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
530 Main Street

Law Enforcement Unstructured
530 Main Street

Notice of Rate Increase Sewer Customers of the Highland Municipal Sewer Utility

This is to give you notice that the Highland Municipal Water Utility will increase the sewer rates for general service by 6 percent effective December 29, 2008. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. Sewer Rate increases does not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below.

2008 RATES				
METER SIZE	2008 BASE RATE	USAGE RATE/ 1,000 GAL	YEARLY TOTAL (4,000 GAL/MONTH)	
5/8"	\$15.40	\$3.30	\$343.20	
1"	\$19.43	\$3.30	\$391.56	
1 1/2"	\$35.57	\$3.30	\$585.24	
2"	\$54.63	\$3.30	\$813.96	
3"	\$90.57	\$3.30	\$1,245.24	
2009 RATES				
METER SIZE	2009 BASE RATE	USAGE RATE/ 1,000 GAL	YEARLY TOTAL (4,000 GAL/MONTH)	ANNUAL DIFFERENCE
5/8"	\$16.32	\$3.50	\$363.79	\$20.59
1"	\$20.60	\$3.50	\$415.15	\$23.59
1 1/2"	\$37.70	\$3.50	\$620.45	\$35.21
2"	\$57.91	\$3.50	\$862.89	\$48.93
3"	\$96.00	\$3.50	\$1,320.05	\$74.81



S.T.H. '80' TRAFFIC CONTROL

Traffic control during 2008 water main construction on Spring Street posed some problems.



Drivers continued to use Spring Street to reach their destiny – wherever it was. Driving on a closed road delays construction and opens potential for

accidents.

Beginning early spring 2009, STH 80 will be closed to traffic. **The official WI DOT detour route will be US Highway 18 to County Highway G to State Highway 133 to get around Highland**

Residents on STH 80 (and their visitors) will have access to their homes. However, from time to time, parking may be on a neighboring street. Other local residents are asked to find an alternate street to access any other street. **Expect that enforcement of the road closures to be stricter next year, particularly during street reconstruction.** There will be access to local businesses via different streets depending on construction on a given day. There will be a public informational meeting in the spring prior to construction.

S.T.H. '80' PROJECT COST

The Village of Highland is incurring very significant expenditures for S.T.H. '80'. Water system costs exceed \$500,000. The Village is extremely fortunate to have been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) not to exceed \$220,000 and a State of Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan for \$322,322 bearing an interest rate of 2.365% per annum. Water utility construction costs are recovered through the 2008 water rate increase and will not affect the tax levy.

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (also known as State Trust Fund) approved a \$509,050 general obligation bond to the Village of Highland. The \$509,050 includes \$100,000 to refinance 2007 County I construction loan, \$100,000 for sanitary sewer construction, \$100,000 for storm sewer construction, \$200,000 for street construction and \$5,090 for financial advisory services. This is a 20 year loan bearing interest rate of 4.75%. A tax increase to make loan payments will not be reflected until you receive your 2009 tax bill payable in 2010.

For the WISDOT project the Village of Highland pays for street light construction, parking lanes, utilities and new sidewalk construction cost. WISDOT pays for traffic lanes and sidewalk replacement where the sidewalk abuts the curb (no grass median).

WISDOT also allocates \$44,000 toward a Community Sensitive Design (CSD) project beautifying the project area. The Village's CSD project includes work on the Main Street "park" –replace retaining wall, steps and railings, concrete, and landscaping. CSD money will also pay for new benches, planters and trash receptacles on Main Street. The CSD money cannot be used to offset other costs.

S.T.H. '80' CONSTRUCTION

As soon as weather permits in 2009, Phase II of the S.T.H. '80' project will begin. Phase II of the S.T.H. '80' project encompasses Main Street water main and sanitary sewer construction. In addition to spot repairs, the 2009 sanitary sewer portion consists of main replacement from the Village shop to the north end of the project. Phase II construction deadline is June 30, 2009.

Phase III of the S.T.H. '80' project involves a section of storm sewer along Dodgeville Street/C.T.H. 'Q'. This phase coordinates with the Wisconsin DOT street reconstruction and should occur in August 2009.

Road reconstruction is still planned for 2009. The rural portion of S.T.H. '80' has been awarded; construction will begin in the spring of 2009. With that in mind, the Village engineer and the Village Board are confident that WISDOT Project ID #5135-03-04 in the Village will be awarded and will commence July 1, 2009 as planned. The project should be done by year end 2009.

During the course of construction Charter Communications, Alliant Energy, Century Telephone will be on site as needed.

PROGRESSIVE WAY SUBDIVISION

Infrastructure construction is complete in Progressive Way Subdivision. The lots have been marked out and are ready for purchase. Residential lots ranging from .4+ acre to .5+ acre are \$20,000 and \$25,000 respectively. There is also a special assessment charge of \$600 for a water lateral installation charge and \$900 for a sewer lateral installation charge per lot. There is no deed restriction specifying the time



frame for construction to begin. The Village has contracted with realtors to manage the sale of the lots --- Bobbi Jo Bomkamp, Century 21, 608-574-1716 --- Greg (Buck) Holmes, ERA Arthur Real Estate, 929-4806. Please contact either realtor if you or someone you know is interested in purchasing a residential or industrial lot.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the **Village of Highland, on Tuesday, April 7, 2009**, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms will begin on April 21, 2009. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Village President	Neil Michek
Village Trustee	George Wallenkamp
Village Trustee	Teresa Bomkamp
Village Trustee	Doug Oleson

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Village Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election Ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of December. The caucus will be held not sooner than January 6, 2009 and not later than January 27, 2009. Notice of a scheduled date of the caucus shall be given at least five days before the caucus.

NEW PARK SHELTER READY FOR USE

J&M Building Supply helped with the design of the new shelter which will have a gravel base and will primarily be used to cook chicken at various fundraisers. The shelter will be available to other park users as well. The expenses for the new park shelter will be transferred out of a Park Certificate of Deposit which was created from a couple donations several years ago. Willie Washa managed the project and supplied most of the tools required. Alliant Energy dug all of the 18 post holes and did a great job of it! Volunteer Labor was supplied by the following organizations: Highland Firemen, Highland VFW/Legion, Highland Lions Club and Highland Knights of Columbus. Volunteers working on the project include Dennis Richgels, Neil Michek, Darrell Kreul, John Kreul Jr., John Riley Jr., Mike Pigusch, Tom Pinch, Roger Knight, Scott Mensch, George Wallenkamp, and Steve McGuire.

HATS OFF TO CENTERVILLE

Community members are practicing for the next Community Dinner Theatre production. Richard Mensch has written "Hats Off to Centerville" which will be performed March 5, 6 & 7, 2009. Friday and Saturday will be dinner-theatre performances. (For Catholics – a dispensation to eat meat on Friday has been given if you choose another day to abstain from meat.) Dinner-theatre tickets are \$20. Save money & have more fun --- book a complete table of 8 for the price of 7. Watch school newsletter for more information.

Highland Park Diner

A Taste of Summer Menu

Appetizer – Taco dip/salad with taco chips

Soup – Beer-cheese soup served with popcorn

Entrée – BBQ Chicken,

Baby red potatoes,

Corn on the cob,

Homemade dinner roll

Beverage – Coffee, milk lemonade, ice water

Dessert -- Cream puffs (served during intermission)

WELCOME TO HIGHLAND

The Village of Highland welcomes new people and businesses to Highland. We apologize if we miss someone in the listing but hope that they know they are welcome in the Highland Community. We welcome Sue Stocks family, Danielle Mathews & Billy Storms, Rod & Donna Yarish family, Diane Yanna, Angie Kowalski, Tom Fries, Ann McGuire, and Katherine Wiegel & Dustin Batton, Clayton & Gayle Kleist.

HIGHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

All tree limbs which project over and are less than 14 feet above the surface of a public sidewalk or street are considered a public nuisance. Low branches also damage the street sweeper and snow plow. **Residents are asked to check their property and trim trees according to the above mentioned specifications.**

Alternate side of street parking is required within the village from **December 1 through March 31 between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM.** Vehicles shall be parked on the even numbered side of street with those nights preceding an even numbered calendar day and odd numbered side of street with those nights preceding an odd numbered calendar day. Alternate side parking will be strictly enforced. Please be considerate to the street crews and have your vehicle parked on the correct side for snow plowing.

Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is essential for everyone's safety. Property owners (or occupants) are primarily responsible for their snow removal. Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours after a snow fall or ice accumulation. Last year's early and heavy accumulation made it difficult to comply with the ordinance and the Village was lenient with enforcing the ordinance. Many people complained about the poor compliance with snow and ice removal. The Public Works Ordinance provides for the Village to remove the snow or ice and assess the charges to the property owner. With the forecast for heavier snow again this year, it is important to stay on top of snow removal from the start.

SNOW PLOWING GUIDELINES

Many residents are to be commended on their snow removal practices. Some remove all the snow in the street fronting their property or hire a contractor to do so. Some plow the snow or contract someone to plow the snow to the backyard. This looks very nice, is a safety factor, and gives adequate parking for their use.

When there is a lot of snow, people tend to get frustrated when the Village plows past their driveway. The street department is mindful of this and does their best to lessen this burden, but it is not unavoidable.

Plowing or piling snow on the neighbor's land without permission is inappropriate.

The Village Board is asking business owners and residents to avoid stock piling snow from sidewalks, driveways or parking lots onto Village streets, expecting that the Village will haul the snow away. The Village piles and hauls snow from the main business section of Main Street including snow from the sidewalk. Lack of voluntary compliance with snow removal suggestions could lead to ordinance revisions prohibiting piling snow on Village streets or the neighbor's property.

SENIORS UNITED FOR NUTRITION (SUN) PROGRAM

Are you an early riser? Do you hate to eat alone, or don't cook at all? Are you over 60? Then head on down to Grandma's Kitchen for breakfast! There's a new option available to all seniors over 60 in Highland! Beginning in December, Grandma's Kitchen will be offering breakfast at the restaurant as part of the SUN Program. No reservations necessary, and you can choose what you want from a special senior menu. The hours are from 7:00 – 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$3.75. Can you make a meal for that? Such a deal! Meet old friends and find out what's happening around town. Don't let old man winter keep you isolated this year; enjoy some great food and fellowship at Grandma's.

And what about the regular lunch program through SUN? It's still located at the Meadowood Apartments at noon, Monday through Friday, with home delivery available.

Patsy Anderson, site manager, would love to see more friendly faces there, and so would our home delivery driver, Wilson Winkers. Same suggested donation; \$3.75 per meal (\$4.00 for home delivery). This is the main meal of the day, geared to seniors. The menus are traditional, for the most part, with seasonal changes. If enough people show, a card game may break out.

What is the SUN Program? Its mission is to provide anyone over 60 a hot meal that is nutritionally balanced and meets 1/3 of the recommended daily dietary allowances. SUN serves two counties, Iowa and Lafayette, at 14 meal sites, including Highland. Other sites in Iowa County are Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Arena, Avoca, Linden and Rewey. Our main office is located in the Courthouse in Dodgeville.

Currently we are cooking on site in Avoca and Arena, catered from the Hodan Center for Dodgeville and Mineral Point, and catered from UW-Platteville for Highland, Linden and Rewey. Beginning January 5, however, Grandma's Kitchen will again provide lunch for the meal site at Meadowood Apartments in Highland.

The SUN Program provides meals for all seniors over 60, regardless of income, ethnicity or background. Participants can come from any community. It is more than a meal; the social interaction and fellowship are as important as the food. Card playing, bingo, movie day, exercise classes, knitting groups, foot care and blood pressure checks, and just speaking about special life experiences from the past, are example of activities at some of the sites. Do you have a special talent or skill? Like to volunteer? We can use you! Our volunteers are indispensable.

Calling all seniors in Highland and surrounding area—we hope to see you soon at Grandma's Kitchen for breakfast or at Meadowood Apartments for lunch! Support the SUN Program, and enjoy a meal with friends.

2009 WATER AND SEWER RATES MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

Meter Size	Water	Fire Protection	Sewer	Meter Size	Water	Fire Protection	Sewer	Meter Size	Water	Fire Protection	Sewer
5/8" meter	\$8.50	\$2.95	\$16.32	3/4" meter	\$8.50	\$2.95	\$16.32	1" meter	\$15.00	\$7.10	\$20.60
1 1/2" meter	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$37.70	2" meter	\$46.00	\$24.00	\$57.91	3" meter	\$80.00	\$44.00	\$96.00

Plus **QUARTERLY** volume charge for water: First 25,000 gallons @ \$2.47/1,000 gallons; next 75,000 gallons @ \$1.70/1,000 gallons; over 100,000 gallons @ \$1.40/1,000 gallons. Plus volume charge for sewer @ \$3.50/1,000 gallons.

2009 GARBAGE/RECYCLING RATES MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

TYPE	GARBAGE	RECYCLING
Residential	\$5.25	\$3.05
2 Apartment	\$10.20	\$5.80
3 Apartment	\$15.30	\$8.70

Note: Commercial user rates vary. The Recycling driver only stops where there is a recycling bin set out. Additional or replacement recycling bins may be purchased from the Village Office for \$8.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

Check www.villageofhighland.net for 2009 calendar

January 25 --- Lion's Club Fisheree – Blackhawk Lake

February 15 --- Ambulance Valentine's Breakfast – Highland School

March 5, 6, & 7 – Community Dinner Theatre (play only on March 5) – Highland School

March 15 --- St. Pat's Dinner – SS Anthony & Philip's Church

April 4 --- Village Wide Garage Sales

April 11 – Paperback Exchange Bake Sale – Don's Tire