



Village of Highland Spring 2009 Newsletter

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

President Neil Michek	929-4686
neilmichek@charter.net	
Trustee Dennis Richgels	929-7665
Industrial Development Committee Chair	
Trustee Teresa Bomkamp	929-4823
Law Enforcement Committee Chair	
Trustee Deb Wolfe	929-7680
Public Property Committee Chair	
Trustee John Kreul	929-7719
Streets/Sidewalk Committee Chair	
Trustee Tom Cody	929-4551
Trustee Mike Aide	574-7685

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Tom Hebgen, highlanddpw@charter.net	929-4848
Director of Public Works DPW	
Steve McGuire	929-4848
Maintenance	
Lloyd Schwingle, Darrell Kreul	929-4848
Seasonal maintenance	
Daniel Swinehart, highlandpolice@charter.net	929-7999
Police Officer-in-Charge	
Theresa Michek, highlandclerk@charter.net	929-7781
Clerk-Treasurer	
Becky Fredericks, highlanddepclerk@charter.net	929-7781
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer/CDBG Admin.	

VILLAGE PLAN COMMISSION

Neil Michek, Chair	929-4686
Dennis Richgels	929-7665
Pat Hying	929-7615
Tom Benish	929-4589
Terry Bomkamp	929-4823
Scott Mensch	929-4534
Mark Fitchett	929-7550

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Patrick McGuire, Chair	929-7700
Joe Richgels	929-7408
Mary Benish	929-7647
Cheryl Bosch	929-7460
Mark Laufenberg	929-7468
George Wallenkamp, Alternate	929-7676
Tony Kaster, Alternate	929-4548

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	

SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations Neil Michek! Neil was elected to Village of Highland President for another two-year term. Neil will be starting his third term as President on April 21, 2009.

Five Village residents ran for three Village Trustee seats – Anthony Kaster, Tom Cody, Teresa Bomkamp, Mike Aide and George Wallenkamp. It is encouraging to see people interested in serving the Village of Highland in this capacity. Congratulations to Teresa Bomkamp, Tom Cody and Mike Aide for being elected to two-year terms as Village Trustees. Teresa Bomkamp, George Wallenkamp and Doug Oleson were the incumbents.

Doug Oleson had decided not to run for re-election. Doug Oleson served the Village of Highland as Village Trustee since 2003. Over the years Doug most recently served water/sewer committee chair, and previously street committee chair. George Wallenkamp served as Village Trustee since 1991. George served many years as chair for the water committee and most recently as chair for the park committee. Thank you George and Doug for all you have accomplished on the Village Board for the Highland community.

OUR TOWN CELEBRATION CANCELED

The Village Board decided not to have an Our Town Celebration this July. July will be in the very heart of construction. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the fourth Saturday of July, 2010 for the next Our Town Celebration.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

The Village of Highland has joined a safe community campaign to slow down traffic. Anyone interested in placing a Slow Down Campaign yard sign on their property should contact Officer Swinehart. Officer Swinehart hopes to have signs on each street in the village to slow traffic down. With construction in progress, side streets will have a larger volume of traffic on them.

CAN YOU JOIN US AT THE PARK?

Join us Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 a.m. for a “Let’s Clean the Village Park” gathering. We have a fantastic park that is enjoyed by many families and organizations. We would really appreciate all help – regardless of age! Can you spare a couple hours to join us in this cleaning spree? Refreshments will be served.

SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

With spring at our doorsteps and summer approaching, now is the time to spruce up your property.

- ✓ Do not rake/mow the clippings into the street. Gravel and piles of leaves place unnecessary wear and tear on the street sweeper. Dried grass clippings in the streets are unattractive.
- ✓ Compost yard rakings. Take them to the compost site off Lagoon Road or bag them and place them at curb site. Plastic bags may not be in the compost pile.
- ✓ Pull or spray weeds in sidewalk cracks or curb line routinely.
- ✓ Place unsightly rubbish at the curbside for garbage pickup or dispose of it properly.
- ✓ Call Town and Country Sanitation (1-800-626-1915 for pick up of your larger items like furniture and appliances.
- ✓ Call a junk dealer to pick up unlicensed or non-repairable vehicles.

DID YOU KNOW?

About 8,000 gallons water less per day (about 3 million gallons per year) is being pumped from the Village of Highland well due to finding water leaks on Spring Street – which also saves on sanitary sewage treatment of clean water.

CELEBRATE EARTHDAY EVERYDAY!

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. This Top 10 list of climate change solutions that we can all do right now comes from Earth Day Network.

- **Project Switch: Change your light bulbs!** If every household in the U.S. replaced a burned-out bulb with an energy-efficient qualified compact fluorescent bulb we would save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes for a year. Turn off unneeded lights, dim lights when you can and bring the natural sunlight in your home.
- **Drive you car differently – or drive a different car altogether!** That gas guzzler emits as much CO₂ as some homes! Drive less. Every year, Americans as a whole drive more miles that they did the year before. Stop this trend. Get your car tuned up. Just a simple tune-up often improves fuel efficiency. Slow down, don’t race you car’s engine, and watch your idling. You can save gas by turning off and restarting it again if you expect to idle for more than 30 seconds.

➤ **Your house – not too hot, not too cold!** By keeping your furnace clean, lubricated and properly adjusted, you can save up to 5% in heating costs. Add 2° to the AC thermostat in the summer, and lower the furnace setting 2° in the winter. Make sure windows and doors are sealed. Avoid using the air conditioner when possible. Ceiling fans use 80% less energy than central air conditioners. In warm weather run the fan blades in a counter-clockwise direction to feel 5° cooler. During the winter set the fan blades to rotate clockwise at a low speed to force warm air from the ceiling down to the living space.

➤ **Tame the refrigerator monster!** Don’t set the thermostat too high. Lowering the temperature even 1° will make a big difference. Turn on your “energy saver” switch near the thermostat. Clean the condenser coil. This one, very simple thing can improve the efficiency of your refrigerator, reducing your annual energy costs.

➤ **Twist the knobs on your other household appliances!** Turn the hot water heater down to 120° or turn on the “energy conservation” setting. Buy insulation locally and insulate your hot water heater and pipes. Wash a few dishes by hand – over time that will save a few loads in the dishwasher, conserving energy. Don’t pre-rinse dishes. Today’s detergents are powerful enough to do the job. Wash your clothes in warm or cold water. 90% of the energy used in operating a washing machine goes toward heating the water. Don’t over-dry your clothes.

➤ **Green plants with less water, more trees to provide shade!** Plant trees as wind breaks to save energy, and as shade to lower cooling costs. Choose hardier plants, plant things in groups that need more water and put in mulch to keep the moisture in. Mow your yard smartly – with sharp blades and only when grass needs cutting.

➤ **Buy Green Energy, and invest in green energy stocks!** Invest in green stocks and renewable energy companies through socially responsible funds.

➤ **Go organic!** Eat locally grown food. Eat fruits and vegetables in season – saves transportation costs. Plant your own vegetable garden – or a neighborhood vegetable garden.

➤ **Buy recycled!** It takes less energy to manufacture a recycled product than a brand new one. Buy recycled products – you’ll help create a market. Aluminum and tin cans, glass containers, and pulp cardboard have a fair amount of recycled content.

➤ **Be a minimalist!** Buying less things – some of which you don’t need – changes the energy equation across the board. Buy in bulk. Bulk items use less packaging, which translates into less energy. Go through your closet. Donate or recycle what you really don’t need, then make a pledge not to replace everything you just got rid of. Buy quality products that will last longer.

YARD MATERIALS

It is very difficult for the street sweeper or snow plow to pass under low limbs without damage to village vehicles. Walkers appreciate if trees are not in the way. Please check your tree branches and trim as needed. All limbs of trees which project over and less than fourteen feet above the surface of a public sidewalk or street or less than ten feet above any other public place are considered a public nuisance.

A brush pile and a compost pile are available for Village of Highland residents to drop off brush and compost material at our Lagoon Road property. Access to the site is limited because there have been violations with people using these sites for dumping garbage. Please check with Village Maintenance (929-4848) when you have material for the brush pile or the compost pile.

Village Maintenance staff pick up small quantities of brush and compost material at the curb on Mondays or Fridays (depends on the work load). Brush should be no longer than four feet. There is a charge for the Village to pick up large quantities of brush. Composting is a natural process that transforms yard trimmings and food scraps into a soil-like material called compost. Finished compost material is available for your gardens by contacting the Village office at 929-7781.

PARK REGULATIONS

🚫 PARK VANDALISM occurs from time to time and is a cost to tax payers. If you see something suspicious happening in the park call the Village Officer, Dan Swinehart, (929-7999) or any Board member.

🚫 ONLY Village residents may borrow picnic tables from the Village Park with a permit from the Village Clerk.

🚫 We request a courtesy call (929-7781) for family gatherings to insure that the bathroom facilities are open and picnic tables are available. We try to accommodate so everyone has a shelter.

🚫 Please help us keep the park clean for your enjoyment. Place all recyclables and garbage in appropriate containers.

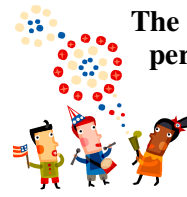
🚫 No driving or parking on the grass.

🚫 No overnight camping allowed.

PARK RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED

Highland is very fortunate to have a beautiful Village Park. In the summer there are many family reunions in addition to the regular summer recreation ball games and various festivals. We are grateful that it is widely used. In order to insure that there are sufficient tables & shelters and that the restrooms are open we appreciate being notified about your planned events.

FIREWORKS PERMIT REQUIRED



The Village of Highland **requires** Fireworks permits if you are having a fireworks display for any occasion. The Fire Chief and Village President must sign off on these permits. Please contact the Village Clerk's Office for an application at least 10 days before your fireworks display.

CDBG HOUSING FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Village of Highland has Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a revolving loan program to home owners. Qualifying projects are based on the project and household income. To learn more about the program contact Becky Fredericks, CDBG Administrator, (929-7781).

HOUSE NUMBERS TO BE DISPLAYED

Prominently displayed house numbers are critical for emergency crews, utility operations and delivery businesses. Please check to see if your house number is posted and easily visible from the street.

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 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.



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 Daniel Gottschall, Mary Huntamer, Ken Kelly, Kathryn Wilford, Kelvin Riemenapp, and Tracy Green Family. Please contact the Village Clerk's office if you know of a family with young children moving into Highland. PATHS donated books to the Village of Highland and Town of Highland to be distributed to these young children.

MAIN STREET PARK SHRUBS

The STH 80 reconstruction project includes funds for a Main Street green space “park” facelift. The Village would like to recycle the shrubs and split rail fence. Contact the Village Clerks’ office (929-7781) if you can use any of the shrubs, sedum or split rail fence. Please keep the Village in mind if you have perennials to donate in the fall of 2009 or spring of 2010.

STH 80 PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

The Village of Highland held a public informational meeting on March 12, 2009. Twenty seven people were present. Construction phase 2 starts April 1, 2009 and is to be finished by July 1, 2009. It includes water main construction on Main Street from Spring Street to the north end. There is also the rural section of WIS DOT STH 80 construction project north of Highland which could begin mid April. On July 1 the urban section WIS DOT STH 80 construction project within the Village of Highland begins and is scheduled to be finished by the end of November 2009.

Discussion items:

- ✓ Water mains and services will be completed on the Main street business block to Dodgeville Street before proceeding from Dodgeville Street to 100’ north of Industrial Drive.
- ✓ It is illegal to have basement storm water sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system. It is extremely important to comply with this plumbing code.
- ✓ Water will be shut off periodically to make necessary connections.
- ✓ There will be pedestrian access to all businesses at all times.
- ✓ Bart Nies and Tom Hebgen will talk to the Post Master about temporary mailboxes for residents who have a mail box in the way of construction.
- ✓ Detour signs will be in effect April 1, 2009. **The official WI DOT detour route will be US Highway 18 to County Highway G to State Highway 133 to get around Highland.**
- ✓ WIS DOT will place “Access to Highland –local traffic only” signs at Cobb (on STH 80), Montfort (on County I) and at the intersection of CTY Q and CTY G (on CTY G).
- ✓ Local traffic only means that you have a **purpose, reason to be on, or destination on STH 80 in the Village.** People may be stopped but not ticketed if the have a business to be in the Village of Highland. **Please use alternate streets in the Village whenever possible.**
- ✓ Various street sections may be entirely closed from time to time. Alternate routing within the village will be needed.

- ✓ Cooperation is needed from EVERYONE to keep as much traffic off the construction area as possible – it expedites construction and improves safety for drivers/passengers as well as construction people.
- ✓ Businesses are encouraged to put up additional signage with a permit from WIS DOT (Tadd Owens) at their cost. It is most beneficial if all businesses work together on signage as there are limited areas where signs may be placed.
- ✓ Streets will not be dust free. Contractors may need to water construction areas from time to time if there is no rain for a few consecutive days.
- ✓ Construction meetings will be every other Thursday morning 9:00 a.m. (beginning April 16th) at the Village Hall. Dates of meetings will be posted, emailed to general email list and announced on radio stations. Residents – especially business owners – are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn of construction updates and plans for the following two weeks. Contact highlandclerk@charter.net if you want to be included in the emails.
- ✓ There will be no parking on streets while construction is on a given area.
- ✓ The Village of Highland has an easement from Kowalski-Kieler for a temporary construction road. It runs from Industrial Road to Cardinal Drive.
- ✓ Tower Road (from STH 80 to Dodgeville Street only) and Dodgeville Street are designated as heavy traffic route during the construction project. Tower Road north of Dodgeville Street (maintained by the Town of Highland) is NOT designated as a heavy traffic route.
- ✓ Main Street from Dodgeville Street to Progressive Way will be constructed one side at time, leaving one lane open to north end businesses and residences.
- ✓ Businesses will be informed as much as possible on closed and open streets.

WIS DOT PROJECT SPECIFICS

- ✓ WIS DOT STH 80 project will be let in May.
- ✓ The project includes new pavement, curb & gutter, sidewalk where there is no grass meridian and some storm sewer.
- ✓ There will be no parking on Main Street while the contractor is working on Main Street.
- ✓ There will be a center line shift to the west side of Main Street at Fillback Ford.
- ✓ Street lights (underground wire) will be on the east side of Main Street instead of the west side.

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! Grandma's Kitchen offers 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 a.m., 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. 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 the 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. Grandma's Kitchen provides lunch for the meal site at Meadowood Apartments in Highland.

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. The main office is located in the Courthouse in Dodgeville.

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.

2010 CENSUS COUNT

On April 6, 2009, the Highland Village Board passed Resolution 2009-3 Recognizing the Importance of the 2010 Census Count. It may not seem possible that the 2010 Census is on our doorstep. Accurate and up-to-date census data is important for securing federal dollars and other community development funding sources. According to the Census Bureau, about 1/3 of Iowa County residents did not respond to the 2000 Census. Iowa County and the Village of Highland needs better response rate for future stability. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

BOARD OF REVIEW DATE SET

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the OPEN BOOK for the Village of Highland of Iowa County will be held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 530 Main Street, Highland.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF REVIEW for the Village of Highland of Iowa County shall hold its first meeting on THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to adjournment at the Village Office, 530 Main Street, Highland. Notice of intent to file objection with board of review must be filed with the Village Clerk 48 hours prior to Board of Review.

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

- April 11 – Paperback Exchange Bake Sale – Don’s Tire**
- April 25, -- “Lets Clean the Park” 9:00 a.m.**
- April 27 – Mobile Food Pantry 5 – 6 p.m. SSAP**
- May 2 – Odyssey of the Mind Chicken BBQ (noon)**
- May 23 – Highland High School Graduation**
- May 23 & 24 – Spurgeon Vineyard’s Great Chocolate Trail**
- May 27 (Wednesday) – Mobile Food Pantry 5 – 6 p.m. SSAP**
- June 13 – Iowa County Courthouse Sesquicentennial Celebration**
- June 14 – VFW Chicken BBQ**
- June 19 & 20 – SSAP FAITHfest**
- June 20 & 21 – Spurgeon Vineyard’s Wine & Cheese Extravaganza**
- June 29 -- Mobile Food Pantry 5 – 6 p.m. SSAP**
- July 3, 4 & 5 – American Legion ballgames & chicken BBQ**
- July 4 & 5 Highland Rodeo**
- July 23 – Christ Lutheran Church Concert in the Park**
- July 27 -- Mobile Food Pantry 5 – 6 p.m. SSAP**
- August 1 – White Eagle Steak Feed**
- August 8 – Village wide garage sales**
- August 8 – SS Anthony & Philip goliath garage sale**