



Village of Highland Summer 2009 Newsletter

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

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Patrick McGuire, Chair	929-7700
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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	

MEETING NOTICE VILLAGE BUSINESS OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

A construction meeting will take place on Tuesday July 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Fire Station located at 709 Main St. to address the upcoming construction on STH 80, Spring and Main Streets in the Village of Highland. All interested parties are invited to attend. If you have any questions please contact Integrity Grading & Excavating at 715-359-4042.

STH 80 UPDATE

WIS DOT awarded the STH 80 Construction bid to Integrity Grading and Excavating, Schofield, WI. Total construction cost is \$1,571,337. Federal and State funds cover \$1,396,306 and the Village incurs \$175,031 of the cost. The Village of Highland took out a general obligation note payable over 20 years at 4.75% interest for \$200,000 from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. The remaining \$25,000 will be applied to Village engineering expenses.

The original project anticipated construction to begin after July 1, 2009 and to be completed by the end of November 2009. The current construction progress schedule shows a start date of July 27 and a completion date of November 20. Construction meetings are planned for Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

During construction, Spring Street and Main Street will be closed to thru traffic – which means you must have a reason to be on or a business in the construction area. The WI DOT street project will be more intense than the Village water and sewer project was --- with excavation in excess of 24". Citations may be issued to anyone not complying with the road closed to thru traffic. Watch for additional signage in the Village. For local access to Highland Schools, businesses and residences at the north end of the Village,

you might have to go around the Village Park to Progressive Way to Industrial Drive to a temporary construction gravel road west of the Kowalski Kieler cement plant. The Village portion of Tower Road from the south end (by Beckius' Farm) to Dodgeville Street intersection has been designated for heavy traffic during the construction process. In addition the Town of Highland has graciously agreed to allow heavy traffic to local businesses only – not to heavy traffic going north of Tower Road (i.e. to Avoca, Muscoda etc.).

The Village Board realizes that construction is difficult for everyone. Please be patient. Please support our local businesses. **IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROJECT SAFER FOR WORKERS AND THOSE WHO NEED TO BE IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA, PLEASE USE ALTERNATE STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE. YOUR SAFETY AND WORKERS' SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!**

OUR TOWN

The Village Board decided not to have an Our Town Celebration this July 25th, thinking we would 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.

We have some new grey "Our Town" collared polo shirts for \$15. Stop by the Village Office if you would like to purchase one.

WATER/SEWER READINGS

The village is reviewing equipment costs that would support monthly water readings. This equipment would not only make the process more efficient but also allow for more consistent bill amounts. Abnormal usage from water leaks and non-working meters will be detected sooner.

Prior to implementing the Village of Highland would have to submit a request to Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to bill monthly with actual reads. No water or sewer rate changed is planned at this time. The Village will review revenues and expenses in relation to rates during the 2010 budget process. Please watch the message on your utility billing to see when the new process will begin.

DRIFTLESS FOODS CO-OP AND HIGHLAND

Driftless Foods Co-Op is being organized to create new revenues for agricultural producers, the communities serving them and farm identified products for the regional market. Their project focuses on creating multiple, interconnected food processing plants deployed on a county-wide scale serving regional markets. It has a goal to create a sustainable business model that can be replicated by other counties and regions. Driftless Foods Co-op will partner with

participating agencies to publish case studies of the start up and ongoing activities. It intends to create a model enterprise platform, integrating producers and processors that will include training as well as business and financial services for participants to insure an above average rate of success.

The Driftless Food Co-Op will be a leadership organization based on the concept of regional fair trade that helps launch and operate profitable, smart, fast agricultural processing infrastructure scaled to meet the changing needs of regional producers, consumers, foodservice operators and manufacturing.

The Iowa County Area Economic Development Corporation (ICAEDC) is helping organize the early stages of the Co-Op's development, with the assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection, EW Extension Agricultural Innovation Center, USDA Rural Development, and Southwest CAP.

Four separate, but interrelated plants are in the initial plan: 1) Individual Quick Frozen (IQF) vegetable processing 2) Sustainable poultry processing 3) Extended growing season (hydroponic) tomato production and 4) Production of a regional pet food line. The Village Board is optimistically anticipating the first faction of the Driftless Foods Co-Op to locate the IQF vegetable freezing plant in our Industrial Park. The other processing/production plants will be in other Iowa County communities.

The new economy that is emerging will require new profitable business models that are faster, smarter and more supportive of the communities in which they operate. Driftless Foods is projecting an initial funding stream of \$20 - \$25 million going forward.

Contacts for the project are Rick Terrien (Executive Director, Iowa County Area Economic Development Corp.), Mark Olson Producer Representative, Renaissance Farm Inc., Spring Green), Anne Pfeiffer (Agricultural Innovation Specialist, UW Ag Innovation Center), and Patrick Benish (Construction Manager, Otter Creek Construction, Highland). Local interested parties are Pat Hying (Highland Businessman), Ron Benish (Iowa County Board), Neil Michek (Village President), Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody, Teresa Bomkamp (Village Industrial Development Committee), Tom Hebgen (Director of Public Works) and Theresa Michek (Village Clerk).

Please note that Driftless Foods co-op is not a grocery store.



Friendly reminder -- Please help keep the Village looking nice. Please pull weeds in sidewalk cracks etc.

Enjoy the summer!

WELCOME TO IOWA COUNTY AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

One of our most unique and best tasting startups! Visit Fat Daddy's BBQ on Highway 18 in Cobb, across from Ritchie Implement, one of Iowa County's landmark businesses for the best pulled pork sandwiches, beef brisket and ribs in the galaxy. Stop for lunch or dinner and say Hi to BBQ Master Andy Huntamer (Highland resident).

YARD MATERIALS






It is very difficult for the street sweeper 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.

PARK EXPECTATIONS

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

-  No driving or parking on the grass.
-  No overnight camping allowed.
-  **ONLY Village residents may borrow picnic tables from the Village Park with a permit from the Village Clerk.**
-  Please help us keep the park clean for your enjoyment. Place garbage in appropriate containers. There are recycling bins and Highland Lion's Club specially designed barrels for cans only. All collected cans go to the Highland Lions' Club.
-  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 requests for specific shelters.

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 Mike Friar (American Family Insurance), Bruce Robinson, Megan Carey and Eunice Johnson. 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.

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.

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

July 21 – STH 80 Construction meeting for businesses & residents
 July 23 – Christ Lutheran Church Concert in the Park
 July 27 -- Mobile Food Pantry 5 – 6 p.m. SS Anthony & Philip
 August 1 – White Eagle Steak Feed
 August 8 – Village wide garage sales

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 September 6 – Highland Firemen’s Chicken BBQ
 October 4 – SSAP Oktoberfest
 October 10 – Highland High School Homecoming
 October 10 & 11—Spurgeon Vineyards’ Harvest Festival

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