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Needed – The Village of Newburg is looking for someone to deliver the Bridges Newsletter four times a year. If you are interested, please call the Village Hall at 262-675-2160 and speak to Bill or Carol.

From the President's Desk

By President Mike Heili

I hope everyone had a very nice Holiday season with Family and friends.

What a great relief to see the first half of the road project finished. I need to thank all the citizens for their willingness to bypass the area during the construction, and especially the citizens who live in the area and who were affected every day during the construction. But what a beautiful looking street we now have in the Village.

I am proud of the accomplishments that were done by the Board this past year. There were some hard decisions made after lots of discussions on several items. Here are just a few of them.

1. Which way should we deal with the dam on the Milwaukee River? After discussions and looking at both sides of the issue, with good background information it was decided to pursue the grant to repair the Dam and not remove it. We were not accepted for the grant so we will have to be relooking at this going into 2010.
2. What should be done about parking with the next phase of the street project? This took a long time with input from the public at Board meetings. I think we discussed this at 3 or 4 months worth of Board meetings before it was voted on.
3. Raising the REU's for sanitary billing. I want to think this was one of the biggest and most discussed items this year. It is not an easy decision to make, because it affects all the Village properties four times a year. It was originally brought up to raise it \$5 a month, but after all the discussion and looking at updated figures every month it was decided to raise it only \$10 per quarter. This is the first increase in 11 years.

Every Trustee had input on these matters and not everyone had things go the way they wanted it to go. But this is how the process works. I was glad to see citizens in the audience at some of these Board meetings. They got to hear and see how decisions were made and I hope they walked away from the meetings knowing that the Village Board does take their responsibility seriously and works to make the best and soundest decision for the whole Village.

I want to remind all the citizens of the election coming up in April we will have 3 trustee positions on the Board to be filled at this election. As of this

printing I don't know if everyone is running for re-election or if there will be new faces on the board. I would like to see a huge turnout for voting. These are some of the people who will be making the hard decisions in the future for the Village of Newburg. So let your voice be heard by voting your choice in the election.

I want to invite all the citizens to attend the Village Board meetings and all the various Village committee meetings. This is one way you can be assured of knowing what is happening in **YOUR VILLAGE**.

TO OUR SNOWMOBILERS

Just an update on Village codes:

1. You may use Village streets only to get from your residence to the trail and back.
2. The speed limit at all times on the Village roads is 15MPH.
3. You must keep off all sidewalks.
4. You must keep off all aprons, "the area between the sidewalks and the road."
5. You can only cross HY 33, not run parallel to it.

Property Taxes and Dog Licenses

By Carol DeWeese, Treasurer

The first installment of property taxes is due January 31st.

All dogs need to be licensed by March 31st. The fee is only \$10 per dog (\$5 if the dog has been spayed or neutered). After March 31st there is a late fee of \$25 per dog that will not be waived.

Parks Committee

*By Trustee Phyllis Damrow
Parks Committee Chair*

Until it's springtime and we can all enjoy our parks again, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Parks Department.

Dept. of Public Works

By Trustee Phil Beitz

Public Works Committee Chair

Snow Emergency Parking

From November 1st to April 1st, except on Main Street (CTH. MY) parking shall be permitted only on the even numbered sides of the streets on even-numbered dates as of 11 p.m. the previous night to 6 a.m. the following morning and on the odd numbered sides of the streets on odd numbered dates as of 11 p.m. the previous night to 6 a.m. the following morning. Violations of this ordinance will result in a \$25 ticket. If the vehicle has not been moved within 24 hours, the vehicle may be towed away and the owner will be responsible for towing (\$55) and storage costs.

Snow Clearing from Sidewalks

Chapter 8.06 of the Municipal Code requires that the owner of each property in the Village shall clear the sidewalk abutting that property, to the full width of the sidewalk, within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm. That includes opening access to the crosswalk on corner lots. The ordinance provides penalties for failure to clear these walkways and allows the Public Works Department to summarily clear them and bill the cost of clearing to the property owner. Downtown businesses depend on their customers being able to access their establishments and it is important that all of them cooperate with each other to keep access open. This is a safety issue, particularly for our younger and elderly residents and a potential liability issue for property owners. Please try to make arrangements to be sure this is done as promptly as possible.

Remember, when clearing snow from your property, it is a violation of our ordinance to shovel, plow or blow snow into or across the roadway or onto someone else's property.

Street construction projects

Street reconstruction on Salisbury St. between Division St. and Hwy 33 and on Congress St. from STH 33. west to the end, and Congress St. from STH 33 south to the Village Limits is planned for this year. The work will take up most of the summer and may begin as early as April. Both streets will be closed to through traffic and will allow access for

local traffic only. Through traffic on streets under construction creates hazards, damage to the construction project, and a great deal of inconvenience to adjacent property owners due to the dust raised. Through traffic on a closed road is subject to citation for a traffic violation.

Dam construction

The Village Board has included borrowing of \$200,000 in the 2010 budget for reconstruction of the Milwaukee River Dam to bring it into compliance with D.N.R. repair orders. This was done with the expectation that we may be eligible for money available through the stimulus funding that would have offset that amount by about \$89,000. Unfortunately, we have learned that our application for those funds was not successful, and the reconstruction of the dam will have to be done totally at Village expense.

The Board has not yet issued final approval for the borrowing and expenditures to complete the repairs. The Village Engineer has told us that there is probably funding available that would cover removal of the dam up to 100% if that is what we decided to do. In a flyer that I distributed last fall, I asked Newburg citizens to let the Board know their feelings about abandoning or reconstructing the dam. To date we have heard from 2 citizens – one supporting reconstruction, and one supporting abandoning it. Because this is a major expense, and because it will be paid for with borrowed funds, this decision will affect Newburg taxpayers and their property tax bills for years to come. It is very important for you to let the Village Board know how you feel about this issue. I urge you to contact the Village Hall, in person, by telephone, by letter, by email or contact any of the Trustees or Village Officials over the next month or two and let us know what you want to see done. This is local, this is your money, and this is something you can influence. Don't force this Board to make this important a decision without your input.

Garbage Collection & Recycle

The municipal yard will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on the second and fourth Saturday of the month to village residents, to accept yard waste and waste oil for recycling. Please refer to the sign at the gate for acceptable and unacceptable items. Waste

tires may be accepted after the purchase of a permit from the office of the Village Clerk during regular Village Hall business hours. The fee is \$10 per tire.

Check the Ozaukee County Clean Sweep announcements for information on disposal of hazardous items at the Port Washington facility. Complete information is at <http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/hhw/index.htm> There is a fee for this service and it is available year around to both Ozaukee County and Washington County residents.

Washington County conducted it's annual Clean Sweep Program in September, 2008 at the Washington County Vehicle Maintenance & Storage Facility at 900 Lang St in West Bend. Hours were 8:00 AM to Noon for two days. Check the Washington County web site for this years dates. Lists of accepted and unaccepted items are available by calling the Clean Sweep Hotline number, 262-335-4810 or by visiting <http://www.co.washington.wi.us/lcd>.

Personal computers and cell phone may be recycled through the Volunteer Center of Washington County. More information is available at <http://www.volunteernow.net> Or by calling 262-338-8256 for programs offered year around.

Why should you recycle Compact Fluorescent Lights?

As energy-efficient lighting becomes more popular, it is important that we dispose of the products safely and responsibly. Proper recycling ensures the benefits of CFLs while properly managing the disadvantages.

Compact fluorescent lights contain trace amounts (an average of 5 mg) of mercury vapor -- it's what makes the bulbs energy efficient -- an amount the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Because they contain mercury, the bulbs should be disposed of properly; ideally recycled.

It's important to know that CFLs are safe to use and pose no danger when used properly. More information regarding mercury in CFLs, including proper disposal options and what to do if a bulb

breaks, can be found in the fact sheet below.

[Mercury Fact Sheet](#)

http://www.focusonenergy.com/files/Document_Management_System/Residential_Programs/mercurylighting_factsheet.pdf

Where can I recycle my Compact Fluorescent Lights?

Focus on Energy has partnered with the world's largest environmental service company to offer a solution. Focus representatives are providing interested retailers with recycling containers as part of a new, no-cost CFL recycling program for their customers.

Use our [retailer search](#)

<http://www.focusonenergy.com/Resources/Find-a-Retailer.aspx>

to find retailers participating in the CFL recycling program. Choose 'CFL Recycling' as the store type in the drop down box. You can still recycle your bulb even if there are no retailers partnering with Focus on Energy in your area.

EPA recommends that consumers take advantage of available local recycling options for compact fluorescent light bulbs. Consumers can contact their local municipal solid waste agency directly, or visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling or www.earth911.org to identify local recycling options.

Large, non hazardous items may be disposed of at the Village Garbage and Recycling contractor after you make arrangements. Contact Veolia directly at 262-334-5618 to arrange for you to take it to their facility at 803 N. River Road.

If your items are recyclable – appliances, etc you may want to check the following recycling companies for the current rates they will pay for these items:

American Metal & Paper, 935 Schoenhaar Dr., West Bend, 262-334-9542

A & W Iron & Metal, 7588 Otten Dr., West Bend, 262-338-8487

Bath Recycling, Kewaskum, 262-334-0705

Recycling: Why do we do it?

Because state law and municipal ordinances require it, and fines may be assessed for

mixing recyclable items with garbage destined for landfill.

What do we gain from it?

We receive more state grants as the ratio of recyclables to garbage increases.

What do we lose by not doing it?

Our state grant is decreased. We received \$4612.79 last May in state recycling grant funding.

Our income is decreased.

Our property taxes (rent) is increased to make up the difference.

Our cost of garbage collection goes up due to the increased volume.

All recyclables are to be placed in your blue recycling container. If you do not have a container or yours needs replacing, one may be purchased at the Village Hall for \$10.00.

Remember that Garbage and Recycling must be placed curbside by 6:00 am on Friday mornings and that the Village Ordinance prohibits it from being placed curbside more than 24 hours in advance of that time. If you expect to be gone or otherwise unable to set out your garbage the day before pickup, please try to arrange for a friend or neighbor to do it for you rather than setting it out several days early.

We at Public Works hope you all had a blessed and joyous holiday and New Years holiday season.

We are very interested in your feedback and comments about the services we provide and invite your comments, good or bad, by writing to us at P.O. Box 50, Newburg, WI 53060, emailing to villagehall@village.newburg.wi.us or calling the Village Hall at 675-2160.

Newburg Lioness

By Connie Kohn

The Newburg Lioness Club would like to thank everyone in the Village of Newburg for the support you gave to our monthly brat fry's at Tri-Par. A special thank you goes out to Roger and the employees for having us.

Our picture with Santa was again successful. Lori and Vinnie brought "Leroy" the pony, which is always a hit with the kids. Four big bags of food were collected for the Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone.

Again, December 19, 2009 the Newburg Lioness Club will be preparing and delivering 30 plus turkey dinners to the alone and elderly.

We are also sponsoring four local families in the area. Each child receives a gift and a whole turkey including potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie are presented to each family.

Again in March, we will be selling begonias and geraniums. Please see your favorite Lioness to order.

We wish everyone has a safe and warm holiday season.

Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm at the Newburg Firehouse Station. Please feel free to join us.

Newburg Baseball League 2009

By Peter Hupfer, Coordinator

2010 Newburg Baseball sign-up dates

We will be having sign-up for the Newburg Baseball Program on February 20th 2010 and on March 6th 2010 at the Newburg Fire Department. The hours for sign-up will be 9AM until Noon on both days. Please watch for signs posted at the fire department directing you in the building. We strongly encourage all participants to sign up on these dates so we can set the teams and coaches accordingly. Please help us in passing along the sign-up information to any child that wants to participate in this years program.

Please refer to the Newburg Baseball program website for updates as they become available. The website has the fees associated with sign up and the age groups for each participant in the baseball program. The website is www.newburgbaseball.com.

Feel free to call Rita or Peter Hupfer at 675-0550 if you have any questions regarding the Newburg Baseball Program.

Welcome, HOME - A Bed & Breakfast **In a House Of wheelchair accessible Modification Examples**

Welcome, HOME, is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation located in Newburg at 4260 W. Hawthorne Drive. (The wind knocked our sign down – we'll get it back up next spring)

The mission of Welcome, HOME is "*To enrich the lives of individuals and families living with disability*". Enrichment includes not only creating accessible spaces but also offering activities that include all members of our community - no matter their capability or challenge.

Welcome, HOME offers a wide range of opportunities. Most activities and services are open to the public- free of charge. Our wheelchair accessible design demonstration home is unique to the nation. Guests that have toured Welcome, HOME came from not only Wisconsin, but from 35 other states as well as from five foreign countries.

The Bed and Breakfast is just one piece of our program. It serves as both an educational tool and a recreational outlet encouraging people from all walks (and those who roll) of life to come together. For the past 11 years the Port Washington Lions Club has made a generous donation allowing us to offer a free overnight to six deserving families per year. Because nonprofit organizations have bills to pay, too, every cent earned from the B&B goes directly toward supporting Welcome, HOME programs.

Knowledgeable volunteers (Welcome, HOME has no paid staff) readily share information about home accessibility and adaptive equipment. We also share our space (the house and grounds) with others. Should the Red Cross need temporary accessible housing for a family or a community gathering site in the event of a widespread disaster Welcome, HOME has offered to provide this shelter.

Following is just a very small sampling of other activities we have been involved with:

Students in the West Bend High Schools *Career Exploration Class* spend one week each semester at Welcome HOME.

Because one size DOES NOT fit all in the world of disability, as part of the planning phase of modifying a home that will meet the abilities of a loved-one facing physical challenges, families armed with cameras and tape measures tour Welcome, HOME

High school students gather with peers of varying abilities for an evening social event - a night hike in the woods followed by socializing over S'mores.

Concordia University Physical Therapy students assigned a typical housekeeping task to perform on their home tour (while depending upon a wheelchair for mobility) gain invaluable awareness of what their future patients may face.

A "Look and See" Scavenger hunt on the wheelchair-friendly trail in the Welcome, HOME woods becomes a natural science lesson for special needs grade school students

A local MS Support Group, along with family and friends, enjoy their annual picnic

Residents from an area nursing home are treated to a BBQ lunch while they relax in the sun overlooking the prairie from the Welcome, HOME deck

Prior to being discharged patients from the Spinal Cord Unit at Froedert Hospital tour Welcome, HOME seeking adaptive design ideas for their own homes.

This list could go on for pages. Welcome, HOME has been offering educational services for over 11 years now. If you think that we can be of assistance to you – or to someone you know – or if you're just curious - do not hesitate to ask. We'd be delighted to give you a tour. We'll do our best to help you out.

welcomhome@hnet.net or 262 675-2525

Midwest Iconic Services

By Linda Thomas

Midwest Iconic Services at 450 Main Street extends our best wishes to our community and customers in 2010. May the next decade of the century find us keeping your computers running smoothly and encouraging creativity in Newburg. We do know technology will continue to change: this article was written from a spoken rough draft done on Dragon Dictation, a speech to text iPhone app that is currently free.

We are proud to welcome Carol Mayer, our newest MIS addition. She has a way of taming numbers and paperwork that is gratifying. Many of you know her well; stop in and see the beautiful Swarovski crystal earrings she is showing in the MIS display case.

Paul has been designing some exciting custom computer systems. He recently did an install of a home screen set-up that gave a Milwaukee kitchen a fabulous combination computer/ TV. Shows can be downloaded, saved, and played when convenient. Need a special recipe? Look on the web. "We will put together new machines for people and keep your current machines up and running."

Adam has developed 20 Questions, a computerized interview process to guide customers looking at how a web site may work for them. He helped a recent customer, who was delighted to find that the site and internet provider she had could support e-commerce without expensive upgrades. "We fight the snow and the cold to keep your computers healthy and useful."

Linda is currently working on an icon of Mother Mary intended for a chapel in Texas.

We're pleased to announce artwork from our community will be the focus of our display space this year. Come in and read Rita Lochen's winter series of poems!

Ken Miller has collector's sports cards and memorabilia in the computer case.

Computer classes coming January 9th and 16th! Monica Fallon la Rue will teach Quickbooks. Call to reserve your place for our free introductory class.

Riveredge Nature Center

By Pat Fox Schindler

Riveredge Nature Center allows you to experience the beauty of a winter wonderland in your backyard. Even though the calendar says winter, we still have many programs for you to encounter at Riveredge.

Some of the activities include:

- Cross Country Skiing
- Cross Country Skiing 101
- Winter Games in January
- Winter Snowshoe Night Hike
- Geocaching on Snowshoes
- Library Programs
- Riveredge Speaks Out
- Food for Thought

In March we begin our annual Maple Sugarin' tradition of tapping the maple trees. In conjunction with that we have our:

- Family Tapping
- Maple Sugarin' Open House
- Maple Sugarin' Breakfast

Check our website for further information at

www.riveredge.us

Other News

Congress Sensenbrenner will be holding office hours at the Newburg Village Hall at 10:00am on Friday, January 15, 2010. He will be available to hear your concerns and answer your questions so feel free to stop and chat with him.

National Radon Action Month

January is National Radon Action Month. The Washington County Health Department is encouraging you to test your home. Many of your neighbors have already made their homes safer by testing their homes for radon and installing systems to vent high radon levels out. Radon causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year in the United States. Lung cancer caused by radon can be prevented and

homes with high radon can be made safer by venting the radon out.

The only way to know if you have radon in your home is to test for it and winter is the best time to test. You can pick up a radon test kit at the Washington County Health Department, 333 E Washington St., Suite 1100 in West Bend Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the low cost of only \$6.00. If you prefer to have a kit mailed to you, send your name and address along with a check for \$8.00 made out to the Washington County Health Department to the Washington County Health Department, P.O. Box 2003, West Bend, WI 53095.

Testing for radon is easy. To determine your home's radon level, collect the radon sample according to the directions that come with the kit. Once the 48-hour test is completed, fill out the lab form and promptly mail both the kit and the form to the lab in the preaddressed envelope provided. Analysis is at no additional charge. The only additional cost to you is for the 4 first class postage stamps needed to mail the kit.

Additional radon information is available by clicking on "Environmental Health" on the Health Department website: www.co.washington.wi.us/chn. Additional radon information, including a list of radon levels by zip code, can be found on the State Radon Website at www.lowradon.org. Your radon questions can be directed to Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist at the Washington County Health Department by calling 1-888-lowradon (1-888-569-7236) or 262-335-4706.

2010 Census

The importance of the 2010 Census cannot be overstated. Results of the count directly affect governmental representation and economic support. Since Wisconsin's population is relatively stable, it is currently thought that the number of our congressmen will not change. Every year the federal government can allocate \$400+ billion to states and communities based, in part, by results of the Census. An accurate count of residents ensures Wisconsin's share in the funds.

The 2010 Census is one of the shortest questionnaires in history. It takes 10 minutes to

complete the 10 questions. If questionnaires are not returned by April 1, 2010 it costs about \$100 to fund household visits by census workers who complete the questionnaire with the residents. The 2000 Census had 64% respond by mail. There is great interest in increasing that percentage and having the questionnaires returned by mail prior to April 1.

The Census is completely confidential. Information from the questionnaire is kept secure, and for 72 years the names are separated from the date. Census workers take an oath to maintain confidentiality and can be penalized if they reveal information to anyone other than the U.S. Census Bureau. "The Census Bureau is forbidden by law from sharing information with any other government entity including the IRS, FBI, immigration and Naturalization or any outside authority." U.S. Census Bureau powerpoint.

Currently there is national recruitment for Census Workers. Interested candidates can apply at www.2010censusjobs.gov Workers can earn between \$11 and \$15 an hour.

Census questionnaires will be mailed to households in February and March 2010.

April 1, 2010 is Census Day. The hope is that questionnaires will be returned by mail by that date.

Between April and July Census takers will visit households that did not respond to the mail-back option. The Census is easy, important and safe. Please join in working together to make sure that Ozaukee County counts!

Warm
Hands...
Warm
Heart...



I want to thank everyone for their donations to the mitten tree and the learn to knit/crochet kits. I received two lovely knit sweaters and some hats and mittens for children this year.

I will be dropping off the hand made items before Christmas to the Ozaukee and Washington county women's shelters.

I received a generous donation from The Newburg Lioness which allowed me to put together six kits. I also received some yarn and crochet hooks in the donation basket.

Next year I will discontinue the mitten tree and I will focus on donations for the learn to knit/crochet kits. If anyone has an urge to knit a hat etc. I will still take donations but there will be no tree due to lack of space. Please keep the yarn and knit/crochet items coming.

Thank you once again,
Barbara Jean

Contact Barbara McHugh AKA The Garden Detective at: 262-675-2071 if you have questions or want to donate supplies for the kits.

Note: If you would like to have an article in future editions of Bridges please e-mail your information to cdeweese@village.newburg.wi.us, preferably as a Word attachment, or you can contact Carol DeWeese at 262-675-2160. We welcome all contributions that are of interest to residents of the Village.