



# Village of Stockbridge Newsletter



Spring/Summer 2019

## CONTACTS AT A GLANCE!

### VILLAGE BOARD

**PRESIDENT:** Amy Zahringer  
**TRUSTEES:** Marilyn Behnke  
Ty Bodden  
Nathan Bowe  
Tim Lemke  
Tammy Mackai  
Greg Zickuhr

### CLERK/TREASURER

Lisa Averkamp 439-1700  
villageofstockbridge@tds.net

### WATER/SEWER UTILITY COMMISION

Bob Ecker Tammy Mackai  
Ty Bodden Amy Zahringer  
Tim Lemke

### WATER/SEWER UTILITY

Cindy Strebe, Clerk 439-1220  
Zach Propson (MCO)  
Bruce Genskow (MCO)  
MCO On-Call Number 920-636-8057  
villageofstockbridgeutilities@gmail.com

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Paul Birschbach 378-2857 or 849-9274  
binspector@frontier.com

### PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR

Linda Baxter, Grota Appraisals 262-253-1142  
lbaxter@wi-assessor.com

### GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Advanced Disposal 849-9544 x 104

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Calumet County Sheriff's Dept 849-2335

### SNOW REMOVAL

County & State Roads  
Calumet County Hwy Dept. 849-1434

Village Streets  
J&E Construction 439-1555

## VILLAGE OFFICE

### Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch 12-1)

Exceptions due to offsite meetings, election related duties, trainings, illness or vacation will be noted on the front door.

If a resident or business owner would require a meeting at another time with the Clerk, outside of these posted hours, please call 439-1700 to schedule and that will always be accommodated.

If you ever need to drop something off for any Village representative, outside regular office hours, there is a secure drop box near the front door. Also, you can leave a voicemail message at 439-1700 and a return call will be made as soon as possible.

Please note that there will be days that the Clerk will be scheduled off for vacation and those will be noted, as they occur, on the front door & voicemail.

Reminder to call Cindy at 439-1220 for Water/Sewer related questions.

## CONTROLLED BURNS

If you intend to do a large controlled burn on your property, please contact the Calumet County Sherriff's non-emergency number at 849-2335 to make them aware of it. If the dispatchers have this information ahead of time, they can communicate this to callers that may report smoke and the fire department is not dispatched when unnecessary.

Of course, if your burn does get concerning, call 911 immediately.





Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



## **APRIL**

### **30<sup>TH</sup> - OPEN BOOK WITH PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR**

The Village contracts with Grotta Appraisals to assess all Village properties. If you have questions regarding how your property is assessed, come to the Open Book at the Village Office on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to discuss. Residents are seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please see the "Tax & Assessment" tab on the Village website.

## **MAY**

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL** Sponsored by Calumet County

Calumet County is once again sponsoring a Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste & Electronics Disposal events throughout the Spring, Summer & Fall. Please view all the details on dates & times on Page 6 of this newsletter. Participants **MUST** schedule an appointment to participate. Call 849-2361 x 750 or visit the UW Extension website at <http://calumet.uwex.edu>.

### **4<sup>th</sup> - VILLAGE LARGE ITEM DROP OFF (Non-Hazardous)**

The Village is sponsoring a large item drop off in the parking lot southwest of the Fire Station on the 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Be prepared to show ID to verify that you are a Village resident.

### **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - RUMMAGE-A-RAMA & GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE**

Stockbridge will be buzzing with people, as they patronize the community wide rummage sales and the school's plant sale! The contact to be put on the map is Lisa Meyer at 379-7428 or email her at [countrylisa430@gmail.com](mailto:countrylisa430@gmail.com). If you are interested in donating plants to the sale, please bring them in pots or bags to the school grounds or call Janet at 450-1991 with questions.

### **20<sup>th</sup> – BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) would be for residents that attended the Open Book and still are not in agreement with the Assessor on their property tax assessment. You must complete an OBJECTION FORM and submit to the Village Clerk 48 hours prior to the BOR. See the "Tax & Assessment" tab for more information.

### **27<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & DEDICATION**

Join us in honoring all of those that have died while serving in the U.S. Military. Parade at 10 a.m. with a dedication to follow.

## **JUNE**

### **1<sup>st</sup> – STOCKBRIDGE LIONS WALLEYE TOURNAMENT**

Join us in Stockbridge to kick off the summer fun by supporting all the great fishermen & women as they register their catch of the day at the Stockbridge Harbor! After witnessing the weigh-ins, come on back to the Firemen Legion Park to enjoy great food, entertainment & celebrate with the award winners.

## **JULY**

### **20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - STOCKBRIDGE PICNIC & PARADE** Sponsored by the Stockbridge Firemen & Legion

Join us for the fun of the annual picnic & parade. On Saturday, there is a kickball tournament, outdoor mass, games, food, beverages and always a great band playing under the main pavilion. On Sunday, start the day with the parade at 11:00 a.m. The famous chicken dinner is served at noon until 2:00 p.m., the PTO sells tickets for the awesome gift baskets all day and there is always excellent entertainment under the main pavilion. If you are interested in being in the parade or if you are a community group that would like to participate in the picnic, please contact Nick at 378-0204.

## **AUGUST**

### **14<sup>th</sup> – GERMAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL** Sponsored by Stockbridge Area Business Association

Celebrate German American Heritage by gathering at the Fireman Legion Park for good food & entertainment!

# LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS – MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>!



9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED**



The Village will be providing a large item DROP-OFF SITE in the parking lot on the southwest corner of the Fire Station

This will be offered on **Saturday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Proof of residency will be required, & the site will be monitored & no after-hours drop off allowed.

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

- Items such as couches, chairs, tables, lamps, sinks, toilets or any other household furniture.
- Carpeting, rugs, pads from carpeting.
- Bedsprings, mattresses, bed frames, swing sets and wash line poles (with concrete removed) bicycles and parts.
- Freon free appliances – i.e. Washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, water heaters and water softeners. Refrigerators, freezers, and dehumidifiers that have been tagged by a licensed professional as refrigerant free will be accepted.
- Any NON-HAZARDOUS household refuse that is bagged or bundled.

## NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

- NO refrigerators, freezers or dehumidifiers which have not been tagged by a licensed professional as refrigerant free.
- NO gasoline powered engines.
- NO construction and remodeling debris such as drywall, plaster, shingles, siding etc.
- NO yard waste
- NO fluorescent light bulbs
- NO hazardous materials, chemicals, paints or spray cans
- NO tires
- NO electronics – ie. TVs, computers, printers, FAX machines, VCR/DVD/Bluray players, cameras or cell phones.

## ENERGY SERVICES OUTREACH FOR CALUMET COUNTY RESIDENTS

### Energy Services For Calumet County

#### WHO QUALIFIES FOR HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE?

*Households whose total gross income for the three months immediately preceding the month of application are at or below the amount shown for your family size (see chart at right).*

#### APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Your most recent energy bill
- ✓ **PHOTO ID**
- ✓ Social Security numbers for all **members** of your household
- ✓ Written proof of your household's gross income for the **three months** prior to your application.

**For further details, please call today!**

**1(800)506-5596**



NEW 2018-2019 ENERGY ASSISTANCE GROSS INCOME GUIDELINES	
NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	GROSS INCOME LIMIT (3 MONTHS)
1	\$ 6,870.00
2	\$ 8,983.75
3	\$11,097.75
4	\$13,211.50
5	\$15,325.25
6	\$17,439.25
7	\$17,835.50
8	\$18,231.75

# Village yard waste site – west lake st.

Once again, the yard waste dumpster has been deposited to the site on the west side of the sewer treatment plant at 625 W. Lake St.

Reminders for use of the yard waste site & dumpster:

- The dumpster is for grass clippings, leaves, garden debris and very small branches only.
- The brush and branch pile are for the deposit of branches only
- Keep the brush pile OFF the gravel area!

- The entire site is for use by Village taxpayers only
- The site is monitored, but if you should arrive to deposit anything in the dumpster and it is full, please contact the Village Clerk at 439-1700



## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



The purpose of the Village's Property Maintenance Code is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of our residents and visitors in order to maintain and improve the quality of life in our community.

This code can be found at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org) on the Code of Ordinances tab in Chapter 24.314.

It is to our community's benefit to keep all properties properly maintained. A property that is not well maintained impacts property values and has a negative effect on quality of life for surrounding neighbors.

You may contact the Village office at 439-1700 to report a violation and it will be reviewed by our Zoning Code Administration for compliance and further action including letters describing the remediation timeline allowed and/or citations.

## meeting

**Regular Village Board** meetings are held at the Village Office on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Regular Water & Sewer Utility** meetings are held at the Village office on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Joint Village & Town** meetings to discuss Fire Department/First Responder financials, etc. , are typically held the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October. These meetings are held at the Community Hall connected to the Fire Department at 6:30 p.m.

**REMINDER: ALWAYS CHECK THE WEBSITE OR WATCH FOR THE PUBLIC POSTINGS TO VERIFY EACH MEETING DATE/TIME**

## BUILDING PERMIT REMINDERS

Make sure to obtain your building permits prior to starting your projects. The building permit application can be found under the FAQ tab on the Village website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org). Paul Birschbach is the building inspector and his contact information is on the front page of the newsletter.

# SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES



The Village of Stockbridge continues to work with the Stockbridge Schools to ensure the safety of our students and all residents.

In 2017, the Village installed digital speed radar signs to remind motorists of their speed as they enter the Village and the posted school zones. In 2019, the Village has also contacted the WI DOT to complete white fog line and parking lane stripes from the south to north end of the Village. An audit conducted by Eastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission had noted that the visual evidence of these lines aide motorists in slowing down their speed. Also, the Village will be contracting to have ladder stripe painting in the crosswalks near school to improve their visibility.

The addition of the adult crossing guard with improved visual markers were added by the School and increased visibility of the Calumet County Sheriff's deputies to cite speeders has been requested by the Village.

## VILLAGE WEBSITE CHANGES

The Village budgeted to have the Village website updated in 2019. The Village has contracted with Stellar Blue to assist with this update.

Check out [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org) to see the new and improved website (coming soon). We hope that it is easier for you to navigate on desktop computers, phone or tablets☺



**Join us on  
Facebook**

Last minute updates, friendly reminders and community minded news is shared frequently on the Village of Stockbridge Facebook page.

In the search bar, enter Village of Stockbridge  
and  
“Like” us today to start getting these updates!

## **YARD WASTE SITE CONCERNS!**

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PILING BRANCHES & BRUSH RIGHT NEXT TO THE SIGNS AND DUMPSTER AREA AT THE YARD WASTE SITE.**

**PLEASE KEEP THE PILE AT LEAST 15 FT AWAY FROM THE DUMPSTER OR SIGNS! THERE MUST BE ROOM LEFT FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE AROUND THE DUMPSTER.**

**CONTINUAL ABUSE OF THE SITE, WILL FORCE THE VILLAGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW IF THE SITE SHOULD BE CLOSED.**

# 2019

## Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal

Advanced Disposal Landfill, Calumet County, and local governments have coordinated to offer local drop off options for the safe disposal of hazardous wastes and recycling of used electronics.

**Hazardous Waste/Tire Recycling:** Dates, times, and locations for hazardous waste/tire recycling drop off programs being held throughout the County:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, April 27	9-11 am	Hazardous Waste	Harrison Public Works Garage
Friday, May 17	9-11 am	Hazardous Waste	Chilton Public Works Garage
Saturday, June 1	9-11 am	Hazardous Waste	New Holstein Public Works Garage
Saturday, June 1	9-11 am	Tire Recycling	New Holstein Public Works Garage
Saturday, June 1	9-11 am	Tire Recycling	Officials Den, Hilbert
Saturday, August 3	9-11 am	Hazardous Waste	Harrison Public Works Garage
Friday, September 6	9-11 am	Hazardous Waste	Brillion Public Works Garage

Appointments are REQUIRED to participate, and openings are limited to 50 participating households per event

To make an appointment or for more information go to [www.calumetrecycles.com](http://www.calumetrecycles.com). Alternatively, participants without internet access can call 920-849-2361 Ext 750 or 920 989-2700 Ext. 750 in the Harrison/Appleton area and leave a message requesting an appointment or information; calls will be returned promptly.

Hazardous wastes are products whose labels include the words caution, poison, combustible, danger, warning, flammable, or corrosive. Hazardous wastes that can be brought to the disposal program include, but are not limited to, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, rodent baits, lead and oil based paints, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, bug sprays, old gasoline, transmission fluid and antifreeze. Latex paint IS NOT ACCEPTED.

**Tire Recycling:** The cost of disposal will be \$3.00/tire for ESRC members and \$5.00/tire for non-ESRC members. There will be a limit of 20 tires per household and no tractor tires will be accepted. Participants will be required to purchase tire tickets prior to the event, as no money will be exchanged during the event. Tickets can be purchased by calling (920) 849-1493 ext. 2404.

**Electronics:** Waste electronics such as televisions, computers, VCR's and household appliances will be collected at separate events. No appointments are required for these events, and participants should be prepared to wait in line. Two events are scheduled:

- Wednesday, May 15, 1-5pm, Chilton Public Works Garage
- Wednesday, August 14, 1-5pm, Harrison Public Works Garage

There is a fee for any non-flat screen television or computer monitor; other items can be dropped off for free.

For more information go to [www.calumetrecycles.com](http://www.calumetrecycles.com).

# WHAT IS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW?



An assessment is the value placed upon your property by the assessor. This value determines what portion of the local property tax levy will be borne by your property.

What if I have questions about how my property is assessed or the value at which it was assessed? These questions can be addressed one-on-one with the assessor at Open Book. The Village's Open Book is scheduled for **April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.** at the Village office.

It is a good idea to bring your facts and back-up materials to substantiate your reasoning for a change to your assessment. No appointment is necessary, as the assessor will see you on a first come, first served basis.

The assessor will then follow up with any parties that attend Open Book, in writing, what his findings are. Should you still have questions or wish to object to the assessor's findings, the next step would be to appear at the Board of Review.

Board of Review is scheduled for **May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 p.m.** in the Village Office.

The purpose of the Board of Review is to give the residents that still object to their real or personal property assessment an opportunity to appeal to the Board of Review.

Anyone wishing to appear before the Board of Review must give notice to the Village Clerk, 48 hours prior to the meeting by completing and submitting an Objection Form. The Objection Form can be obtained on the Village website or in person at the Village Office.

To further educate yourself on property assessment information, you can pick up a hard copy of the WI Department of Revenue guide in the Village office or go to the following website: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf>

## 2020 – A BUSY ELECTION YEAR! BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY VS PHOTO ID:** Proof of residence (which is what you are proving when you Register to vote), is different than proof of identification (which is what you are proving when you show your photo id to obtain a ballot).

One example is.... if you moved since the last election you will need to complete a new voter registration form. So, for example, you used to live on Military Rd. and now you live on Mary St., you will need to show proof of residency by providing documentation that has your current address. This is done in advance with the Village Clerk or the day of the election at the Voter Registration table. This is necessary to keep all poll books current & accurate and to make certain that you are receiving the correct ballot style.

When you approach the table to obtain your ballot, you must state your name and address. The election workers will verify that you are in the poll book under the correct address. You will show Photo Id to prove who you are in order to receive a ballot. The address on an acceptable Photo Id is irrelevant at this time and is not information that inspectors should review or verify.

# 2020 – A BUSY ELECTION YEAR!

## BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE - KNOWING WHERE YOU LIVE!

To eliminate confusion or the error of standing in the wrong line to vote, please ask yourself, “Do I live in the Village or Town of Stockbridge?” While this may seem like a silly question, it is a common statement that occurs at the polling location.

There are three times more registered voters in the Town of Stockbridge than the Village of Stockbridge, therefore the lines to obtain a Town of Stockbridge ballot are often quite a bit longer than the Village of Stockbridge. It is unfortunate to see someone that had waited in line for quite some time, to only find out they should have approached the Village of Stockbridge table.

These are two completely separate municipalities and your name will only show in the poll book for the municipality in which you reside. Also, for example, at the April election the Town of Stockbridge will have five different ballot styles depending on where their registered voter resides because the Town has multiple County Supervisory and school districts. This example lends to why it is vital that the poll books are accurate and if you have moved even within your same municipality, you must complete an updated voter registration form.

### VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE

*“Sturgeon Center of the World”*

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STOCKBRIDGE WI 53088-0292

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Our newsletter is published two times a year and mailed to all Village of Stockbridge property owners. It is also available on our website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org)

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