

## 2019 WALDO VILLAGE AND UTILITY NEWSLETTER

*Hello! It has been a busy and productive year! We thought you would appreciate these updates of what has been happening with the Village and with the Water/Sewer Utilities.*

### **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CHANGES**

The Village will start having curbside pickup of garbage AND recyclables starting January 2020. Information included in this mailing or from the Clerk.

### **A report on the WATER UTILITY:**

#### **PRIVATE WELLS IN THE VILLAGE**

During 2019 Private well owners were sent information regarding safeguarding the water table by properly caring for their private wells. Prior to the water system installation around 1962, the Village residents were all serviced with private wells; often shared by several neighbors. If unabandoned and not maintained, the Village water table is at risk of being contaminated. Our 2019 DNR inspection found us lacking in this area. Private well owners are required to have their wells inspected and permitted OR properly abandoned by licensed personnel. The deadline for owners to get their chosen paperwork to the Village office is October 1, 2020. Thank you for your cooperation!!!

### **VILLAGE GOVERNMENT**

Our current Village Board of Trustees includes President Gary Dekker (thanks for coming out of retirement!), and Trustees Jerome Hammarlund, Chris Madgwick, Michael Hintz and Mark Spitz. Michael and Mark are currently running for re-election in April. Join us the second Monday of the month at 6:00 and get involved with our community. Both the Village Board and Utility Board meetings are on the same night. The Utility Board meets immediately after the Village Board. Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website ([www.villageofwaldo.com](http://www.villageofwaldo.com)) or posted at the Bank, Post Office or Village Hall.

### **WALDO PARK**

New electrical updates were accomplished during the summer of 2018. The chimney & grill were rebuilt in 2019.

### **MEMORIAL HALL**

A janitorial service was hired to help with the upkeep during 2018. The floor care has been improved as a result. Kvindlog's has started **Radio Control Racing on Saturday nights**. Come check them out January through May! Info at Kvindlog's: 920-528-7612

### **VILLAGE HALL**

The last two years have been busy here! The building now has ADA Compliant parking, entry & restrooms. (The Kohler Company donated the toilets and sinks!) The entire electrical system has been upgraded and a Kohler standby generator has been installed behind the building. The generator can provide emergency backup for the fire department, well pump and Village Hall. Resident Dean Buelke also did a great job painting the exterior of the building during the summer. With a busy election season ahead, it is nice to have the projects completed.

### **STREETS**

High Street (behind Chissy's) was repaved during the summer and is a much needed improvement! Infrared Street Patching was used to provide long term repair throughout the Village. Deer Trail also saw significant maintenance after it finally dried out enough this spring. We would like to remind folks that it is against State Law to blow grass clippings or snow into the roadways. Both cause slippery driving conditions. It is also recommended that homeowners keep their storm drains clean of leaves and garbage. Thank you for observing these requests!

### **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

Mike Kitzerow (DPW) and his wife Chrissy donated their time and talent to refurbish decorations again this year. In particular a favorite street swag was recommissioned across East First Street. The Village looks very festive with their help! A big "Thank you" goes out to the Mike and Chrissy! Many residents have dressed their properties for the season as well. Waldo is a pretty place these winter nights!

### **VILLAGE GROWTH**

A housing development is in the works behind the Village Park. Homestead of Waldo should see some buildings go up this spring.

### **VILLAGE PARKING**

As a reminder, "No person, except duly licensed physicians on emergency calls, shall park any vehicle on the streets in the Village of Waldo between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day of the year from the 15th day of November of any one year to the first day of April of the following year." (Chapter 158:1(A) Waldo Code) Vehicles should also be out of the lane of traffic and off the shoulder when parked outside a residence.

### **COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S PARTIES**

Thanks to enthusiastic community support and volunteerism, the annual Halloween party and Christmas party have had three successful years. . These events truly could not have happened without selfless service and a heavy dose of enthusiasm! The recent "Breakfast With Santa" had about 130 attendants. Thank you to the many people involved including, ( but not limited to) the Waldo Fireflies, Waldo State Bank, Waldo Lions Club, JD Trucking, Jerry & Ann Glomski , Bill & Jean Worth, Mary Hammarlund and Tina Cooney.

### **GENERATOR**

A new stand-by emergency generator was completed in 2019. The Kohler Company gave a neighborly discount on the generator! It will serve the Village Hall, Fire Department, and the municipal well pumphouse during power failures. The electrical for the entire complex was upgraded.

A variable frequency drive and a new MCC board were added to the well motor.

### **UPCOMING ELECTION CYCLE**

Are you new to the Village of Waldo? Have you moved within the Village? Have you changed your name? Do you want to vote and not sure if you are in the Poll Book? Please go to [MyVote.WI](http://MyVote.WI) It is easy to register online to vote! This site is designed for the Wisconsin registration process. It will tell you where to go to vote and what you may still need to bring to the polls. Many organizations will be sending out registration applications or having "get out the vote" drives. Often their generic registrations are inaccurate, because they aren't designed for Wisconsin. Waldo postal addresses don't always mean you are a Village of Waldo resident as well. You may still register on election day, but by pre-registering you will be in the poll book and the process will go quickly. You won't be stuck in a line at the incorrect polling location.

Also: Remember that **All** voters will need to bring photo I.D. with them.

### UPCOMING CENSUS

All residents should be receiving a U.S. (Federally sponsored) 2020 Census mailing in the early part of 2020. You will be asked to fill it out and return it. If not returned, a Census employee will be trying to reach you at your doorstep. They will be wearing identification badges. The Federal Government is also hiring local residents to be the door to door Census Takers. It would be preferable to have a neighbor coming to your door, than a stranger. Interested? Apply online: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). It is short term employment starting around March. The information is used for Federal Aids, Legislative District mapping, etc. Please talk with your children about this coming up. A "Complete Count" has value, but not at the risk of unnecessary fear. Children don't need to answer the door and give census answers to strangers. You also do not need to invite them into your home. You can stand at your door to answer.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The **Waldo Fire Department** and **WFD Auxiliary** is enjoying their new truck and we enjoy their mascot on the side window. Thank you for serving day and night! Want to be a volunteer in an organization that is both exceptional AND necessary? Call Don Baroun 920-905-9630
- Would you like to **help with the Christmas or Halloween parties?** Call the Clerk's office: 920-528-8121 or email the clerk.
- The **Village Planning Commission** has positions opening every year. Serving there is a small time commitment, but an important contribution to the community! Please consider getting involved. Contact the Clerk.
- The **Waldo Fireflies** is our local 4-H group. They are a fun and busy group! They have been critical to the success of the Children's parties at Memorial Hall, delivered chili and Christmas cookies to local senior citizens, and work on many County Fair projects! They also served a Chili Supper fundraiser at The Waldo Cafe' on February 23, 2019. They meet at the Village Hall on the first Monday night of each month. Come join the group! The Clerk, Michelle, can get you in touch with them.
- The **Waldo Lions Club** has been actively serving our community for almost 40 years. Meetings are held every second Thursday at Chissy's. How many ways have they helped our community? Local Scholarships for High School Seniors, Building Repairs at Memorial Hall, many man hours logged at Community events, etc., etc. !! Meetings: 6:30 social start/ 7:00 dinner meeting. Contact Tom Reil at Waldo State Bank for more information. 920-528-8385

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

- **REMINDER: Get your dogs licensed for 2020 BY March 31, 2020!** Late penalties start on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- February 18, 2020 possibly a Primary election (Village Hall, 810 W. Second St)
- February 2020 Waldo Fireflies Chili Supper at Waldo Cafe' (Depot St.)
- March 8, 2020 annual Waldo Fire Department brat fry (Memorial Hall)
- April 7, 2020 Spring election (Village Hall, 810 W. Second St)(Trustees, judges, presidential preference)
- April 25, 2020 annual Waldo Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner (Memorial Hall, 308 W. 1st St)
- June, 2020 Carp Derby at Mill Pond (watch the website for specific date)
- July, 2020 Mill Pond Improvement Association brat fry at Plymouth Piggly Wiggly (check website for day)
- August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary (Village Hall)(The election where you have to vote straight party)
- September 4-6, 2020 Sheboygan County Fair, Fairview Drive, Plymouth
- October 1, 2020 Private Well owners: Well Permits or Notices of Abandonment are due at Village Hall
- October 2, 2020 annual Waldo Fire Dept. fish fry/fire safety event at Fire Dept/Village Hall (810 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)
- October 31, 2020 (Sat.), Waldo trick or treating 4-7p.m./ Community party 7-9 (Memorial Hall)
- November 3, 2020 Presidential Election (Village Hall)
- November 9, 2020 Public Hearing on 2021 Village Budget, Board meetings follow
- December 5, 2020 Community Christmas Party (Memorial Hall, 308 W 1<sup>st</sup> St)

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