



VILLAGE OF WALDO 2020
 Masks couldn't hide these smiling faces at historic elections! Newsworthy tree. New Fire Chief. Neighbors helping neighbors. A good place to live!



History in the making: The year we struggled through. Enough said. But so many good things happened. Soups were delivered to sheltering people. The Free Little Library changed out books for food. The above election inspectors studied up and did a fantastic job. Plexiglas panels allowed the Board to meet in person all year. November marked the 100th year anniversary of the Village beginning their incorporation apart from Town of Lyndon. The first try failed. They started the process over in 1921. Notice of “a meeting of the electors of the territory described” was published November 23, 1922. On December 18, 1922, a poll list of 127 “persons voting at a Referendum Election held in The Town of Lyndon” was held at “T.H. Alcox Hall, Lot 1, Block 5, original plat of Waldo, in said county of Sheboygan.” The Referendum passed and the first Board meeting was held January 24, 1923. After this challenging year, we yearn for gatherings and celebrations. This historical birthday seems like a good opportunity.

?? Interested in organizing or being on a committee for such an event(s)??? Contact the Clerk 😊

STREETS

The Village is working with the Sheboygan County Highway Department to rebuild CTH V in Waldo from Highway 57 to the east Village limits. The street will be widened, and sections of storm sewer, curb and gutter installed. Information meetings will be held. The project is scheduled for 2022. A cross culvert at the intersection of Fourth and Lydon street was replaced.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Our current Village Board of Trustees President Gary Dekker along with Trustees Jerome Hammarlund and Chris Madgwick have decided to run for another term. The election is April 6, 2021. (There's also a Feb. 16th primary for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (If other folks come forward to run for Trustee or President, then these contests will also be on the February primary ballot.) Michael Hintz and Mark Spitz were re-elected to the Board in April of 2020. A **HUGE** thank you to these citizens serving this way!! 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) or posted at the Bank, Post Office or Village Hall.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Mike Kitzerow (DPW) and his wife Chrissy donated their time and talent to refurbish decorations again this year. "Thank you"! Many residents have dressed their properties for the season as well. Waldo is a pretty place these winter nights! Thanks go out to the Waldo Fire Dept. for helping Mark Spitz get his large displays up this year as well!! We have become a Holiday Highway destination. Rarely does a community have so many decked out homes and streetlight decorations even on side streets.

VILLAGE GROWTH

Six new homes are in progress in the Village. All lots in the Homestead development behind the park have been sold.

DAM

The dam at the millpond was inspected by an engineering firm as required by the DNR every three years. Brush was removed by the Millpond Association on the north berm. Village personnel repaired eroded areas. The village is looking into cost sharing grants with the DNR for future improvements identified in the inspection report.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

A pilot study using a rare earth metal for the removal of phosphorus was successful this summer. This will meet the DNR requirement to remove phosphorus from the effluent to low levels in the next discharge permit with the DNR.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The **Waldo Fire Department** and **WFD Auxiliary** have a new Fire Chief in 2021. Jason Parrish has stepped down after 12 commendable years of service. (He will continue to serve with the crew, however.) Tyler Collins was sworn in as the new Chief on December 14, 2020. Welcome, Tyler! Thank you all 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?** (Let us hope to see those return in 2021!! 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 doorhangers to local senior citizens, and work on many County Fair projects! They also served a Chili Supper fundraiser at The Waldo Cafe' before the Covid sheltering began. They normally meet at the Village Hall on the first Monday night of each month. They have had to get creative and remote, but they are still enthusiastic! 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 normally 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 have been affected due to Covid; but please reach out. Their mission is still valuable. Contact Tom Reil at Waldo State Bank for more information. 920-528-8385

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

- **REMINDER: Get your dogs licensed for 202 BY March 31, 2021! Late penalties start on April 1st.**
- February 16, 2021 Primary election (Village Hall, 810 W. Second St) Superintendent of Public Instruction
- March 14, 2021 annual Waldo Fire Department brat fry (Memorial Hall)-planning but pending...
- April 6, 2021 Spring election (Village Hall, 810 W. Second St) (Trustees, school board)
- April 24, 2021 annual Waldo Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner (Memorial Hall, 308 W. 1st St)-possibly...
- July 2021 -Hopefully-Mill Pond Improvement Association brat fry at Plymouth Piggly Wiggly (check website)
- September 2-6, 2021 Sheboygan County Fair, Fairview Drive, Plymouth
- October 1, 2021 (hopefully)annual Waldo Fire Dept. fish fry/fire safety event at Fire Dept/Village Hall
- October 30, 2021 (Sat.), Waldo trick or treating 4-7p.m./ (Community party 7-9-hopefully) (Memorial Hall)
- December 4, 2021 -Hopefully-Community Christmas Party (Memorial Hall, 308 W 1st St)



In memory of James O'Reilly (8-31-1931 to 12-17-2020) and Ben Dekker; neighbors who shared this view for MANY years. James was a model citizen and wonderful man. WWII Veteran, 35 years on Recreation Committee, 40 years on WFD, Poll Worker, meals on wheels deliverer...a true heart to serve. (This is the "Ben Dekker" bench at the Waldo Mill Pond. RIP great gentlemen!)

