



The Village of
North Fond du Lac
...A Great Place to Live, Work & Play

THE VILLAGER

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From the Administrator

A frosty morning today reminds us all of what is to come in the next few months. Winter will be here before we know it. Although there are many things some of us don't like about winter, I like to look on the bright side...no mosquitos and it is basketball season! For me, winter means spending many hours in a gym on weeknights and weekends coaching and watching basketball. Winter also means enjoying time with family during the holidays. Here at the Village offices, winter means we are nearing the end of the year and all of the reports and audits that come with that. It also means we will be finishing up the 2022 budget process.

Staff and the Village Board have been busy working on the 2022 Budget. This is a long process that starts in July and wraps up in November each year. There are many challenges that we are faced with and each year we do our best to maintain the same level of service with little to no increase in taxes. We should complete the process in the next month or so. As of right now, we are proposing a slight increase to the tax rate of 2%. The Village has seen some significant increases in expenses in the past year. Most notable would be the increase in both recycling fees and the cost of disposing of our garbage. Between these 2 fees, we have seen an increase of \$60,000 annually. Currently, residents pay \$5.00 per quarter (\$20 annually) on your utility bill for garbage pickup. We have proposed an increase to \$7 per quarter (\$28 annually) on the utility bills. This increase equals about \$14,000 of revenue annually to the Village to help offset some of the cost increase. As costs continue to rise, we have to be more creative in how we balance our budget. Probably the most impactful way the Village has worked to balance the budget without raising taxes has been reducing the debt service payments. In the last 10 years, the annual debt service has been reduced by \$265,000. This allows more of our tax revenue to be utilized for increases in operational costs that continue to rise. The 2022 budget as of right now is looking promising and will be wrapped up by the end of November. A big thanks to all of our department heads and staff for their hard work and diligence in providing the same level of service to our residents while keeping tax increases to a minimum.

Shifting topics a bit, you may have noticed the new signs and concrete trail at Village Park. The United Way, along with donations from Oriole Nation, the North Fond du Lac Optimist Club, and the North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association funded this project. The Born Learning Trail is a series of 10 interactive signs that offer fun, active learning activities for young children and their families. It helps parents, caregivers and communities create quality engagement opportunities when out on a stroll or visiting a local playground. This is a great addition to Village Park and I would like to thank all of the organizations that made this possible. If you have young children, please take some time to visit and experience the trail.



This is also the time of year I like to recognize any of our great employees who have reached 5-year milestones with the Village in 2021:

Jeremy Sternweis- Police Department- 20 years
Shawn Hendrix- Police Department- 20 years
Adam Moriarty- EMS/Fire Department- 5 years

If you see any of these employees or any other members of our staff, please take the time to thank them for a job well done!

Enjoy your winter and all the good things that come with it. When you are outside scraping the snow and ice off of your windshield, just think...you could be swatting mosquitos! Please stay safe and, as always, stop in and say hello!

Nick Leonard



Please follow us for Village News



North Fond du Lac
Optimist Club
Pancake Day



November 13th
7AM-1PM

Friendship Learning
Center
(New Location)

Tickets are \$5 Adults, \$2
Kids 3 and under free

Building Inspector Hours

8 to 10 a.m. and
1 to 2 p.m. Daily;
Other times by
Appointment Only
Peter Feters,
(920) 929-3765



Village Offices Holiday Hours

Closed

November 26th
December 24th,
27th and 31st.

Christmas Tree Pick up



Mondays

Jan. 3rd thru Jan. 24th

Must have trees undecorated
and on the terrace by 6am
the morning of pick up.

**Village of North Fond du Lac
16 Garfield Street
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937-1399**

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Visit us on the web at www.nfdl.org

**Regular Board Meetings are held on the
1st and 3rd Mondays
of the month at 6 p.m.,
and are broadcast live
on Cable Channel 980.**

Other Committee Meetings:

--**Plan Commission**, as needed,
2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

--**Community Development Authority**, as needed,
4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**The Villager is published 4 times a year :
Spring, Summer , Fall and Winter.**

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

Mike Streetar- President— 539-1126
Ann Price, Trustee — 602-6320
Chuck Hornung, Trustee — 251-2804
Mike Will, Trustee— 921-1103
John Duffy, Trustee—251-8631

Village Departments

Administrator — 929-3765
Village Clerk — 929-3765
EMS/Fire — 929-3765
Inspections/Zoning — 929-3765
Library — 929-3771
Municipal Court — 924-2479
Police — 929-3760
Public Works — 929-3765
Community Center — 929-3765
Water & Sewer Utilities — 929-3765
For Emergencies — Call 911

!!!! Reminder !!!!



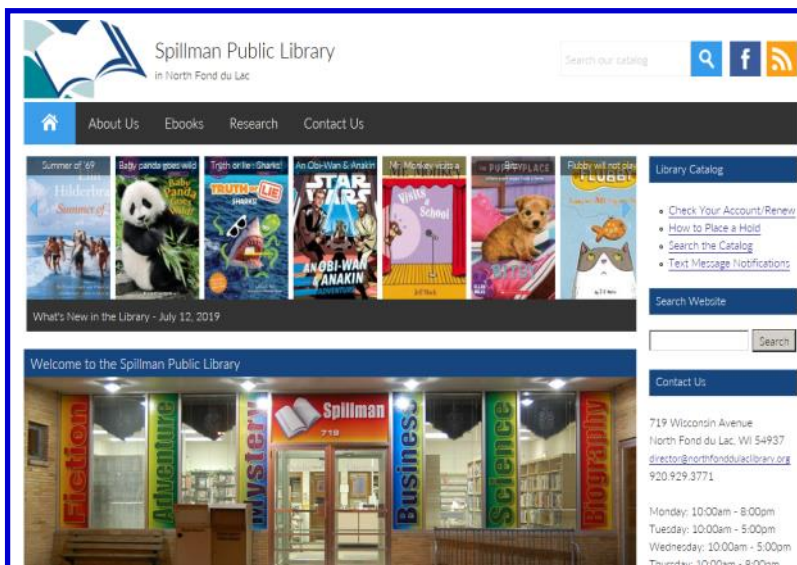
All dogs and cats in the Village of North Fond du Lac need to be licensed on a yearly basis. The licensing period is Jan 1– March 31 please get your 2022 license during this time frame. All dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination date on file.

We recently have had some people question the licensing process thinking that your pet only needs to be licensed when purchased. This is not true. You must relicense every year. Fees are \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$5 for a spayed or neutered cat. It is an additional \$5 if they are not fixed and a \$5 late fee will apply if registered after March 31st, unless this is a new pet.



**PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN
FROM BUILDING
SNOW FORTS/TUNNELS ON
THE TERRACE.
PLOW DRIVERS CANNOT
SEE CHILDREN
THAT ARE HIDDEN.**





For current information about our library, please visit our library's website. There is also a link to our Facebook page at the top of the webpage. If you click on it, and login to your Facebook, you can "Like" our library's page. We post important information and current programming reminders through this page as well!



Hosted by Spillman Library and
NFDL Police, Fire, and EMS

Santa is coming to North FDL

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Thursday, December 9th
6:15 p.m.

NFDL Community Center

Please call the library at 929-3771 for details.



2021 Spillman Public Library Late Fall and Early Winter Storytime

FREE FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR GROWN-UPS!

Storytime is a wonderful way to
nurture your child's love of books and
reading.

No registration required.

**Family Night 6:15-6:45 p.m. Thursday
Nov 4, 11, 18 and Dec 2, 9, 2021**

**Preschool 10:00-10:30 a.m Friday
Nov 5, 12, 19 and Dec 3, 10, 2021**



719 Wisconsin Ave
920-929-3771

www.northfonddulaclibrary.org

North Fond du Lac Police Department News & Notes...

Winter Parking Restrictions Begin November 15

Winter Parking restrictions for North Fond du Lac will begin on November 15th and will remain in effect through March 15th next year. Please cooperate with public works crews by following the restrictions that have been established so that they can be most effective in keeping our roads safe.

The ordinance specifies that no person shall park on any street from November 15th through March 15th, between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., except in the following manner: From 8 p.m. of an even calendar date to 8 a.m. the following day, parking shall only be permitted on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses. From 8 p.m. of an odd calendar date to 8 a.m. the following day, parking shall only be permitted on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses. The winter parking restrictions will be enforced even when there is no snow.

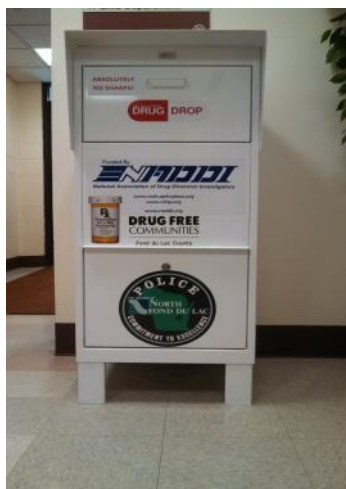
Where ordinance already prohibits parking on one side of the street, the provisions of this ordinance shall be superseded by those restrictions and parking shall always be in accordance with those regulations.

Parking penalties for the first violation of the winter parking ordinance during any snow removal season will be \$15.00 (\$30 if not paid within 5 days). The penalty for the second violation shall be \$30.00 (\$45 if not paid within 5 days). The third violation shall be \$50.00 (\$65 if not paid within 5 days), and the fine for any fourth or subsequent violation of the winter parking ordinance during a snow removal season shall be \$100.00.



During any time of snow emergency, which is determined by the Director of Public Services, all vehicles will be required to be moved off the streets by 2 a.m. Failure to adhere to this section will result in citation and towing of vehicles, which are in violation, at owner's expense.

If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, please feel free to contact the North Fond du Lac Police Department administrative office @ 929-3760. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Drug Drop

The Drug Drop Box is located in the hallway by the NFDL Police Department at 16 Garfield St. Office hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm.

Please take items out of the bottles and put them in sandwich sized zip lock bags.

North Fond du Lac Police Department News & Notes...



Food For Families

The North Fond du Lac Police Department/North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association is gearing up for our annual 'Food for Families' program. Each year, the Police Benevolent Association adopts a number of area families for the Christmas holiday and provides them with gifts and food and gas cards. We are currently seeking the assistance of area businesses, churches, schools, and individuals to once again support the police department in our effort to brighten the holiday season for less fortunate families.

Each year the employees of the police department look forward to having the opportunity to brighten the holiday season for area families that are in need of a little assistance. This is important to the police department because it's an opportunity to help others, and it allows for officers to interact with residents in a more positive light than might usually be associated with police contacts. The PBA is asking donors to contribute money and/or gift cards for grocery stores and gas.

Donations can be dropped off at the North Fond du Lac Police Department, which is located at 16 Garfield Street. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 17. Business hours for the Police Department are Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM. Any groups or individuals that are interested in donating or contributing are asked to contact Karie Tackett or Teresa Mielkie at the North Fond du Lac Police Department. They can be reached at 920-929-3760 during regular business hours.



Welcome to the Team

The Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of a new officer to fill the force's existing vacancies.

Officer Bryce LaLuzerne started with the department on July 20th. Bryce graduated from Hortonville High School in 2014. In 2017, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, with Minors in Criminal Justice and Political Science from UW-Stevens Point. Bryce completed the Law Enforcement Recruit Academy at Fox Valley Technical College in 2017. Prior to being hired in North Fond du Lac, LaLuzerne was a Patrol Officer for the Grand Chute Police Department and previously served as a Student Security Officer for University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Protective Services.



We proudly welcome Bryce as the newest member of our team!

Holiday Safety Tips

For most of us the holidays mean spending time with family and friends, decorating our homes and shopping for gifts. Unfortunately, for criminals the holidays are a time of added opportunities to steal and otherwise victimize others. The season also brings with it the increased risk of accidents. Here are some tips to make sure the holidays are safe and enjoyable.

- *Always lock doors and windows when leaving the house, even for a few minutes.*
- *When leaving for an extended time, have friends or family watch the house and take in newspapers and mail. And contact the police department to request a vacation house check while you're away.*
- *Use timers to turn on lights, a radio or television so the house looks and sounds occupied.*
- *Make sure that large displays of gifts are not visible through the windows and doors of your home.*



Stay alert to your surroundings & the people around you.

- *When out shopping, always keep your windows rolled up and the doors locked, whether driving or when parked.*
- *Never leave purses, wallets or cash in an unattended vehicle & Keep purchases in your trunk, never in view, so that your vehicle isn't a tempting target.*
- *Do not carry your social security card in your wallet or purse; Avoid carrying large amounts of cash & remove any credit cards or checkbooks you won't be using.*

- *When shopping online, make sure to shop reputable online businesses and only on secure sites.*
- *Do not use public wi-fi spots to do your online shopping; these wireless networks are not secure.*



- *If hosting a holiday party, provide plenty of non-alcoholic drink alternatives and never force drinks on guests.*
- *Plan ahead! When attending a party, bring along a designated driver, make arrangements for a taxi or ask your host if you may stay overnight. As few as three drinks can double the chances of you being in an accident.*

It is our hope that following these tips will help make your holiday season merry and safe!

-North Fond du Lac Police Department

Parents Encouraged to Monitor Computer/Phone Usage.

We are very lucky to live in a relatively safe community here in North Fond du Lac. Most parents feel their children are safe when they are at home with the doors locked. Unfortunately, our children may still be vulnerable even though they are in our homes. If your child has access to the internet, she/he could easily become the victim of a crime.

Right here in North Fond du Lac, a 14 year-old girl fell victim to online sextortion. The girl “met” the unknown subject, who claimed to be a young man, through Snapchat. Almost immediately, he began requesting nude images from the girl. Initially, she refused, and the subject stopped communicating with her for a while. After a break, he began contacting her again and requesting nude images. After the girl gave in and sent some images, the person began threatening to expose the girl to her family and on the internet unless she sent him additional nude photos and videos.

Numerous child abductions have been related to the internet and on-line chat rooms. In several cases nationwide, children first met and talked to their abductor on-line in a chat room. After communicating for a period of time, the abductor lured the child to a location to meet in person.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about internet safety. Guidelines and rules should be established for children, and computer use should be located in a common area of the home. If your child uses social media, their activities should be monitored. Parents wouldn’t even consider allowing their child to wander unattended down a dark alley at night, and children shouldn’t be allowed to wander alone in the cyber-world where predators are known to be lurking either.

If you are interested in learning more about keeping your child safe on-line, please contact SRO Shawn Hendrix at 929-3740 ext. 5107.

Early Learning Center/4k

923 Minnesota Avenue

929-3762

Friendship Learning Center

1098 Prospect Avenue

929-3757

Bessie Allen Middle School

305 McKinley Street

929-3754

Horace Mann High School

325 McKinley Street

929-3740



Alternative Learning Center

923 Minnesota Avenue

929-3762

Treffert Way Academy

1115 Thurke Avenue

929-3750

District Office

1115 Thurke Avenue

929-3750

The School District of North Fond du Lac Enrollment Increasing – Future Looks Bright!



*Make sure to follow us on Twitter (@nfdlschools), friend us on Facebook (NFDL Schools), Instagram (oriole_nation) and visit our webpage for updated information at www.nfdlschools.org. Also, click the “Board of Education” link to see recordings and recaps of the Board of Education meetings. On behalf of the Board of Education and staff of the School District of North Fond du Lac – Happy and Safe Holiday Season! **Don’t miss the high school musical “The Little Shop of Horrors” to be performed at the Horace Mann PAC on November 5th, 6th, and 7th!***

A School District of Choice

We are proud to announce that our current enrollment is up 38 students! We are now at an enrollment of 1,527 students (4K- 12th grade). We are at a gain of 164 students open enrolling to our District (28 more than last year)! Since 2011-2012, 337 more students have enrolled into our schools, making that an incredible 28% growth! We are proud to be a school district that our community respects and trusts! As our District continues to grow, we are proud to offer academic, social, artistic and athletic opportunities to all students. Thank you to all of our residents and surrounding communities for the funding and support that you provide our District. We will continue to work hard to maintain your trust and confidence. It is because of this great community and all of our hard work that we are growing and looking to improve every day for every student!



Come See the District in Action!

A great way to see our District in action is by visiting our schools, attending athletic/performance activities or by attending our Board Meetings. Every fourth Monday of the month (with the exception of December – which will be the second Monday), the Board of Education meets to conduct the business of the District. The meetings begin at 7pm and are located in the District Office – District Meeting Room at 1115 Thurke Avenue. Agendas and background information are available on the District’s website on the Friday before the meeting. The meetings include budget reports, opportunities for community input, information about District programs and staff as well as Board action on many items from hiring staff to passing policies. Our Board is made up of Pete Chisholm (president), Stephen Hock (vice-president), Vickie Goldapske (clerk), and two new Board members to be appointed.

Also, please follow our social media presence and website to find out when we are having concerts, when our teams are competing and when we are having special events. We would love to see you in Oriole Nation!

Three Board Member Positions to be Elected in April 2022

If you are interested in running for the Board of Education in the spring of 2022, there will be 3 seats up for election! To be considered to be on the ballot, please contact Sara Drews at (920) 929-3750 or email her at sdrews@nfdlschools.org and she can get you all the information and forms to help you and your candidacy. Any candidate must secure 30 signatures from community members and fill out the proper paper work in the month of December 2021.

The School District of North Fond du Lac is appreciative for the support this community gives our District and children. Please contact me, Superintendent Aaron Sadoff at 929-3750 or at asadoff@nfdlschools.org with any questions you may have regarding the District. I am available to parents or groups for meeting and discussing any concerns or Ideas that can help our District continue its path to greatness. Also, please visit our website (www.nfdlschools.org) for information and updates.

**Happy Thanksgiving, Holidays
and New Year
From the Entire Staff of
Oriole Nation!**



Contact Info

Email: backpackbuddies@nfdlschools.org

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:

**Oriole Nation
Attn: Backpack Buddies
1115 Thurke Avenue
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937**

The Backpack Buddies initiative, within the School District of North Fond du Lac, continues to be available for children at Friendship Learning Center – now expanded to all grade levels (K – 5th). Throughout the school year, a nutritious bag of food is provided one day a week. The bag contains items such as juice or shelf stable milk, oatmeal, breakfast bars, fruit, veggies, soups, and snacks. We just started up again, after taking a break throughout the summer months.

If you're interested in seeing how you can help, email backpackbuddies@nfdlschools.org. Donation checks can be made out to Oriole Nation, Attn: Backpack Buddies and sent to or dropped off at the School District of North Fond du Lac District Office, 1115 Thurke Avenue, North Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

Backpack Buddies exists because of the support and generosity of so many "partners": non-profit organizations, community members (individuals, families, businesses), NFDL schools, and volunteers – without all of you, there would be no Backpack Buddies for our children. Thank you for all you do!

Do I Need a Building Permit?



Yes...

When your project involves:

Involves \$150 or more in retail material cost or over \$300 in material and labor. (donated or free materials should be figured at retail cost)

For exterior work, you need a permit to:

- an addition or change to the exterior dimensions of your home including stairs
- build or replace a deck
- installation of pre-built or site built sheds and garages
- installation of a pool or temporary pool
- re-roof your home or garage
- replace siding on your house or garage
- change the size of window or door openings
- install replacement windows or doors
- install or replace a fence
- install or replace gutters or fascia
- install a hot tub
- driveway installation of replacement
- sidewalk installation or replacement

For More Information:

Building Inspector: Phone 929-3765 Fax: 929-3964

Website: www.nfdl.org

Email: pfetters@nfdl.org

For interior work, you need a permit to:

- any structural alteration
- install a hot tub or whirlpool
- alter a bathroom or kitchen
- install or replace a furnace
- install or replace a central air conditioner
- install or replace a fireplace
- add new electric outlets
- change the number of dwelling units
- finish your basement
- any type of electrical, heating, or plumbing work including furnace and water heater replacement

What if I don't get a permit?

Permits are required by Village Ordinances and Wisconsin State statutes. If you don't get one when you should, the Building Inspector can fine you for the violation for every day the work is not in compliance. This can be expensive. The permit and accompanying inspections are to assure you that the work is up to code and safe. Projects not done according to code can affect your home's insurability and potential sale. Prospective buyers can check the Village's building records.

No...

When your project involves:

Involves less than \$150 in retail materials cost or is less than \$300 in material and labor. (donated or free materials should be figured at retail cost)

- painting the exterior or interior of your building
- floor covering
- kitchen cabinetry with no electrical or plumbing work needed

**NORTH FOND DU LAC
FIRE ASSOCIATION
CASH RAFFLE WINNERS**



1st \$500-Andrew Zock
2nd \$250-Katie Laning
3rd \$150-Ken Stephani
4th \$100-Dakota Wesenburg
5th \$50-Jerry Schaefer
6th \$50-Becky Wesenberg
7th \$50-Paula Mathes
8th \$50-Tim Hackbarth
9th \$50-Annette Demboski
10th \$50-Cherly Rodgers
11th \$25-Stephanie Hicken
12th \$25-Lori Reilly
13th \$25-Amanda Baus
14th \$25-Sheila Harsbarger
15th \$25-Tony Mathweg

16th \$25-Debra Aden
17th \$25-Jen Liedke
18th \$25-Steve Schumacher
19th \$25-Lori Chadwick
20th \$25-Isaac Loomans
21st \$25-Jim Flood
22nd \$25-Randy Funk
23rd \$25-Nick Hoepfner
24th \$25-Barbara Leal
25th \$25-Mark Penbuk
26th \$25-Lyn Schultz
27th \$25-Jason Keller
28th \$25-Jamie Stiles
29th \$25-Steve Lawson
30th \$25-Kim Vanherwynen



Big Thank You!
to everyone who helped
support the
NFDL Fire Department



NORTH FOND DU LAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

A message from the Fire Chief:

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the fall weather that came at what seemed to be the perfect time after the long, hot and humid summer. This year has been very busy for me and my family as I have welcomed my son, Owen, into the world in January. It has been an exciting time and I look forward to him continuing to grow as we are onto climbing on everything and crawling all over the place!

We appreciate everyone's support this year with our annual brat fry that was later in the year than normal and our raffle ticket sales. This is a huge help with offsetting costs that would be presented to the village board for approval through our capital improvement plan. We are planning on having our annual brat fry earlier in the year next year at the village park with a tentative date of March 26th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

I am happy to say that the fire department has been able to improve our ISO Rating to a 3/3X which is improved from a 4/4X. Our staff currently consists of six full-time Firefighter/EMT's, 8 part-time Firefighter/EMT's, and 20 paid-on-call Firefighters. We have seen an increase in call volume over last ten years. This has put more stress on all of our staff but especially on our paid-on-call members. We have gone from 56 calls in 2019, 89 in 2020 to 119 this year with a few months to go.

The ambulance service has also seen a significant increase over the last three years. From 2019 to 2020 we had 150 more calls. This year we already have had 32 more calls than 2020. This has been an increase in both 911 requests for EMS and interfacility transports. We were able to create positions with the support of the village board in 2017 and provide interfacility transports with the secondary responsibility of the interfacility crew to provide fire protection throughout the village and assisting with automatic aid in numerous neighboring communities. This staffing model allows us to transition two part-time Firefighter/EMT's from responding in an ambulance to responding in a fire engine. Then paid-on-call members can respond to the station during the day as well utilizing the second engine or squad. We have seen a decrease in the number of paid-on-call members over the last five to six years.

The entire nation has seen a significant decrease in the amount of paid-on-call and volunteer firefighters over the last decade. This has resulted in the department using automatic aid and our mutual aid box alarm system which requests resources from other agencies in our county which allow for adequate staffing to respond to large scale incidents.

Thank you,

Jake Flaherty
Fire Chief
North Fond du Lac Fire Department
jflaherty@nfdl.org
920-322-6138



Some of our members participated in the
9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at
Lambeau Field.

The 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is a tribute
to the 343 firefighters who gave their lives
during the tragic events at the
World Trade Center in 2001.

Steve Aherns from
FireHouse Subs
Stopped in to give the
NFDL Fire Department a grant
for a hose/gear dryer and three
thermal imaging cameras.
Big Thank you to Steve and
FireHouse Subs.



The Fire Department had an open
house on October 9th.

There was an extrication
demonstration, coloring contest,
station tours and even a bounce
house for everyone to enjoy.



Have you ever thought about becoming a Lifeguard?

We will have lifeguard positions open next summer at the NFDL Pool. We offer a very flexible schedule but must be available to work 2 weekends a month and help with swimming lessons. For more information call Laurie at the Village Office at 920-929-3765. Must be 15 to take the lifeguard certification class but 16 to work at the pool. Starting wage \$10 an hour.



WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

Fall is the perfect time to start winterizing your home for the coming cold months. Performing a few simple maintenance projects around your home could save you money and frustration later in the middle of winter. I have compiled the following list of tips to help get you safely and comfortably through the winter months:

Have your furnace checked by a professional, make sure the thermostat is working, the filter is clean, and that your chimney is clear of obstructions.

Clean out your roof valleys, gutters, and downspouts. A clogged drainage system causes melting snow and ice to refreeze in the gutters. Eventually so much ice builds up that gutters and overhangs can be damaged, or in the worst case scenario, water from new melting snow can't drain anywhere but through the roof and into your home.

On the outside of your home: caulk joints and cracks in the foundation and siding, install storm windows if you have them, check the caulking and weather stripping around doors and windows, insulate exterior spigots if they cannot be drained.

On the inside of your home: install window seal kits if your windows are drafty or consider replacing them before the cold months ahead. Test your smoke and CO detectors to make sure they function properly and install a fresh battery if necessary. If you have a wood fireplace make sure the chimney is clean and free of build up or bird's nests and close the damper until you are ready to use the fireplace.

Following a few easy maintenance routines annually will help make your



Village of North Fond du Lac

2021 Tax Payment Reminders

Tax payment **checks should be made payable and mailed to Fond du Lac County Treasurer, 160 S. Macy Street, PO Box 1515, Fond du Lac WI 54936-1515.** Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if a payment receipt is requested. Do not enclose the original tax bill.

Please remember to endorse any escrow checks. If the escrow check is more than the amount due, you will receive a refund check within four weeks of payment.

Payment Drop Boxes are located outside the north entrance of the City-County Government Center and near the exit of the Sheriff's Office parking lot, located at the corner of Macy Street and Western Avenue. (You do NOT pay your bill at the NFDL Village Offices)

You may also pay your real estate property taxes online or through an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) service, using a credit or debit card. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service also allows the opportunity to pay real estate taxes over the counter, at the County Treasurer's Office, using a credit or debit card. There is a 2.39% convenience fee associated with this service; a minimum \$1.50 fee will be applied. Pay taxes online at www.fdlco.wi.gov, select Property & Tax Data, PAY TAXES ONLINE or call 1-855-844-7563.

Payments may be made in person to the **Fond du Lac County Treasurer's office** at the City-County Government Center, 160 South Macy Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Holiday Hours

Friday, December 24th
Friday, December 31st

Closed
Open until noon



Lottery and Gaming Credit

The lottery and gaming credit provides direct property tax relief to homeowners and is shown as a reduction in taxes due on the property tax bill. If taxes are paid in two installments, the credit is applied to the first installment.

To qualify for the Lottery and Gaming Credit, an owner must be a Wisconsin resident, own the property and use the property as their primary residence on January 1, 2021. A homeowner may only claim one lottery credit.

If you are eligible for the 2021 lottery credit but your property tax bill does not reflect the credit, you may obtain an application at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery/index.html>. Please complete the application and include with your tax payment made on or before January 31st.

Once you have applied for and received the credit you do not need to file another application until your primary residence changes. If you have questions regarding the Lottery and Gaming Credit, please contact the County Treasurer's Office.



Fond du Lac Housing Authority

City of Fond du Lac • Fond du Lac County

Fond du Lac County Housing Authority By Louise M. Gudex, Executive Director

Heather Meadows Apartments is a nice affordable place to live that is conveniently located across from the Village Park. It has a peaceful atmosphere with friendly residents. Applicants must be income eligible. There are no asset limits. Rent is based on 30% of adjusted family income. As of December 31, 2020, 97% of the residents are 50+.

Consider renting a one bedroom unit at Heather Meadows Apartments located at 235 Winnebago Street, North Fond du Lac, WI 54937 across the street from the Village Park if you are tired of paying high utility bills. The heat, hot water, water and sewer are included in the rent. The Housing Authority is responsible for snow removal and lawn care.

If you are interested in living at Heather Meadows Apartments or a family unit, you should apply online at www.fdlpha.org. If you don't have access to the Internet, come to our main office at 15 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac. We have a computer that applicants can use to complete the application and we can assist you with the completing of the application on-line.



Village Tiny Tidbits



Snow and Ice removal is the responsibility of the property owner within the village who has sidewalks abutting their property, to remove or cause to be removed accumulated snow and ice within 24 hours after it ceases to fall.

This includes snow: that may have drifted overnight; may have been plowed; splattered off streets; and snow from clearing out handicap ramps to streets, if any are in front or off the corner of the property. If ice cannot be removed, it must be salted to help it from being dangerous to pedestrians.

Ice then must be removed when it is feasible.

Please reach out and help an elderly neighbor.

Dead Tree Ordinance

Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) is an invasive, wood-boring beetle native to Asia that kills Ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first detected in the United States in 2002 and is thought to have been introduced from China via the wood from shipping crates. The Village of North Fond du Lac has been losing lots of trees to the ash borers the last couple of years unfortunately. As the owner of private property, be aware that a dead or dying trees are your property can pose a danger to the owner, adjacent neighbors, or passersby. Hazardous and Infected trees are regulated by North Fond du Lac Municipal Ordinance 13.01(4)(d):



(d) Dead or Diseased Tree Removal and Prohibited Trees on Private Property. The village shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the village, when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the village. The Village Tree Board will notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within sixty days after the date of service notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the village shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

North Fond du Lac Municipal Ordinance 13.02(2)

(2) HAZARDOUS AND INFECTED TREES. Any tree or part thereof, whether dead or alive, which the director finds to be infected, hazardous or a nuisance so as to endanger the public or other trees, plants or shrubs, growing within the village or to be injurious to sewers, sidewalks or other public improvements, whether growing upon public or private premises, shall be removed, trimmed or treated by the owner of the property upon which such tree or part thereof is located.

Please make sure that arrangements are made in a timely manner for the removal of dead or dying trees on your private property. Failure to do so may open you up to liability to damages to an adjacent neighbor's property or injuries to passersby.

If you have any questions about this article or the trees feel free to contact me, Peter Feters, the North Fond du Lac Zoning Administrator at the North Fond du Lac Municipal Office at (920) 929-3765.

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