

Winter/Spring  
2024

# Village of Cherry Valley Newsletter



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## Village President's Message

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that it's already 2024!

Well, it was another busy year here in 2023. Here is a quick recap of some the projects that were completed:

- Completed pump testing and supplying water samples from Well #7 to the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) for approval.
- Finalized the plans for the construction of Well House #7 and submitted them to the IEPA for approval.
- Completed servicing the village's regional upper detention pond in Swanson Park East.
- Built a pavilion in our newest neighborhood park at Old School Park.
- Repaved Lawrence Street from State Street south to Genoa Road, repaved East Street, repaved South Walnut Street to Genoa Street and Genoa Road from Lawrence Street east to our Village Limits.
- Completed construction of an additional parking lot at the corner of South Walnut and Genoa Street.
- Expanded the parking area in Baumann Park at the Canoe Launch Area.

We start 2024 with the village trustees and I busy working on the continuation of our capital improvement plans for the upcoming budget. Some of the projects that we are discussing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget are:

- Completion of the village's Downtown Improvement Project funded by a grant from IDECO (the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity).
- Completion of the Dog Park in Baumann Park by Late Spring of 2024.
- Repaving South Cherry Street, Elgin Street and a portion of East State Street by Old School Park.
- Repaving our Swanson Park Neighborhood.
- Sidewalk improvements on Elgin Street.
- Sidewalk improvements on South Walnut Street.
- Watermain improvements on a portion of Elgin Street.
- The completion of Well House #7 at Village Hall.
- Obtaining approval from various State Agencies to perform improvements in Madigan Creek in the area between our Valley Ridge and Valley Woods Neighborhoods.

Also, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be scheduling an Open House in Early 2024 about the upcoming I39/US 20 Road Construction Project. This project is being designed and constructed by IDOT to improve traffic flow through the I39/US20 corridor. We will be posting notices regarding meetings on this project on our website and on our Facebook Page to keep you informed.

As you can see we have many projects for the village's FY 2024-2025 budget. It will definitely be a very busy year here in the Valley...

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

David Schroeder

Village President (815) 332-1241



### ONE MONTH WATER BILLING



Starting in January, The Village of Cherry Valley will be transitioning to one month billing. The Residents who will be billed in January will receive their final two month bill and then going forward will be billed again in February for one month's service only.

### PAY WATER BILL ONLINE!

The village has an easy way to pay your water bill. It's as simple as going to [www.cherryvalley.org](http://www.cherryvalley.org) and clicking on "Pay Water Bill". You can use MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Follow the instructions. Your account number is always 10 digits. Please contact the Village Hall if you need your account number.

### EMAILED WATER BILLS?

Has anyone heard the latest? You can have your water bills emailed to you. How do I get signed up you ask. It is as easy as calling Heather at 815-332-3432 and asked to be put on email billing. It is that easy.



### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Area residents may drop off their Christmas trees at Baumann Park, at the maintenance facility on South Walnut Street, during daylight hours. Look for the arrows.



### WHEN WILL MY STREET GET PLOWED?



Snowy mornings are always an added challenge to our daily routines. We know that we will have to shovel our driveway and possibly clean the snow off the car if it is not garage kept.

Traffic will be moving slower meaning a longer commute. On those mornings, Public Works crews start at 3:00 A.M. The goal is to have all of the main roads plowed and salted for the morning rush. Depending upon the severity of the snow storm and the time that the storm hits, our goal may or may not be achievable. The Village has about **63 lane miles** of roads to plow, not including alleys, walking paths and parking lots. The Village has six trucks capable of plowing snow. Roads are plowed and salted in the order of importance determined by the volume and speed of the traffic. The optimal time for any resident to have their street plowed is just shortly after the snow has stopped falling. No one can answer when that will be. Also, the rotation in which neighborhoods are plowed is changed storm by storm. You may be first today and last the next time.



### WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

The Police Department would like to remind all vehicle owners of the village’s snow removal ordinance. It says, in part, that **it is unlawful to park on any residential village street when the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning.**

Any dwelling that does not have off street parking may apply for a seasonal parking exemption with the Police Department.

### SNOW DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX:

Just as sure as we can expect snow, we can expect damaged mailbox calls. Here are some quick facts about the snow removal process.

The average water to snow ratio is 10 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain. We all know that the snow can be wet and heavy or dry and powdery, but for the following calculations we will use the ratio above. We also know that a gallon of water weighs 8.34 lbs. per gallon. A vehicle traveling 60 miles per hour is traveling 88 feet per second. The Village uses an 11 foot wide snow plow on the big trucks. With all that said and a long mathematical equation, we can calculate the approximate amount of snow being discharged from a moving snow plow.

Therefore: for every 1 inch of snow times the miles per hour (mph) the snow plow is moving times 8.4 lbs. equals the total weight of snow being discharged from the snow plow per second.

**Example:** 6 inches of snow \* 20 mph\* 8.4 lbs. = 1008 lbs. of snow per second.

Mailboxes also come in different types and styles. The new one piece mailboxes may look durable, but in reality they can be a real problem. That particular mailbox has approximately 700 square inches of flat surface to catch the snow being discharged from the plow. A basic wood post and mailbox has approximately 475 square inches of surface area. The less surface area the mailbox has, the more likely it will survive snow removal. Proper placement of the mailbox in relationship to the curb is crucial! No matter what size or style your mailbox is, if it hangs out past the curb it is no match to the snow plow itself. The Village does not replace mailboxes that are improperly placed or damaged by the weight of the snow. **No portion of the mailbox should be closer than 6 inches from the Back of the curb.**



### CHERRY VALLEY ON ICE!



Skate on over to Doty Park, Belvidere, IL on February 17, 2024 for the Cherry Valley Ice Skating Event.

Open Skating will be from 10:00AM—12:00PM (noon)

**This is an OUTDOOR Skate. Please Dress Warm!!**

This event is organized by the Cherry Valley Recreation Board.



### STORMWATER DETENTION

Any debris or chemicals that are present on the roadway or in the gutters end up in the nearest waterway during or after the next rain fall.

This is where the public must help.

- **Do not allow oils or other fluids that are leaked from automobiles to be washed into the street or storm sewers.**
- **Keep grass clippings and leaves from blowing into the street and washed down the sewer. Protect newly placed loose soils from washing out to the roadway and sewers during heavy rain conditions.**

By keeping these basic activities in mind, residents can help minimize the pollution of our nearby waterways.

The Village does have ordinances in place to provide legal remedies to those who ignore this important issue. If the Village fails to meet State standards, your local government is fined by the IEPA. These fines affect each of our citizens by reducing the amount of funds available to perform other necessary local services. Protecting the environment is everyone's business.

### 2023 HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY WINNERS

The Village of Cherry Valley is pleased to announce the 2023 Holiday Light Display winners:

- 3219 Kregel                      1265 Butler
- 121 S. Van Buren            7544 Mikes Place
- 6682 Hedgewood



Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you for your nominations and thank you to everyone in the Village of Cherry Valley who decorated this holiday season.

### SPRING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE:

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants starting the week of Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19, 2024. Flushing will be completed during the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Flushing fire hydrants serves several purposes; it systematically moves fresh water throughout the system and removes iron and sediment deposits from the sidewalls of the pipes. This will help to improve water quality and maintain fire flows as well as making sure fire hydrants are in proper working order.

**Look for flushing signs posted in your area.** Please keep in mind that on windy days, a great deal of drift will occur. Therefore, all windows in both your home and vehicle should be kept closed. **Also, please do not wash laundry while hydrant flushing is going on.**





## FUN RUN/WALK

Do you like to get outdoors and get some exercise?. Well, then come on down to Baumann Park on May 18, 2024 for our Annual FUN RUN/WALK. It does not matter if you are a seasoned runner or an avid walker. So, lace up your tennis shoes, running shoes or sneakers and join our Recreation Board for a family fun time. Registration is at 8:30AM at the Large Gazebo in Baumann Park and the Event will start at 9:00AM.



As the event draws near, please check the Recreation Boards Facebook page for more information

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (RESIDENTS ONLY)

Please help us select the 2024 Cherry Valley “Citizen of the Year”.

The “Citizen of the Year” is chosen for his or her dedication and involvement in our community.

The Cherry Valley Recreation Board is now seeking nominations for the recipient for this year. We are asking residents to consider the following criteria when thinking of your nomination:

1. Someone who has significantly improved the quality of life for the residents of Cherry Valley.
2. An individual who has volunteered to share his or her own time to help out the community in someway.
3. Someone who has gone above and beyond to better the community at large.

**PLEASE NOTE: NOMINEES MUST LIVE WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS: SORRY, CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**

Please include a letter of 300 words or less explaining why you are nominating this person for “Citizen of the Year.” Include achievements, community service, community involvement, etc.

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE VILLAGE HALL BY 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2024.**

Nominations may be dropped off at the Village Hall either in the drop box out in front of the Village Hall or in person at 806 E. State St. You may also mail your nomination to: Village Hall, 806 East State St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016.

## 2024 EASTER CANDY SCRAMBLE

Mark your calendars for the annual Easter Candy Scramble, which will take place on Saturday, **March 30, 2024** at 2:00 PM at Bauman Park. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 1:30PM.

In case of inclement weather, the event will take place inside Village Hall.





806 E. State Street  
Cherry Valley, IL 61016

**Mark Your Calendars!! Save the Date!!**

Village Wide Garage Sales will be held May 17 & 18, 2024, 8AM – 4 PM both days.  
Rain or Shine.

