

# THE CABOOSE



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As many of you know, the Village of Butler purchases water from the City of Milwaukee on a wholesale basis and then distributes it through the Village owned water utility. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Milwaukee proposed increasing the amount they charge their wholesale customers by 36% or 9 times the normal increase such as the 3.8% they were granted earlier this year.

Butler is one of 10 suburbs who are wholesale customers and we, as a group, are questioning the increase and have taken action by hiring an expert to help determine whether the size of the request is justified. Another issue with the increase is that \$3 million of the revenue generated by the rate hike would go to Milwaukee's general fund and not to the city's water utility. The State of Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC) has the final say on the increase and as of now they have not yet scheduled a hearing on the matter.

As this process moves forward, the results of the PSC hearing and the effective date of the increase will be covered by the media. The impact to an average residential water bill would be approximately a \$25 increase quarterly. Unfortunately, in the short term, we will have no choice but to accept the outcome.

Richard A. Ensslin  
Village President

### VILLAGE INFORMATION

Emergency.....	911
Village Hall .....	(262) 783-2525
Assessor .....	(262) 783-2525
Building Inspection .....	(262) 544-8280
Code Enforcement.....	(262) 783-2525
Village Clerk .....	(262) 783-2525
Economic Development .....	(262) 783-2525
Court .....	(262) 781-9790
Engineer Tim Barbeau.....	(262) 786-1777
Finance/Treasurer .....	(262) 783-2525
Fire Non-Emergency .....	(262) 783-2537
Library.....	(262) 783-2535
(Trash Contractor) Waste Management....	(414) 761-2100
Police Non-Emergency .....	(262) 446-5070
Police Administration .....	(262) 781-2431
Business Fax .....	(262) 783-2522
Public Works Inspection .....	(262) 783-2525
Water Utility .....	(262) 783-2525

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## BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush Pick-Up will be ending on **October 19, 2009**. Brush should be stacked or piled at the curbs by 7 AM of the pick-up day, but no sooner than 6 PM Sunday night before a brush pick-up day. The brush should be stacked NEAT AND ORDERLY with ends uniform and should be no greater than 4 inches in diameter. The length can be long and lay ends to the road, **NOT IN THE ROAD**. Please **DO NOT PUT OTHER YARD WASTE** in with the **BRUSH! DO NOT put branches in plastic bags or bio-degradable bags.**

The Brush Service provided by the Public Works Department was designed for branches **ONLY, no full trees**. **DO NOT PUT BRANCHES IN GARBAGE CANS, THE BRANCHES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**. If the Public Works Department deems the pile is too large, they will bypass the area this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

**VILLAGE OF BUTLER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Village President**

Richard Ensslin

**Village Board of Trustees**

Village Trustee	William Benjamin	Village Trustee	Dan Zeck
Village Trustee	Michael Thew	Village Trustee	Robert Ward
Village Trustee	Walter Woloszyk	Village Trustee	Teri Stegemeyer



**Daylight Savings Time**

**Ends November 1, 2009 at 2 AM.**

**Be sure to push your clocks  
back one hour.**

**FALL LEAF PICK-UP**

Beginning September 28th or as conditions warrant, Residents may rake their leaves into the street at the Curb where the leaves will periodically be vacuumed Up by the Department of Public Works. **DO NOT BAG THE LEAVES!** If the leaves are bagged, they will not be vacuumed up.

**PARK & RECREATION**



**TRICK OR TREAT**

Trick or Treat will be held on

Saturday, October 31st from  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**IN MEMORY OF ROBERT F. SCHNEIDER**

The Village of Butler is remembering Robert F. Schneider who served as a dedicated Municipal Judge from April, 1981 until his passing on July 31, 2009. Robert F. Schneider served as Municipal Judge for over 28 years. He presided over the Village of Butler Municipal Court in a professional and conscientious manner always representing and working for the community's best interest. The Village of Butler honors Robert F. Schneider and recognizes and expresses appreciation for his 28 years of service to our community.

**VILLAGE OF BUTLER MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPOINTED**

On August 18, 2009 the Butler Village Board appointed Roger D. Benjamin to replace Municipal Judge Robert F. Schneider who passed away on July 31, 2009. Benjamin, who has no relation to Trustee Bill Benjamin, is a longtime resident of the Village and has served the community in different capacities for the last 20 years.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### BLOCKWATCH

The next Butler Block Watch meeting will be at 6:00 pm, on October 8, 2009, at the Community Building at Frontier Park. The Department is trying to rekindle the Block Watch program, which we did have several years ago. It is a great way for neighbors to watch out for each other, and establish better contacts with the Police Department. Please consider attending!

### TRICK OR TREAT

This year, we are returning to late afternoon, early evening Trick or Treat. Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31st, between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Drivers, please be aware of children out and about during this time. And Trick or Treater's, please watch out for cars, remember St. Agnes Church service will be letting out during this time, increasing the number of cars on the road. Lets have a safe, enjoyable Trick or Treat!

Michael Cosgrove, Police Chief

Village of Butler Police Department

### Village Administrator Update

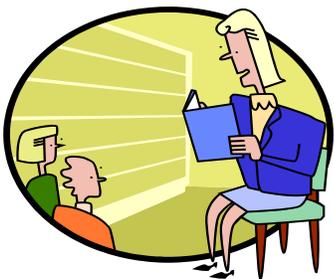
The Public Works Committee, Village Board and Village Staff have been working with the Architecture firm Cooley and Associates on the Village Hall remodeling plans. The plans are about 90% complete with a projected bid date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,300,000 and the project will last about 5 months. During the remodel, the Village Offices will remain open for all regular office transactions including; Police inquires, parking permits, water bills and property tax bills. We plan to keep our current office hours of 8AM till noon, closed for lunch and open 1PM till 5PM. The municipal court and Village Board meetings will be moved to the Community Building at the Village Park. During construction, the Police and Fire Departments will store and respond to calls for service out of the former Lions Building in the Village Park.

Once the Bids are evaluated, the Village Board will vote on the Project in late October or early November.

### Waste Management Refuse Contract

The Village Refuse/Recycling Contract is expiring at the end of 2009. The Village is in the process of sending out an RFP (request for proposals) to the local firms which offer these services. Due to several economic factors, the largest being the State of Wisconsin's increased TIPing fees, the contract is estimated to increase by 30%. In an effort to control cost, the Village is reviewing all the services which are included in the current contract and may have to make the difficult decision as to which services to offer moving forward in 2010. The Village Board will be reviewing the proposals in late October.

## LIBRARY NEWS



New Address: 12808 W. Hampton Avenue

Butler Library will be celebrating our one year anniversary in our new building this December! In the past year, we have seen many increases. We have had a 67% increase in circulation. The library has seen an increase in the number of books going to other libraries and books coming to our library! The Butler Library services the community of Butler! We also service patrons in the areas such as Brookfield,

Menomonee Falls and Milwaukee County.

Check out our Web page at [www.butler.lib.wi.us](http://www.butler.lib.wi.us). We are updating the web site monthly and have added a monthly calendar on the web page so you can see the activities that are happening each month.

Our library is open MONDAY through FRIDAY at noon, and closes at 8:00 PM. On Fridays, we close at 6:00 PM. We are open 10:00 AM -1:00 PM on Saturdays.

### NEW PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- **New Adult Book Club** – Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The club will start at 6:30 PM. Thank you to Krista & Jay for starting this club!
- Individual Computer Training will continue on Monday from 2:30- 3:30 PM.
- ALL ABOARD!! The Wisconsin Chapter of National Railway Historical Society presents “**BOUND FOR BUTLER**”. September 30, 2009 at 6:30 PM. This presentation will feature the Union Pacific’s Shoreline Route from Sheboygan to Butler with Mike Yuhas, Train Magazine’s Advertising Manager.
- October 10<sup>th</sup>- Deb Baker, local author will celebrate Mystery Series Week and Wisconsin Book Festival with a Mystery Talk. This will be held at 10:30 A.M.
- On November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM - SHARE Program. SHARE brings people together to build and strengthen the community through volunteer services. This nonprofit food buying club helps families save 30 – 50% compared to grocery store prices on affordable, nutritious foods. Everyone is welcome to purchase food through SHARE—there are no eligibility guidelines or income requirements.

### CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

BEDTIME STORIES- Mondays at 7:00 PM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME- Wednesdays at 1:30 PM

**New Children’s Play Group**- October 13<sup>th</sup> - **Dress Up** , November 10<sup>th</sup> - **Coloring Together**,  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - **Decorate Cookies Open**- 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

**NEW 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Club** - Third Thursday of the Month

**Young Adult Reading Group** - Last Saturday of the Month

**COME OFTEN TO YOUR BUTLER LIBRARY!**

Gail Duernberger, Director

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDE TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as making an emergency supply kit and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. However, there are important differences among potential emergencies that will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. Learn more about the potential emergencies that could happen where you live and the appropriate way to respond to them.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. We at the Butler Fire Department have put together a comprehensive list of things you can do to protect yourself and your family.

**Identify out-of town contacts.** It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts.

When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.

#### **Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:**

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher, matches in a waterproof container
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask - to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cell phone with chargers
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper-When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water.

Taking these small steps can make a big difference in ensuring your safety and well-being and that of your loved ones.



## VILLAGE OF BUTLER NEWSLETTER

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## RECYCLING UPDATE

### **DNR Recycling Web Site Enhanced**

Looking for information on Wisconsin's recycling program? Trying to find a market for your recyclables?

Need some education resources or technical assistance? It's all on the Web, on DNR's recycling web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/>

Just about everything you need to know about recycling in Wisconsin can be found under some of the following headings:

- Recycling Quick Reference
- Recycling Law

- Recycling Contacts
- Local County Contacts
- Annual Recycling and Landfill Reports Recycling Studies

The "Recycling Quick Reference" is the newest addition to our site. In talking with people throughout the state, we learned that people are interested in having easy access to recycling basics. This site offers answers to the "what", "when" and "how" questions, such as:

- Material Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin
- Facts & Figures
- Who can tell me how and what to recycle?

### **Waukesha County Senior Services**

Please contact Waukesha County Department of Senior Services at (262) 548-7828 for information on the services provided in Waukesha County. Also, the Village Hall has the following brochures and literature (as well as other materials) available in the office:

Senior Connection

Share Program

Volunteer Services

Senior Dining

Caring for the Caregiver

A Good Day Begins . . . .

A Directory of Useful Information

Developing your Caregiving Team

Please feel free to stop in anytime and help yourself to any of the free publications, brochures, literature, etc. that we have in the office.

