

THE CABOOSE



FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The rain event of last July 22nd caused considerable damage within the Village. While there is no official rain total captured, the consensus among local residents with rain gauges was that we received close to 9 inches of rain in the 3 hour period. Approximately 40 residential property owners reported to us that they experienced water and/or sewage in their basements. Additionally we are aware of 7 commercial properties which were also affected. I expect that the actual count is higher since these numbers only captures those who called Village Hall. Their estimated loss is over \$50,000. Flooding in lower Frontier Park caused damage estimated at \$11,000. The fencing on ball diamond #2 was washed away.

The Village Board is taking measure to determine what can be done to eliminate the water and sewer backups during future storms. In order to do that, we need to collect more precise data. The Village Engineer to develop a survey which can be distributed Village wide. We need to clearly understand the patterns of sewage/water problems before considering potential remedies. A short survey is listed on page 3, **please complete the survey and return the survey even if you did not have any rain related issues.**

Richard A. Ensslin
Village President

VILLAGE INFORMATION

- Emergency..... 911
- Village Hall Information(262) 783-2525
- Assessor (262) 783-2525
- Building Inspection (262) 544-8280
- Code Enforcement..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Village Clerk (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Economic Development (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Court (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1400
- Engineer Tim Barbeau.....(262) 786-1777
- Finance/Treasurer (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1223
- Fire Non-Emergency (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1351
- Library.....(262) 783-2535
- Waste Management.....(414) 761-2100
- Police Non-Emergency(262) 446-5070
- Police Administration (262) 783-2525 Ext. 2001
- Business Fax(262) 783-2522
- Public Works Inspection (262) 783-2525
- Water Utility (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1223
- Parking Information (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1700

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BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush Pick-Up will be ending on **October 18, 2010**. 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	David Hesselgrave	Village Trustee	Susan Hesselgrave
Village Trustee	Walter Woloszyk	Village Trustee	Mary Turnbull



Daylight Savings Time

Ends November 7, 2010 at 2 AM.

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

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Beginning September 27th 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. Also **DO NOT put Branches under the leaves.**

Village Hall



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held on

Sunday, October 31st from
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REMINDER

Removal from Sidewalks – Within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Butler to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.

Also, it is prohibited by Village Ordinance **for anyone to plow or shovel snow onto or across a public right-of-way**. Furthermore, no person, firm or corporation engaged in snow removal operations deposit snow or cause snow to be deposited across the street from the property from which said snow is being taken.

No person, firm or corporation shall place snow, allow snow to be placed or cause snow to be placed to a height greater than thirty inches (30”) above a place through the mean curb or street grade within the triangular space formed by any two (2) existing or proposed intersecting street or alley right-of-way lines and a line joining points on such lines, located a minimum of ten feet (10’) from their intersection.

Penalty – If any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of the above regarding Snow and Ice Removal shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-6 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Butler.

First Offense - \$25.00 - \$500.00

Second Offense - \$50.00 - \$1,000

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we all say good bye, and maybe good riddance to summer, it’s time to prepare for fall. Even though it gets darker far earlier now, that doesn’t mean that people are not still out walking, biking, and working in and around their homes. Ideally, walkers and bikers utilizing public roadways would wear reflective clothing and have lights on their bikes or persons, but this is not always true. Motorists must be constantly vigilant for pedestrians, bike riders and even wild game in the roadway. Remember too, that now is the time that deer start moving more at dusk and night, as well as dawn and early morning.

Be a defensive driver, pay attention to the roadway and curb line. Do not drive through leaf piles, because in that pile could be a child playing, or a large branch that could cause damage to your car. Make sure that your headlights are on one half hour before sunset, or when there is inclement weather. Check your wiper blades and change if worn, and make sure your washer reservoir is full. These simple things will assist in your being able to see what’s on the road and help to have a safe fall.

Michael Cosgrove, Police Chief

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

The Village of Butler experienced heavy rains and flooding July 22, 2010 better known as the “Brew City Flood.” During the rain event, the Village received 7+ inches of rain in a 2 hour time period. The Village estimates 40-50 homes experienced some type of flooding, either basement back-up from the sewer system, or what is known as “overland flooding” which is basically any flooding not related to the sewer system. In order to better understand the damage and deploy the most cost effective solutions, the Village is requesting each household or business to complete this simple short survey and return it to Village Hall. You can drop it off at Village Hall, mail it to 12621 W. Hampton Ave or email it to: Butler@wi.rr.com.

Timothy Rhode, Administrator/Clerk

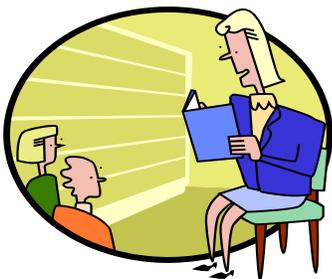
What is your property address? _____

Where did the flooding originate from? Floor drain in the basement? Through cracks in basement walls or floor? Through a window/window well? Sump pumps overflowing due to too much water or power outage? _____

Does your sump pump and downspouts discharge to your yard or underground to the storm sewer? _____

Any additional comments you may have. _____

LIBRARY NEWS



The season is changing! Fall is in the air! The library has some great things lined up for you for the rest of this year. We are planning a number of programs to take us through the holidays.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is presenting our 2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY PLAY.

DATE: FRIDAY, October 23rd, TIME: 6:30 PM.

The play is called The Case of the Dangerfield Diamond. The cast will be returning for their second performance because they were so well received and did such a great show last year!

This includes in the starring role, Greg Pieters as Nick Noir, private eye. Also returning are our own Village President, Rick Ensslin and our Village board members- Sue Hesselgrave and Mary Turnbull.

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door!

Refreshments will be served!

Please bring an item(s) for the Butler food pantry!

COMPUTER CLASSES! Do you need a reminder of the basics of how to use a computer or use the internet? Do you need a refresher course? You can learn about the computer, internet and Microsoft Word. The library will be offering a class on Thursdays starting in October. Please stop by the library or give us a call to register!

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER will be offering a job related program on Mondays starting in September. Please call the library for details.

Children's Programming

New Story times - Monday Tot time 10:30 AM, Preschool Story time 11:30 AM and Bedtime Stories 7 PM

Oct 4 - Fire Fighter Friend

Oct 11 - Farm Fun

Oct 18 - Autumn Colors

Oct 25 - Bats, Cats, & Witch's Hats

A volunteer recognition pizza party was held on August 18th. Each received a plaque and a bookmark for the time and effort they give to Butler Library. Thank you volunteers!

LIBRARY CON'TD.

Thank you for the donations we have received! The Butler Square Apartment complex has given monies to the library in memorial for Erv Kaytna, Charles Giese and Marjorie Fee. Marjorie Fee was one of our strongest supporters. She was extremely instrumental in helping build our new library! Thank you to the following businesses that donated prizes for the adult summer reading program: Butler Inn, Martinizing Dry Cleaners, Butler Auto Care and Shell Gas Station on Hampton Ave.

Our Hours are:

Monday	10 -8
Tuesday	12-8
Wednesday	12-8
Thursday	12-8
Friday	10-8
Saturday	12-3

Our library surveys have been completed. The community was very pleased. Responses were positive about the staff, book selection and adult and children's programs offered. We are working on more hours and more materials for our library!

Check with us often to find out what is going on! You have a variety of ways to do that: CALL, GO TO THE WEBSITE and COME IN AND SEE US TO FIND OUT THE MANY SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE LIBRARY!

Gail Duernberger, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week Is October 3-9

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms. Never remove or disable smoke alarms. Interconnection of smoke alarms is highly recommended; when one smoke alarm sounds, they all do. (This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.) A licensed electrician can install hard-wired multiple-station alarms. Wireless alarms, which manufacturers have more recently begun producing, can be installed by the homeowner.

There are **two types of smoke alarm technologies** – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms that take advantage of both technologies. Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, should be replaced when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested. Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

Smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing

There are some smoke alarms with strobes or the ability to be used with strobes – also called visible notification appliances – that signal to awaken those that are deaf (those with profound hearing loss.) the use of tactile notification appliances (such as a pillow or bed shaker) is also now required, and activated by the sound of the smoke alarm. The means for signaling to awaken those who are hard of hearing (those with mild to severe hearing loss) is through the use of a complex low frequency audible signal. Smoke alarms currently on the market do not produce this signal. However, separate notification appliances are available that do produce this signal, and are activated by the sound of the smoke alarm.



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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.

