

THE CABOOSE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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In March of this year the Butler Lions Club voted to disband effective June 30, 2009. The decision was made because of declining membership resulting in an inability to conduct fund raising activities and service projects. The Butler Lions Club property adjacent to the park, consisting of approximately one acre of land, Frontier Hall and a four car garage valued at \$265,000, was gifted to the Village on May 29th. The Village Board has not yet decided how the buildings will be used going forward.

The Butler Lions Club was chartered in 1950 with 59 members, most of whom were Butler residents and/or business owners. The acre of land that the Lions Hall sits on today was purchased by the Butler Volunteer Fire Department in 1949 and named Fireman's Park. A few years later the Fire Department sold Fireman's Park to the Lions Club. Using the proceeds from the first few Frontier Days celebrations, the Lions Club purchased an additional 32 acres of land to develop Frontier Park. The park, then valued at \$100,000, was donated to the Village in 1965.

All members of the Butler Lions Club both past and present can be proud of this 59 year history of community service. While the Butler Lions Club as we have known it has come to an end, its legacy lives on. It was an honor for me to have been a member of the Club for almost 39 years.

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

The regular Brush Service is on the first and third Monday of each month through the summer and 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

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

VILLAGE OF BUTLER

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Our annual July 4th parade will again start off at 2:00 PM on Saturday. The parade route will begin on 132nd and Hampton and head east on Hampton to 127 Street concluding at Frontier Park. Fireworks will be at dusk. If you wish to be in the parade contact



Roger Wollert at 262-790-1797.

MAJOR MILESTONES

Barbara Spinney will be celebrating 40 years of service to the Village of Butler. Barbara started with the Village in 1969 as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief and Village Clerk. In 1972, she became the Villages' first official Bookkeeper. In 1975, Barbara became the Village Deputy Treasurer. The Village Board appointed her to her current position as the Village Treasurer in 1994.

Michael Cosgrove will be celebrating 30 years of service in December. Michael started his Policing career with the Village in 1979. A Patrol Officer the first 5 years with the Village. Michael was the first member of the Department to be promoted to Lieutenant in 1984 under then Police Chief Raymond Thompson. In 2005, the Village Board promoted Lieutenant Cosgrove to Police Chief.

Ken Podewils will be celebrating his 25th year with the Village of Butler in January of 2010. Ken started with the Village in 1985 and has performed the wide variety of tasks within the Village Department of Public Works, including working in all three Village Utility Department operations. In 2000, the Village appointed Ken as the Department of Public Works Supervisor.

YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The Village's Waste Hauler, Waste Management, offers a Subscription Yard Waste Program. The Program starts Thursday, April 2nd through Friday, November 27, 2009. The cost of the service is \$29.06 for the season. This cost covers weekly collection of 2 - 30 gallon containers or 2 Kraft bags of yard waste (NO PLASTIC BAGS). The cost for stickers for additional bags is \$1.27 each. If you were using Waste Management in 2008 and would like to continue or if you would like to sign-up, please call 262-251-4000.

PARK & RECREATION

Horseshoe Leagues are on Wednesday nights at Frontier Park starting at 6:30 PM. There are eight 2 person teams. A Horseshoe Tournament is being planned

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The children are now out of school and the warmer weather is upon us, finally. During the summer months, we need to remind our youth to wear a helmet when riding their bikes and roller blades. Also, when driving keep an extra eye out for darting kids from behind parked cars and driveways. Take the extra time on the village streets by going a little slower, we will all thank you!

Remember the good ol' days when the siren went off at 8:45pm and all the kids had to be home by 9:00 pm? Well, there has been some confusion as to when the curfew is in Butler. According to Village Ordinance 11-5-1, Butler's curfew states, *"It shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of 17 to be on foot, bicycle, or in any type of vehicle on any public street, avenue, highway, road, alley, park, school ground, place of amusement and entertainment, cemetery, playground, public building, or any other public place between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am., unless accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian, or person having lawful custody and control of his or her person, or unless there exists a reasonable necessity thereof."* There are some exceptions to this mostly for work related travel, errands performed for a parent, and returning from a school, church, civic function within 60 minutes of the completion of said event. If you would like you can always get a copy of the full ordinance by stopping in at the village hall.

Last year National Night Out was a huge success and attended by many residents from Butler and neighboring communities as well. This years National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 4, 2009 at Upper Frontier Park from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The marquee events will be a demonstration by Butler newest officer, Oden the K-9. He is a 2 year old German Shepherd who will be doing a search demo and Chief Cosgrove has agreed to put on a bite suit and take a training bite from Oden. Also, The Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club's Famous Racing Sausages will again be making an appearance from 7:00 too 8:00. Lastly, we are in need of volunteers to add to the success of the event. If you could help us out for 1 hour during the event, please send me an email at dwentlandt@butlerpolice.org. Thank-you!!!

Lt. David Wentlandt, Butler Police Department

Property Tax Amounts Available Online

Are you ready to make the second installment of your property tax payment that is due to Waukesha County by July 31st. Bills from the Waukesha County Treasurer should arrive in mid-June, but you can view your tax bill online at www.waukeshacounty.gov. Searches can be done by tax key number or property address to find the tax amount, previous payments, current balance, and various payment options. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed with your bill from Waukesha County. The second installment of your tax payment should be made payable to Waukesha County.



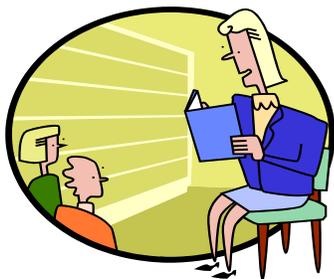
HAMPTON AVENUE

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On May 5, 2009, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission met to evaluate over \$213 million dollars of transportation projects requested for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area (Southeastern Wisconsin). The task which was given to that committee, specified in the Federal Legislation was to create an efficient and effective way to stack rank the \$213 million dollars in requested projects, ultimately awarding the \$38.7 million dollars of Federal Funding. Thanks to the efforts of County Executive Daniel Vrakas, our County Supervisor Janel Brandtjen, and our former County Supervisor Patricia A. Haukohl, the Hampton Avenue project was selected.

This month the Village will be turning over the construction plans to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation which will be bidding out the project in December of 2009 for a May 2010 construction project. The project cost is estimated at \$1.2 million dollars which will be funded 100% by the Federal Stimulus Legislation.

LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome to your new Butler Library! We have been in our new library six months! We are up and running strong! There are more books, more programs, displays and book sales!

Our library is open MONDAY through FRIDAY at noon, and closed at 8:00 PM . On Fridays, we close at 6:00 PM. We are open 10:00 PM on Saturdays. These are our hours for the summer also!

Check out our Web page at [www. Butler.lib.wi.us](http://www.Butler.lib.wi.us). We are updating the web site all the time! The Butler Library is part of the Waukesha Federated Library System. This a great resource for you! If you click on the catalog in the upper right corner of the home page you may select items whether books or audiovisual materials that you can borrow from the 15 libraries in the county. You may put a hold on the material from the comfort of your home and it will be sent to the Butler Library. Also, you may decide to come into the library and we will help you use the catalog. We will call you when the items come in.

We have a great summer program planned for adults and children! **Adult Summer Reading**

Program will start June 1 and continue through the end of August. The theme this year is **BE CREATIVE IN YOUR LIBRARY.**” The adult program will be participating in a **BINGO game!** **Watch for the sign up at the circulation desk!**

Some INTERESTING PROGRAMS TO CHECK OUT::

JULY 28TH, 1:00 PM –ROSEMALING PROGRAM

BEAD PROGRAM –DATE AND TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED

**AUGUST 13TH & 14TH BUTLER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ‘S COOK-OUT AT CLARKE HOUSE
11AM TO 1PM**

AUGUST 19TH, 2:00-3:00 PM –END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM Wii PARTY

OUR CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

BEDTIME STORY HOUR will continue on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm from June 22nd until August 24th. This program is geared toward families. For the **Summer** the **Preschool Story Hour** will start up on Wednesday, June 24th at 12:15PM. The program will run through August 19th. Children’s Services at Butler Public Library is busy creating a masterpiece of a summer library program.

LIBRARY NEWS cont'd.

Create, Express, Explore and Enjoy, through hands on workshops, art activities, music, dance and projects for pre-readers, readers and teens,. View your creative works on display in our summer gallery, on our web-site and in local businesses throughout the summer.

Future Academy Award winners ages 8-11 can audition for a creative summer play production, while ages 12 and up can audition for "Butler Idol."

Butler Library also has special guests scheduled to perform. Stop in to check out storyteller and juggler, Chris Fascione as he will bring " BOOKS TO LIFE" on Monday, June 29th at 7 PM. Erock will be performing :Music and Laughter for Kids of all Ages" Monday July 13th at 7 PM.

Monday July 27th at 7PM, we will be enjoying "Interactive Storytelling for Creative Readers: with Jean Andrew.

Watch for more details soon, and get ready to express yourself at the Butler Library!

In September, the National Railroad Historical Society has offered to put on a railroad program for us. Watch for Date and Time!

See you soon at the Butler Library!

Gail Duernberger, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Its summertime once again! Every year people are seriously injured and even killed by severe storms. Here are some facts and tips to stay safe during a severe storm.

LIGHTNING

Fires started by lightning peak in the summer months and in the late afternoon and early evening.

- During 2002-2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 31,400 fires started by lightning. These fires caused annual averages of 12 civilian deaths, 57 civilian injuries, and \$213 million in direct property damage.
- Outside and other fires accounted for 78% of the lightning fires reported to local fire departments.

In 2002-2005, only 16% of reported lightning fires occurred in homes but these accounted for nearly all the associated civilian deaths, 90% of the associated injuries, and 58% of the direct property damage.

If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Seek shelter immediately inside a house, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle. Avoid shelter under tall trees. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

Stay away from windows, doors, and metal objects.

If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.

REPORTS AND STATISTICS

Only 16% of reported lightning fires occurred in homes, but these fires caused a majority of the associated losses. Lightning is also a major factor in wildland fires. Most lightning fatalities do not result from fire. Most of these victims were outside when lightning struck.



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.

