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Village News

Spring has sprung, and with warmer weather comes time to spend outside! The Village recently purchased new playground equipment for Frontier Park. We are planning a late April early May install. We hope you and your family will enjoy the new playground for years to come.

With warmer weather comes yard work. **DPW will begin brush collection in April** on the first and third Mondays of each month through mid-October, weather dependent. Brush should be stacked or piled at curbs by 7 a.m. the day of pickup, but no sooner than 6 p.m. the Sunday night before. Brush should be stacked neatly, no more than 4 inches in diameter, no full trees, and not placed in garbage bins. Other yard waste should not be placed with brush. To schedule regular yard-waste collections, contact John's Disposal at 262-473-4700.

This summer the Village will be reconstructing the North Industrial Park (Custer Ave, Park Drive and 131st Street). Work includes minor sewer and water utility upgrades and a new concrete road. Check the Village Website, www.butlerwi.gov for construction updates and detour information.

On March 1st the Village changed office hours from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Can't make it before we close? Just give us a call at 262-783-2525 and we will work to accommodate your schedule.

I would like to welcome and introduce some new employees to the Village of Butler. In January, Patrol Officer William Eisenhardt started with the Butler Police Department. Officer Eisenhardt comes to Butler from Michigan and is assigned to 3rd Shift. In March, Jodi Kessel Szpiszar began as the new Director of the Butler Public Library. Jodi is a former Village Trustee and Library Board Liaison and brings years of business and non-profit management, as well as years of budget and staff management experience to the Butler Public Library.

If you have a question, comment, concern, or would like to get involved with the Village of Butler, please contact me at 262-783-2525.

Have a great spring!
Kayla Chadwick
Village Administrator



From the Village President

Can you believe this year is the 105th anniversary of the Village of Butler? It seems just like yesterday we had our Centennial. Visit Centennial Plaza at Village Hall to reminisce in the memories and tour the Historic Clarke House to learn more about Butler's History.

Three new businesses have opened in the village in 2018! Please stop by and welcome them to the community. They include:

Walt Buchanan Insurance Agency, 4790 N 126 Street

Na Hale Dance Studios, 12519 W. Hampton Ave.

The Yarn Junkie & Gifts, 12527 W Hampton Ave.
Coming Soon!

Hopefully the heavy snow season is over by the time you read this. Lending a helping hand with snow removal for your neighbor will help pave the way for a stronger community. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow away from the hydrant.

Finally, a big thank you to our DPW staff; Jim, Craig B, and Craig G for their hard work over the winter months.

Wishing You the Best,

Pat Tiarks, Village President

Recent News

Application Submitted for Block Grant Program

In 2017, the Village of Butler created the small business outreach initiative. It began with a survey conducted in cooperation with the Village President and a UW Extension Community Development Educator. The survey examined how to support the needs of Butler businesses and community development.

In a meeting held on February 27th, local business owners, the Village Administrator and members of the Village Board met with representatives from the UW Extension to learn about and discuss the facade improvement grant offered by the Waukesha County Community Development Block Grant Program.

As a result, the village has submitted an application to the Waukesha County CDBG in hopes of initiating a small business facade grant program in the village.

Police Department

Don't Become An OWI Statistic

With the warmer weather already here, there are countless activities scheduled throughout the Milwaukee area that involve consuming alcoholic beverages. *Before* attending the event, plan ahead and have a designated driver or a plan in place to get home safely. Don't wait until it is time to leave the event! By this time it's too late and the consumption of alcohol has already reduced your ability to make rational decisions. The legal limit in the State of Wisconsin is .08, *not* "I feel fine, I can drive home."

Don't become the next statistic or headline in the newspaper or on the 10 o'clock news. Phone a friend, family member, cab or Uber. The cost of a cab ride across town is a small price to pay rather than getting arrested and spending the night in jail. Planning ahead will insure a fun and safe summer whatever your activities. Let the memory of the night be the event, not the day you were arrested.

Speed Signs on Hampton Avenue

Using donated funds, the Village purchased two interactive speed signs about a year ago

and installed them on eastbound and westbound Hampton Avenue.

These signs are equipped to record the speed of every vehicle traveling each direction. We have been tracking these speeds since the signs went live, and I was very surprised by the results.

First, to get an accurate picture of the average speeds on Hampton Avenue, we installed the speed signs but left them dark, even though they were recording speeds. This resulted in an average speed of 28 mph. Since September of last year (6 months of data), the signs have recorded the speed of approximately 2.11 million vehicles. The average speed on Hampton Avenue since June is 25.13 mph (Eastbound - 24.83 mph & Westbound 25.43 mph). There are about 9800 vehicles traveling along Hampton Avenue each day. I believe these speed detection devices are a proven method in reducing the speeds on Hampton Avenue.

Finally, remember to keep your homes and vehicles locked at all times. Don't allow a crime of opportunity.

Chief David Wentlandt

Getting to Know Your Department of Public Works



Hello from the DPW! My name is Jim Bremberger, the Public Works Supervisor. I have worked for the village the past 26 years, working as your supervisor the last five years. We have two other full time employees. Craig Beringer, a life-long resident of Butler with six years of experience and Craig Gengler with two years on the job. Craig G. is our in house mechanic responsible for maintenance of all DPW vehicles and equipment and is a welcome addition to our crew.

I would like to share some of the department's main responsibilities. Our biggest task is maintaining the infrastructure of the village's storm, sanitary and water systems. In 2017, we dug and repaired a record 17 water main breaks on our aging water system. Last year we began replacing some of the worst water main sections in the village. This will be an ongoing process as we repave the streets throughout our village. Craig B. and I are both licensed water operators through the DNR and responsible for daily chlorine residual testing and all DNR required water sampling.

DPW will continue tree trimming and tree replacement periodically throughout the year. Last year we cut down 30 dead or diseased trees and planted 50 new trees in late summer. The village currently has nearly 1000 street trees in its inventory, and our long term goal is to better diversify our tree population. You will begin to see groups of three or four trees of the same species instead of entire streets with identical trees.

Did I mention snow plowing? That's us out there in the middle of the night making all that noise, but I think everyone can appreciate a clean street in the morning.

During the summer months, we have one seasonal worker responsible for park maintenance and the daily watering of flower pots and beds on Hampton Avenue.

As a department, we feel it is critical to keep Butler's streets clean and infrastructure working. When you see the DPW staff on the street, feel free to wave or say, "Hi", and tell them what a great job they do. We are very dedicated and on call 24/7/365 working for you.

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Butler Storytellers

“We Solve the Problems of the World”

The members of the Butler Stitching Group are definitely problem solvers, and they do more than just stitching. Members knit, crochet, stitch, embroider, sew and macramé.

The group meets to exchange ideas, share patterns and yarn and to enjoy each other’s company. The yarn they use is either exchanged between members or is donated by the library patrons that drop off yarn at the library. Everything that the members make is donated to charity.



Kathy, a group member, uses a mitten knit pattern from the 1940’s where the yarn is knitted going back and forth rather than in a circle. She knits 100 pairs of mittens each year from small balls of donated yarn and donates them to the Menomonee Falls Senior Center where they are distributed to five charities in Waukesha County. She also collects small balls of yarn and knits dish cloths and dish scrubbers knitted from a scrubby material. The dish cloths and scrubbers are tied together with a ribbon and bow. Then they are donated to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry where they are added to the food pantry birthday packages.

Mavis, another group member, is very skilled at taking what she calls, “this and that yarn,” and knits it into something beautiful, such as sweaters, hats, etc. She also sews bath robes for veterans and residents of nursing homes and knits baby hats and sweaters for Elmbrook Hospital. Other members also knit hats and other garments and donate them to charity.

It was wonderful to see these ladies working together to do great things. The group meets once a week at the Butler Public Library on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All members of the community are welcome to knit, stitch, sew or just to hangout to solve the problems of the world.

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The Butler Public Library is committed to serving Butler and the surrounding areas, but it's not all about books. The library database contains an extensive list of digital resources and information including consumer information, numerous literary reference links, history, education and much more. Visit the library or go to www.butler.lib.wi.us to see all that your library has to offer.

**Library Hours: Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.**

Current events and activities at the library include:

Butler Builder's Club—Lego blocks and other building toys will be used for monthly building challenges and activities. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month in the conference room/children's area from 12:00 to 3:00p.m.

Makerspace—Come to our MAKERSPACE station any time in our children's area. The MAKERSPACE is a place where children come together to design and build projects!

Play Group—every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in library children's area; Big and little play games

Story Time— every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in library children's area. Join us for stories and activities

Stitching Club — every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference room. Visit library for details.

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Tidbits of Butler History

The Historic Farmhouse on 124th Street



Patrick McCelvey, born in Ireland in 1795, had been one of the original settlers of the area in 1844. On April 7, 1844, he and his wife sold Mike Etzel "80 acres more or less." This land is in what was then still

the Town of Menomonee. The land cost \$6,000. A contract was drawn up dated April 7, 1877, and included the deed. This conveyed the land "with the condition that said parties of the second part take care of the parties of the first part during their lifetime."

According to a 1934 appraisal form, the two story brick farmhouse was built in 1879. In 1910, the farm was sold to be platted as part of New Butler. The farm included all the settlement north of Hampton. The farmhouse remained in its original location.

After the platting, the location of the house became Lot 1, Block 17, or 333 North State Street (now 124th Street). The house was sold to Hans Markus who owned it for over 40 years.

It was converted into a two-family house. The first floor apartment contained a living room, kitchen and three bedrooms. On the second floor, there was a living room, kitchen and two bedrooms. The tenants at the time of appraisal were S.W. Bennett and W. Dolphin Families. The projection off the back of the building was a kitchen.

Already many years ago the building was said to be in bad repair with bad paint and cracked plaster, but it continued to be occupied. It was put up for sale in 1954 or early 1955 and bought by H.O. Schultz Inc. On September 28, 1955, a wrecking permit was issued to the Badger Wrecking Co. "to wreck Bldg. 4991 N. 124th Street, Butler on Lot 1, Block 17." Today, Falls Manufacturing occupies the site.

This Tidbit of Butler History is directly referenced from *The History of (New) Butler Wisconsin*, published by the 2013 Butler WI Centennial Committee. Editor: Marilyn Wros Schultz

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The house is open for tours on the second Sunday, May through October (with the exception of Fathers Day) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

To celebrate the Village's Centennial in 2013, the Butler Community Foundation restored a Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Caboose that stands on the east side of the house and is included in the tours.



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Butler Business Bio is a feature article highlighting a local business. You will discover interesting facts and tidbits about the business that aims to foster community awareness and pride.

Interview and article by Janet Holdmann

What makes America great? Small business owners like Christopher Martinez, founder of Dairyland Energy Solutions, Inc., who have a dream, take a risk and work hard to accomplish a goal. It all began when Mr. Martinez, a master electrician, was working for a company installing fiber optic/computer cabling for a customer. This customer was very successful and sold his business for millions of dollars. It was then that Martinez realized the potential in computer automation systems and decided to branch out on his own. Thus in 1998, Dairyland Electric was birthed with humble beginnings in the owner's West Allis home. When more room was needed, Chris and his family moved to Menomonee Falls where he converted a barn to house his business. Eventually, his home business moved to a store front at 128th and Arden in Butler and in 2012, the business moved to its current location at 12770 W. Custer Avenue.

In 2014, Martinez re-branded his company and changed the name to Dairyland Energy Solutions, Inc. to reflect the multifaceted services the company offers which include electrical, plumbing, HVAC controls, and Limited Energy Systems. This electrical contractor company is celebrating its 20th year in business with a focus on energy management, conservation, and sustainability serving Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, and Racine counties.

With a team of 35 employees, Dairyland Energy Solutions has worked on many interesting projects such as installing the sound system at Miller Park which led to more work with the Brewer's organization. Additionally, Dairyland installed the building automation HVAC system in the new Northwestern Mutual skyscraper in downtown Milwaukee.

Chris describes his company as family friendly. With two daughters active in extracurricular sports, he knows firsthand the scheduling challenges a family experiences. The company fosters a culture of flexibility and understanding when it comes to the needs and demands of family.

Growth is the objective that Martinez continually strives for, but not necessarily growth in numbers or revenue. Chris aims at building upon a good foundation by providing better value to clients and employees. As a result, growth in numbers and profits will be a by-product.

Chris Martinez is delighted to house his business in Butler. He has high regards for the community and this little gem of industrial businesses and residential homes that we call Butler.

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY, DAIRYLAND ENERGY SOLUTIONS, INC!



Park and Recreation

Frontier Park serves as the epicenter of the Village of Butler and is used by Butler residents and visitors from the surrounding areas. The park consists of Upper Frontier Park and Lower Frontier Park with the Menomonee River dividing the two levels.

Upper Frontier Park contains the community building, tennis courts, basketball court, horseshoe pits, volleyball net, ball diamond 1 and children's playground. A hiking trailhead begins behind ball diamond 1 and bridges across the river into the lower park.

Lower Frontier Park contains ball diamond 2 and 3. The hiking trail continues behind the ball diamonds along the beautiful Menomonee River featuring a mulched trail and wooded area.

Playgrounds, Gardens, and More

The Park and Recreation Commission is revitalizing our softball leagues in 2018. We are continuing the popular horseshoe leagues, preparing for the new playground, and examining regulations surrounding community gardens. We are also seeking ideas from residents and businesses for community-focused activities. Dates, times and information include:

- **The softball leagues will begin the first week in May (the 7th is the first Monday of the month) with game times of 6:30 / 7:30 / 8:30 p.m.** All Butler residents are welcomed to join! Contact village hall at 262-783-2525, or send an email to butlerparkandrec@gmail.com for more information.
- **Horseshoe leagues** will continue in 2018.
- A **volunteer manager is needed** for the proposed community garden. If you have a love of growing vegetables and possess organization skills, this is the right opportunity for you! Contact Charlene Benjamin at butlerwiparades@gmail.com if you are interested in the position.
- To contact any commission member, email to butlerparkandrec@gmail.com.
- Follow our progress in the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes on our webpage at www.butlerwi.gov/government/agendas-minutes-packets.

Join Butler's 4th of July Parade

July 4th, 2018, will find Butler's annual 4th of July Parade on the move. Marching bands, local dance groups, floats, unique vehicles of several different descriptions, antique and classic cars; all will parade north on 127th Street in this unique American celebration.

You Can Join The Fun!

You are welcome to join in the parade! Not sure how to participate? Ideas include:

- Gather a few neighbors to form a drill team; maybe lawn rakes and leaf blowers in formation?
- Decorate your lawn tractor and dress up as "Uncle" or "Aunt" Sam.
- Form a riding group with bicycles, scooters, and Big Wheels.
- Create a 4th of July float! You can even decorate your boat!
- Enter your beloved pet into the parade, in costume if you wish. The parade route is about 1 mile, and special care will be given to making sure you and your animal have a safe experience.
- More suggestions can be found on the internet by searching for "Fourth of July Float Ideas."

Businesses Most Welcome...

Are you a Butler business owner? Being a part of the parade is a great way to show your community pride and bring visibility and recognition to your business.

We Need Your Help!

This parade is largely funded through private contributions and donations. If you look forward to the parade each year, please consider volunteering your time, talents, or with a modest financial contribution to help us keep it going!

Those interested in entering the parade, donating or volunteering can contact Charlene at butlerwiparades@gmail.com for more information about how to be a part of this mid-summer celebration!

Be A Responsible Pet Owner...

Residents are reminded of their responsibility to keep their pets and animals under their control and supervised at all times. The Village of Butler ordinances do not allow any domestic animals to run at large. If you see an animal running at large or not on a leash, contact the Village of Butler Police Department at (262) 446-5070.

Sec. 6-225. - Review the full list of ordinances for dog ownership in the village.

Community Building Activities

Senior Club

Calling all Seniors! The Seniors' Club meets monthly on the first, third and fifth Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the community building. Enjoy an afternoon with your fellow residents playing a game of Sheephead for an annual fee of \$10.00. All seniors are welcome.

Community Building Rental

The Village's Community Building, located at Frontier Park, is available for rental year round. The facility includes tables, chairs, bathrooms, and a full kitchen. Please contact Village Hall at 262-783-2525 to check availability.

Resident	Non-Resident
Deposit: \$175	Deposit: \$500
Rental Fee: \$165	Rental Fee: \$265

Provided there are no issues resulting from the rental, the deposit fee is returned within a few weeks of the rental.

St. Agnes Catholic Church Food Pantry

The food pantry of St. Agnes provides emergency food assistance as a result of illness, unemployment, divorce or other unfortunate situations.

For those in need of assistance, the pantry serves Butler and the surrounding area, and is open on Mondays 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Community Services

How to Report a Code Violation

If you notice a village code violation, report it at www.butlerwi.gov/i-want-to/report. Village staff will investigate to determine if it is a violation and address it with the proper party.

Garbage and Recycling Collection

Brush Pickup Dates

DPW will begin brush collection April 2nd and continue on the first and third Mondays of each month through mid-October, weather dependent.

Bulk and large items

John's Disposal will remove bulk and large items from residential properties in the Village for a fee. Please make arrangements with John's Disposal by calling 262-473-4700.

Yard Waste Program

John's Disposal offers a subscription yard waste collection to all residents from April through November annually. Yard waste may not exceed 2 bags or containers per week per home. The cost of the program is \$115 annually. If you are interested in enrolling, please call 262-473-4700.

For Garbage and Recycling Collection FAQ's please visit www.butlerwi.gov/services/community-services/garbage-and-recycling-collection

Recycling Electronics and Appliances

Visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/rsw for information on how to dispose of electronics and appliances and view the annual schedule of drop-off locations in Waukesha County.

Donation Information

To donate furniture, clothing or household goods, contact the Salvation Army to schedule a **free** pickup of your items. To schedule a pickup, visit their website at milwaukee.saltruck.org/ or call 1-800-728-7825.

The Butler Farmer's Market - Eat Local

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Village of Butler

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Collection Schedule

January 2018

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Monday is Collection Day

Weekly garbage service.
Every other week recycle service.

The recycling collection is on the shaded weeks.

Large items may be picked up for a fee. Please call the office for scheduling.

Yard Waste service is available for a fee. The service runs from April through November. Call the office for details, or to sign up for this service.

May 2018

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June 2018

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Holidays (no collection)

New Years Day-Monday 1/1/2018
Collection will be delayed by one day.

Memorial Day- Monday 05/28/2018
Collection will be delayed by one day.

Independence Day- Wednesday 07/04/2018
Collection will have no delay.

Labor Day- Monday 9/3/2018
Collection will be delayed by one day.

Please place all materials out the night before or by 7 a.m. on your day of service.

September 2018

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November 2018

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December 2018

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Thanksgiving-Thursday 11/22/2018
Collection will have no delay.

Christmas Day- Tuesday 12/25/2018
Collection will have no delay.

The garbage (brown cart) is emptied on a weekly basis. The recycling (green cart) is emptied every other week.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Elections	Tuesday, April 3rd, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Butler Farmers Market	Opens Monday May 7th, 12-6 p.m.
Village Hall Closings	May 28th, Memorial Day, July 4th
Brush Pickup	Begins Monday, April 2nd

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATES

VILLAGE BOARD	*1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 7p.m.
FINANCE BOARD	Before Village Board Meeting
BUILDING BOARD	Before Village Board Meeting
PARK AND RECREATION	4th Wednesday at 5:30
LIBRARY BOARD	2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m.

All meetings are held at Village Hall except the Library Board meeting which meets at the Butler Public Library.

*No village board meeting will be held on April 3rd due to Spring elections. The Village board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th.

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