

*The Village of
Winnebago
Trustees,
President, Clerk
& Staff Wish You
and Your
Family a Joyous
Holiday and
Prosperous 2011!*

December 2010

Village Of Winnebago President's Message



Frank Eubank, Jr.

Since our last newsletter to you, the Trustees and I have continued to work on many different issues to improve services that the Village provides to you. The Village has a new website that is featured in another article in this letter. We recently ordered a new truck with snow plow equipment that will soon be delivered to the Village. Unfortunately, we had our first snow event before we received it and one of our trucks (at least 14 years old) broke down shortly into the plowing that day.

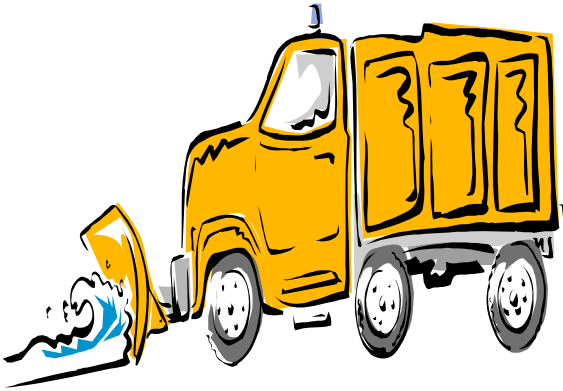
Another area we have been focused on is the treatment of our wastewater. Our current wastewater treatment plant has a design average flow of 400,000 gallons per day (0.4 MGD). It has a maximum flow of 1,000,000 gallons per day (1.0 MGD). Many times our average daily flow exceeds what the plant can handle. Aside from a large rain event, like the one we had July 23 and 24 this year, our biggest culprit in raising our daily average flow is inflow and infiltration (I/I). Over the past several years, we have taken aggressive steps to minimize our I/I. We received a \$350,000 grant that allowed us to televise a large part of the "older" section of the Village and to line approximately 25 to 30 percent of the sewer pipes. Through the hard work of our Public Works employees, we have located other major I/I areas and have taken additional corrective measures to help with that problem. Even though we continue to take these steps, we continue to see high average daily flows. Another source of I/I comes from illegal sump pump connections. We will be sending you additional information regarding this issue within the next few weeks.

Even if we were able to solve all of our I/I issues, our current wastewater treatment plant would still not be large enough to accommodate our current and short-term projected wastewater needs, let alone our long-term projected needs. A Facility Plan for Wastewater Treatment Improvements was prepared in April of 2006 for the Village. The Board of Trustees at that time saw the need to improve the plant with newer technology and additional capacity. The improved facility's design average flow would be 1.3 MGD. The study indicated that the improvements would cost approximately \$7,000,000. The cost of that same system today would be even more. We currently discharge our treated water into Coolidge Creek and would continue to do so with any type of plant upgrade. The study also indicated that "[d]ue to the distance to other population centers, regionalization to consolidate wastewater treatment facilities is not feasible." The expected life span of a treatment facility is approximately 20 to 30 years, so future repairs and upgrades would be necessary.

Over the past year and a half, the current Board has reviewed this plan and also has discussed the possibility of regionalizing with the Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD). We have had several meetings with representatives from RRWRD to discuss different options. We have come to the conclusion that it is feasible to regionalize with the RRWRD. The current idea, if we decide to move forward with the RRWRD, would be for them to bring the sewer lines from an area near Meridian and US 20 along Cunningham to the Village. One scenario would be that upon agreement with the RRWRD, they would immediately take over all responsibility of our wastewater treatment operations; including all treatment, repairs, sludge removal from the lagoon, and improvements. The initial projected cost to the Village would be approximately \$11,700,000. A positive side of getting out of the wastewater treatment business is we would no longer have to worry about upgrading an existing plant. A further benefit is the RRWRD has existing capacity to treat wastewater many times more than we currently have, so any new growth, whether industrial, commercial, or residential, would not have much impact on their system compared to our system.

No matter which way we decide to proceed with the future treatment of our wastewater, there will be a significant cost for selected project. The finance and public works committees have been investigating financing options. I gave a presentation, in conjunction with the RRWRD, to a representative from the office of our U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, explaining why he should consider providing us with a grant for this project. Once we learn more about our financing options, we plan to have a public forum to discuss our options and provide additional information to you. Make sure to stay informed about this issue and all other Village business by coming to our meetings or reviewing the minutes on our new website.

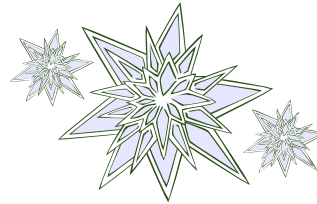
Snow Removal Parking Ordinance #04-21 is in effect after 2" of snowfall. No vehicles may be parked on either side of the road after 2" of snowfall in order to allow our snow plows to efficiently and safely clear Village streets.



Please note that citations are issued to vehicles parking on Village Streets in the amount of \$50 and vehicles are eligible to be towed at the owner's expense.

Let it Snow.....

Please be kind to your neighbors and postal employees, keep your residential or business walkway section clear of ice and snow.



Shovel & Salt!



Wood Chipping

At the August 9, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting, the decision was made to discontinue wood chipping by the Village Public Works Department due to budgetary constraints. Limbs can be broken up and placed in a garbage can marked with an "X" for Gill's to pick up during the spring, summer, and fall.

Please Respond!



If you have received an Income Survey by mail, please complete it and return it as soon as possible. The approved Income Survey will allow the Village many grant opportunities for repairs and upgrades to our aging infrastructure. We appreciate your cooperation in assisting your Village!

**BURNING ORDINANCE #96-3
LEAVES OR LANDSCAPE WASTE MUST NOT BE BURNED IN OR UPON PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS OR OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY BY ANYONE OTHER THAN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VILLAGE. PUBLIC PROPERTY INCLUDES THE AREA FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET TO 33 FEET TOWARD YOUR RESIDENCE. FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BURNING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.
THANK YOU!**





Village of
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BUY BAGO!

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSI-
NESSES**

The Buy Bago program was created by the Chamber of Commerce to give people an incentive to buy locally. There is no program to join, just present your Buy Bago card to receive special promotions from the business.

Businesses that are participating in the program will display a Buy Bago sign in their windows. Each business will offer their own discount as part of the program. Just take your card into any participating business & ask about their discount for card

holders. Buy Bago cards are available at each participating business and at the Village Office.

BUY LOCAL!



They deserve a great big WELCOME HOME!
The Village has a Welcome Home sign on display at the corner of Main & Elida to welcome home our active military. If you have a loved one or acquaintance that you would like displayed on the sign please contact Mary Gross at 815-335-7534 a few days before their arrival for their personalized welcome. Special THANKS to Warren Cunningham, John Winter and Win-Bur-Sew Fire Department for their contribution to the Welcome Sign.

4th of July Family Festival Cookbooks



The 4th of July Family Festival Committee is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the 2011 4th of July festivities. The cookbooks are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Village Office. They contain mouth-watering recipes donated by local residents, as well as many interesting biographies and history of the Village. For more information contact the Village Office at 335-2020.

The Village President, Village Clerk, Trustees, and Staff would like to wish ***HAPPY RETIREMENT*** to Kris Steinwand, retired Deputy Clerk. Kris retired as the Village Deputy Clerk after 14 dedicated years of service. We thank her for her service and wish her well in her leisure years to come!



You're Invited



Winnebago Chamber Of Commerce's Community Service Awards Night
Honoring outstanding members of the Winnebago Community

February 24th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

\$20.00 per person or \$150 for a table of 8 guests

Ticket sales will begin on January 17th at the following locations:

Garden Arts, First National Bank, Annas Pizza & Pasta, German American Bank, Village Office

2011 Village Board Meeting Dates

JANUARY	10,	2011
FEBRUARY	7,	2011
MARCH	7,	2011
APRIL	11,	2011
MAY	9,	2011
JUNE	13,	2011
JULY	11,	2011
AUGUST	8,	2011
SEPTEMBER	12,	2011
OCTOBER	10,	2011
NOVEMBER	7,	2011
DECEMBER	12,	2011
JANUARY	9,	2012
FEBRUARY	13,	2012

ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

Check out the newly designed Village of Winnebago website!
www.villageofwinnebago.com
If you wish to see something added or would like something corrected on the website, please contact your Deputy Clerk, Lori Schultz, at the Village Office during regular business hours, Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
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