



## Manager's Office

- The Village Manager hired the Village's newest employee, Fernando Moreno. He will be the Zoning & Planning Specialist. Fernando will be proactively helping with code enforcement and foreclosed properties. He will also help Community Services with site planning and economic development.
- The Assistant Manager has conducted tours with three different cleaning services in order to solicit proposals to clean Village Hall and the Community Center. CDBG funds will be used for cleaning the Community Center.
- Concept # 4 for a River Park area along Kildeer Court just south of Brown Deer Road was received over the Holiday Season. Staff will continue to work with JSD Design to finalize a plan before bringing it forward for approval.



## Upcoming Events

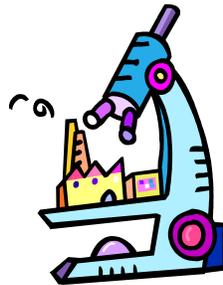
January 13 - Special Village Board Meeting  
 January 13 - Library Board  
 January 13 - Plan Commission (CANCELLED)  
 January 14 - Beautification Committee (CANCELLED)  
 January 15 - 4th of July

## Quote of the Week

"Happiness..consists in giving, and in serving others."

- Henry Drummond

## Community Services



- The Inspection Department issued the following permits this week: 2 Certificate of Compliance for residential real estate sale; 6 Electrical permits: (4) wiring new furnace/AC, (1) adding lights to basement, (1) one for one replacement of interior & exterior lights; 6 HVAC permits: (2) new residential furnace, (3) new residential furnace/AC unit, and (1) bathroom fan replacement; 5 Plumbing permits: (4) new gas water heaters, and (1) new bathtub.
- The Inspection Department also conducted the following inspections: (2) rough Building inspections, (1) final Building inspection, (4) final Code Compliance inspections for real estate sales, (2) rough Electrical inspections, (7) final Electrical inspections, (1) rough HVAC inspection, (3) final Plumbing inspections, (2) rough Occupancy inspections, (2) final Occupancy inspections, (2) final Sign inspections, and (2) Enforcement inspections.
- The Community Development Director met with representatives of Metro Self Storage who are interested in the use of property at 4059 W. Bradley Road as a self-storage facility.
- The Community Service Department added Fernando Moreno to the Staff as the new Zoning and Planning Specialist. Mr. Moreno will be focused on identifying and investigating property maintenance and nuisance complaints throughout the Village. In addition he will provide support for zoning questions and assist with development projects and reviews.

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## Public Works



- The Director made a presentation to the Village Board and residents regarding the N. 60th Street Reconstruction Project on Monday. Staff will be following-up with the WisDOT and Management Consultant concerning questions raised by residents at the meeting.
- The Director will be meeting with engineers from Verizon Wireless to discuss a possible location for a new communications tower located at the Library property.
- The Director will be attending the Traffic & Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday to discuss and update the Village's stop-sign ordinance to reflect the current DPW stop-sign inventory.
- Work remains halted in the Original Village and will resume again in the spring of 2014. Remaining work includes, but is not limited to, shrub planting, tree planting, mulching, top soiling, seeding, and sodding. We-Energies will continue to install the black light poles and fixtures in the north half of the neighborhood along Deerwood Drive (north of Larry's Market) and along River Lane over the winter months.
- Winter operations remain busy at DPW. DPW crews salted roadways over the past weekend ahead of the extreme cold weather to prevent icing conditions. DPW crews also worked on winging back drifting snow throughout the Village. The month of December saw double the normal amount of snowfall so DPW crews remain busy while working to keep Village roadways drivable and safe with efficient plowing and salting operations. The DPW mechanic is continuing to service all of the plow-trucks and equipment ensuring that all vehicles are in good working condition for snow events throughout the remainder of the winter.
- Visu-Sewer crews have halted work for the week due to the extreme cold temperatures. Visu Sewer crews will be finishing all of the sanitary sewer testing and sealing work the week of January 13th. Visu-Sewer crews are currently testing and sealing the 15-inch & 18-inch sewer main in Cedarburg Road and at Parkland Avenue and Teutonia Avenue. Visu-Sewer crews are also testing and sealing the 8-inch sewer mains in Basin 7, which is the neighborhood north of Tripoli Country Club bounded by 51st Street, Parkland Avenue, Sherman Boulevard, and Calumet Road. The crews are working when the temperatures aren't too cold which can affect the grouting equipment. Work is slowly progressing and will likely continue into the early part of 2014 with a completion date by the middle of January.
- The Director and Sanitary Sewer Technician attended a factory tour on Monday at Super Products, Inc. in New Berlin. DPW has budgeted for a new truck mounted jetter purchase in 2014. Currently, DPW shares the truck mounted jetter and vac unit with the City of Glendale. However, in 2014 the agreement with Glendale will be dissolved and each community will be purchasing their own jetter units to comply with the State and MMSD sewer cleaning requirements. The Village will be purchasing a jetter only unit and forgo the vac component due to the size of the sanitary sewer conveyance system.
- The DPW will be purchasing a new street sweeper in 2014 and solicited quotes from a total of three (3) street sweeper manufacturers. DPW is currently completing final due diligence in reviewing the quotes. The street sweeper purchase will go to the Finance & Public Works Committee in February.
- DPW crews are continuing to cut and trim low hanging branches from adjacent street trees on Bradley Road east of 60th Street. DPW is also purchasing a new chipper to replace the very old currently used chipper. The chipper will be delivered to the DPW yard on Friday from Bobcat Plus.
- The Recycling Center has switched to Winter Hours. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE RECYCLING CENTER HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2014.** The Recycling Center is now open only on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the months of January, February, and March.
- DPW crews are continuing to fill pot-holes on streets throughout the Village with cold-patch asphalt and also assisting the Water Department with cold-patching asphalt in locations of water main breaks. DPW crews are also repairing damaged street signs and regulatory signs throughout the Village. DPW is working on repairing the damaged flashing crosswalk sign on North 60th Street adjacent to the Brown Deer School Campus after a car-accident over the New Year's holiday.

## Recycling Center on Winter Hours

Saturday  
10:00 AM to 5:00 p.m.

## January Employee Anniversaries

Hank Wallenkamp - 26  
Dana Faulkner - 19  
Erika Petras - 13  
Dan Hansen - 12  
Jill Zeise - 11  
Don Holzbauer - 11  
Jeff Wille - 8  
Anthony Vogelsang - 7  
Joseph Hahn - 6  
Devon Kraemer - 3

## Weekly Health Tip

January is National Radon Action Month. You can't see, smell, or taste radon but it could be present in your home-it comes from the soil beneath your house. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk. Educate yourself about radon and take steps to make sure your home is safe.

## North Shore Health Department



- Getting healthy after over-indulging during the holiday season may not be easy at first, but it can be done. One suggestion is to drink water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages. Adding a wedge of lemon or lime may improve the taste and you just might drink more water than you usually do. Substituting water for one 20-ounce sugar-sweetened soda will save you about 240 calories.
- Winter storms and cold temperatures are hazardous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. Steps to prevent the hazards of winter can be found at [www.cdc.gov/Features/WinterWeather/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/WinterWeather/index.html). Above all, be prepared to check on family and neighbors who are at risk: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill.
- Have you checked your home for radon? Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless radioactive gas that causes lung cancer, and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homes have a radon level lower than 4 pCi/L. Every region of Wisconsin has some homes with elevated radon levels. The only way to know the radon level in a house is to measure it. You can purchase a radon test kit from both the Shorewood and the Brown Deer offices of the North Shore Health Department for a discounted price of \$5.00. Call the Health Department for more information at 414-371-2980. Additional radon information can be found at:  
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radiation/radon/> or  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html> or  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/consguid.html>.
- It's that time of year for colds and flu. Remembering some simple practices to prevent infections can be helpful. These include:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when water is not available.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with your upper sleeve, and try to avoid touching your face with your hands. If you use a tissue, throw it away after one use, and wash your hands.
  - Avoid being exposed to people who are sick with flu-like symptoms. Stay home when you are sick!
  - Eat nutritious meals, get plenty of rest.
  - Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces (e.g., door knobs, refrigerator handle, telephone, faucets).
  - If you think you have the flu, stay home, get rest, drink plenty of liquids and avoid using alcohol and tobacco. If your symptoms persist, contact your doctor.
- For more information on influenza, visit <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/influenza/index.htm>.

## Administrative Services



§ The Administrative Services Department has been very busy collecting tax bills and utility payments.

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## Park and Recreation



- **Residents and Nonresidents can register for Winter/ Spring programs.** A listing of the Winter/Spring programs can also be viewed on the Village's website. Four ways to register for recreation programs; on-line, in-person at the office, by mail or drop box located in the front of Village Hall.
  - **Youth Programs;** Swim Lessons, Water Safety Instructor Course, Junior Swim Club, Life Guard Training, Introduction to Cartooning, Sketching, Learn to Wood Carve, Kids Ltd., Rock Climbing, Youth Soccer Clinic, and MiKrosoccer.
  - **Adult Programs;** Water Fitness, Fitness Dance, Strong & Fit, Lap Swim, Hatha Yoga, Zumba, Softball Leagues, Indian Cooking, Digital Camera Classes, Modern Square Dancing, Indoor Walking, Learn to Wood Carve, Sheephead Tournament, Beginning Mah Jongg and Senior Exercise.

- Village Park Permits will be issued on a first come, first serve basis during regular office hours **beginning Monday, January 20th**. Fee structure can be seen on the Village's Website. Contact the Park and Recreation Department for a list of permit fees for resident and nonresident groups.

The facilities include a shelter area, grill, volleyball court, horseshoe court and children's play area. Park Permit fees must be paid in full at the time the reservation is filled. Pond Admission Fees will be charged in addition to the Permit Fee and will be assessed the day of the event. A Clean Up Deposit Fee will also be charged the day of the event and will be returned if the shelter and park area are left in good condition.

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## Library



- On January 7th, the Library Director attended the Village Board meeting.

### **Library Use in December:**

- Family Materials loans were down only 6% compared to December 2012. This is despite the extremely cold weather we had at the start of the month that seemed to keep people away.
- Participation in Library programs was improved over same month last year.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

- **CD Art Contest** - Kids and Teens - What can you make from some old CDs? Come to the library to register for this program by picking up a pack of CDs from us. What you make with them is up to you! Bring your awesome artwork back to the Library by January 25th, and we'll let the public vote for their favorite. The top three win a prize!
- **Football Fans meet the Author** - On Wednesday January 29th at 6:30PM, come meet Jim Rice, author of two books about the Packers. He will discuss 'Giant Cheeseheads: The Giant-Packer Rivalry' and 'Great Games of the Gridiron' during his visit, the week before the Super Bowl!

### **Saturday Library hours have increased**

- The Library is now open Saturdays from 10-5, year-round! We have created efficiencies and maximized our staff schedules so that we can stay open more hours in 2014 without increasing our costs. We hope you enjoy and take advantage of the extra service.

### **Friends of the Library Patron Challenge**

- You did it! You helped the library raise \$1500 in the Patron Challenge! Now the Friends of the Brown Deer Library will match that amount for a total special end-of-year donation of \$3000! We thank everyone for their generosity. These donations will help fund special purchases to enhance the quality and range of programs, services, and technology beyond what the library's annual budget allows.

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## Water



- ◆ The cold weather has resulted in water main breaks. Weather conditions have made the work difficult but field crews have repaired breaks at the following locations; 3900 W. Brown Deer Road, 4136 Calumet Road, and 8600 N. 63rd Street
- ◆ Crews have been cleaning snow from and around hydrants.
- ◆ Year-end inventory of meters, valves, hydrants and other parts was completed.

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## Police

- ❑ On December 30th, the department was required to cancel a number of time-off requests in order to deal with a house fire with a fatality. We continue to investigate that matter.
- ❑ On January 2nd, the department in conjunction with the Blood Center of Wisconsin, sponsored a local blood drive which was coordinated through the ongoing efforts of Oak Creek retired Lieutenant Brian Murphy.
- ❑ Officer Caddock met with the managers of Brooklane Apartments; Deerwood Crossing; Deer Run Apartments and Green Court Apartments and provided information on the monthly calls for service at their complexes.



### Criminal Investigations/ Youth Services

- ❑ During the past week, the Investigative Bureau conducted follow-up investigation on four cases.
- ❑ The Investigative Bureau took 10 cases to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for charging.
- ❑ The School Liaison Officers spent two hours at the Brown Deer Schools.