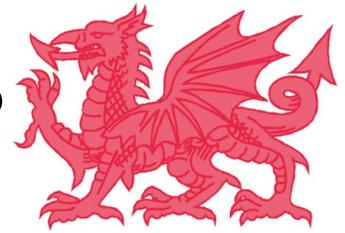


VILLAGE OF WALES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2011

Chili Cook-Off to Benefit Local Food Pantry



**2011
Municipal
Chili
Cook-Off**

The Village of Wales and the Town of Genesee will again be hosting a Municipal Chili Cook-off on Sunday, November 13, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kettle Moraine High School. Entries from the Villages of Wales, Dousman and North Prairie, the Towns of Genesee, Waukesha and Ottawa, the Wales/Genesee Fire Department, and the School District of Kettle Moraine can be sampled and voted on. Come vote for your community, clerk, elected official or municipal employee. Food and proceeds from this event will be donated to local food pantries to help feed families in need this holiday season. Please join us for an afternoon of fun. Admission to the event is 2 nonperishable food items or a cash donation and will allow the person to taste all entries.



A Message from the President:

By Jeffery Flaws

As many of you are aware, Wisconsin's new concealed carry law went into effect November 1st. The Village board has designated the Village Hall, Community Building, Fire Station and the concession buildings at the Wales Community Park as weapons free. Appropriate signage has been posted at each of those locations.

With the fall leaf-raking season in full swing, please remember to observe the limitations on burning covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, please remember to attend our Annual Chili Cook-off. Last year we gathered over six barrels of donations for the Food Pantry and hope to do even better this time around. Details are in the preceding article.

As always, we will continue to use this newsletter, the Village's website, the coverage of Village activities as reported in the *Kettle Moraine Index*, and the postings of our various agendas to keep you informed as 2012 progresses. And of course, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact the Village Hall as indicated elsewhere in this issue.

Christmas in Wales



Mark your calendars for December 10, 2011, Christmas in Wales. Enjoy the FREE holiday event to be held from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Area businesses and residents will again be sponsoring a Christmas event in downtown Wales. We will have pictures with Santa along with a number of other activities and events. For more information or to see how you

can help make this event a memorable one, please contact Dan Hahn at U.S. Bank in Waukesha at 650-2121. Thanks and Happy Holidays.

Wisconsin Election Laws:

Photo Identification

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you have met ID requirements. Wisconsin does not issue a separate "Voter ID" card. Instead you must use one of the photo IDs listed below.

Your photo ID does not need to show a current address.

Acceptable forms of Photo ID

- Wisconsin driver license*
- Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card*
- U.S. passport*
- Military ID card*



*The above documents may not have expired earlier than the date of the last November election.

- Certificate of naturalization issued within last two years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver license or state ID receipt
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.
- Unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains an issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within two years of issuance, along with a separate document showing proof of current enrollment.

If you are eligible to vote but do not have an acceptable ID, you may obtain a free ID for purposes of voting. Please visit <http://gab.wi.gov> and click "Voter Photo ID" for more information.

Signing the Poll Book

Voters must sign the poll book to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter. Only one poll book needs to be signed.

Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a physical disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, tell the election officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. Election officials will write "exempt" in your signature block.

Voter Registration Changes

You can register to vote up until the Friday before the election or on Election Day. You must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. Proof of residence is required when registering less than 20 days before an election, on Election Day, and for first time Wisconsin voters registering by mail. For more information on acceptable proof of residence documents contact your local municipal clerk

Snowplowing Season is Just Around the Corner !



Reminder: Village Ordinances prohibit snow from private properties being plowed across or onto Village right-of-way. If you do either you may be issued a citation and/or assessed cleanup costs.

Markers

If you wish to install snowplow markers on your property please adhere to the following guidelines: the markers must be flexible and/or breakaway (usually plastic or fiberglass). They should be set 10 to 20 feet apart. Metal stakes are NOT allowed. The Village is not responsible for any damage to private markers placed in the Village right-of-way.

Mailboxes

The Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by snow load or ones that were already loose and knocked over by snow load. Check your mailbox and repair any loose, damaged or inadequately anchored ones. If the snowplow contractor hits your mailbox, please report it promptly to the Village Hall so that we can look into the damage.

Miscellaneous Items

The Village is not responsible for and will not replace underground sprinkler heads, lamp posts or other obstacles located in the Village's right-of-way if damaged during normal plowing operations.



Stop for School Buses!



According to Wisconsin law, drivers must stop a minimum of 20 feet from a stopped school bus with its red warning lights flashing. Drivers must stop whether the bus is on their side of the road, on the opposite side of the road, or at an intersection they are approaching. However, drivers are not required to stop for a school bus if they are traveling in the opposite direction on the other side of a divided roadway separated by a median or other physical barrier. When they are passed illegally, school bus drivers are authorized to report the violator to a law enforcement agency and a citation may be issued. The owner of the vehicle, who might not be the offending driver, will then be responsible for paying the citation.

Blood Drive

A community blood drive will be held at the Wales/Genesee Fire Department, 600 S. Wales Road, on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Pauline at 262-968-3968 for an appointment or more information.



Holiday Hours and Closings

During the coming holiday season the Village Hall will be closed on the following schedule:

November 24th & 25th

Monday, December 26th

Monday, January 2nd



Park and Rec Department

Registrations for next year

Baseball, soccer and football registration forms will be available around the first week of February 2012, with baseball ending late March 2012 and soccer and football ending early June 2012. Registration forms will be available at the Village Hall or on the Village's website, www.vi.wales.wi.gov.

Building Inspection/Permits

As a rule of thumb, any work of a maintenance nature will not require a permit. However, building, remodeling, alterations or additions thereto, roofing, heating, air-conditioning, plumbing, electrical work, swimming pools, installation of wood burning heating systems, fences, decks, sheds, outbuildings, etc., will require a permit. Any questions regarding permits should be directed to Scott Hussinger at 968-6823.



Recycling



Recycling saves valuable resources such as trees, minerals, fossil fuels, and even water. Recycling also conserves landfill space, allowing more room for our beautiful Wisconsin farms, parks, natural habitat areas, and cities. Wisconsin landfills can no longer accept most electronics including, desktop computers, printers, scanners, copiers DVD players and cell phones. You can contact Veolia at 262-367-6040 for more information. Also, several manufacturers and retailers such as Best Buy and American TV are accepting items to recycle. To learn more, visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/ecycle/>.

VILLAGE OF WALES BURNING ORDINANCE

Burning Regulations

RESIDENTIAL BURNING. Burning of garbage and trash prohibited. No person shall burn garbage, paper, putrid materials, buildings or other structures, lumber, construction materials, or materials from razed buildings. The burning of dry brush, dry leaves, dry limbs, dry plant clippings, dry branches and dry logs is allowed subject to various regulations as listed in the Village's current burning ordinance. Burning days are as follows:

November 15 – March 15

Days: Everyday

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – sunset

March 16 – November 14

Days: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – sunset

National Holidays: No burning

Burning on any commercial, business or other property within the Village, except for residential, is hereby prohibited.

A full copy of the Village's burning ordinance can be found on the Village's website, www.vi.wales.wi.gov.



Wales Business Group

A group of Wales' area business leaders has been meeting on a regular basis for over three years to network, share information and support community activities. If you've attended Christmas in Wales or the Wales Summer Splash festival you've benefited from their willingness to pitch in and sponsor events for the community at large. The group's interesting and informative website, www.visitwaleswi.org, has recently added information on some new businesses. A link to the site is available on the Village's website, www.vi.wales.wi.gov. Why not visit both sites to see what's new in our area?

The Wales business group meets the 3rd Friday of each month at the Wales Community Building, 216 W. South Street, at 8:00 a.m. Please feel free to join them for updates on local events and business promotions. For more information please contact Dan Hahn at U.S. Bank in Waukesha at 262-650-2121.

Tax Payments Can be Paid Locally

Town Bank of Wales, 511 N. Wales Road, will again be collecting property tax bills. If you have any questions regarding their hours or this service please contact their office 968-1740. Payments can still be made at the Waukesha County Treasurers Office.



Volunteer Opportunity

Every community is in need of residents who will volunteer their time. Wales needs you.

The Village has an opening on the Joint Fire Board, which oversees the operations of the Wales/Genesee Fire Department and meets monthly. There is also an opportunity on the Village Plan Commission, which also meets monthly. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact the Village Hall for more detailed information.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2011	DECEMBER 2011	JANUARY 2012
7 Village Board Meeting	3 Cookies with Santa (Town of Genesee)	1 New Year's Day
11 Veteran's Day	5 Village Board Meeting	2 Village Offices Closed
12 MRF County Recycling Facility Open House	10 Christmas in Wales	3 Village Board Meeting
13 Chili Cook-Off (KM High School)	12 Park Commission Meeting	9 Park Commission Meeting
14 Park Commission Meeting	19 Village Board Meeting	16 Village Board Meeting
16 Nu Attitude Open House	20 Plan Commission Meeting	31 Plan Commission Meeting
21 Village Board Meeting	25 Christmas Day	
24 Thanksgiving Village Offices Closed	26 Village Offices Closed	
25 Village Offices Closed	31 New Year's Eve	



Trip to Wales

The Village is looking into sponsoring a community trip to Wales U.K. in 2013. If you would be interested in participating in this trip, please contact the Village Hall. If we have enough interest in this venture we will start working on an itinerary.



2012 Dog Licenses



2012 Dog License Tags will be available at the Village Hall about the second week in December. All dogs must be licensed by March 31, 2012 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Make checks payable to "Treasurer, Village of Wales".



VILLAGE OF WALES 2012 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Owner's Name _____ Phone # _____

Owner's Address _____

Dog's Name _____ Color _____ Breed _____ Sex: _____

- Neutered Male/ Spayed Female - \$9.00 Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female - \$13.00

You can apply in person at the Village Hall or by Mail: P.O. Box 47, Wales, WI 53183

Proof of a rabies shot is needed, including date of shot and its expiration date. Please fill out the application above and bring or send it along with your rabies certificate.

You must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when paying by mail for the return of your license certificate, proof of rabies shot and license.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

All village meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. Meetings are held at the Village Hall located at 129 W. Main Street, unless otherwise posted.

Village Board Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Plan Commission Meetings

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission Meetings

2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings

2nd Monday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m.

Deadlines for submissions to be placed on an agenda can be obtained by calling the Village Hall.

The Village's website, www.vi.wales.wi.gov has new information added weekly, including meeting minutes and agendas. Most forms for park and recreation programs are available to download along with the facilities use application.

Village Hall Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Agendas & Village Information

Agendas for all public meetings and important information can be found at three convenient locations around the village. The Village Hall, at the intersection of Caernarvon and Brandybrook Roads, and the Village bulletin board in Pick N' Save located on Highways 83 and 18.

PHONE NUMBERS

Village Board Members:

President:

Jeffery A. Flaws _____ 262-968-4550

Trustees:

David Lang _____ 262-968-2432

Eugene Mayernick _____ 262-968-4422

Risa Kuhlman _____ 262-613-7356

Ken Mace _____ 262-968-4456

Wolfgang Henschik _____ 262-968-2850

Fire Department:

Emergency _____ 911

Non-Emergency _____ 262-968-3301

Sheriff Department:

Emergency _____ 911

Non-Emergency _____ 262-446-5070

Post Office _____ 262-968-3367

Village Hall _____ 262-968-3968

Village Fax _____ 262-968-5649

Veolia Waste Haulers _____ 262-367-6040

County Supervisor:

Peter Wolff _____ 262-896-9891

Village Assessor _____ 262-567-5999

Building Inspector _____ 262-968-6823

Rec Director _____ 262-370-7444