

## VILLAGE MEETINGS

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

### Village Board Meetings

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

### Plan Commission Meetings

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

### Park Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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 or on the Village's Web site, [www.vi.wales.wi.gov](http://www.vi.wales.wi.gov).

### NEW Village Hall Office Hours

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

## PHONE NUMBERS:

Fire Department:  
Emergency ..... 911  
Non-Emergency ..... 968-3301

Sheriff Department:  
Emergency ..... 911  
Non-Emergency ..... 446-5070

Post Office ..... 968-3367

Village Hall ..... 968-3968

Village Fax ..... 968-5649

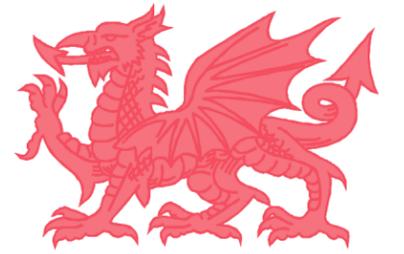
Veolia Waste Haulers ..... 367-6040

County Supervisor  
Peter Wolff ..... 896-9891

Village Assessor ..... 567-5999

Building Inspector ..... 968-6823

# VILLAGE OF WALES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Fall-Winter 2008

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Jeffery Flaws

As often as I can I like to make the point that much of what we enjoy about the Village can be traced to the efforts of the volunteers who devote their time and talents to making life better for all of us. From the members of our Boards and Commissions to the coaches of our children's sports teams to the members of the fire department, the contributions are invaluable. We appreciate all they do and recognize we could not function without them.

We currently have two opportunities for residents interested in participating in Village service, one on our Plan Commission and the other on the Joint Fire Board that administers the Wales Genesee Fire Department. I encourage anyone who has thought at one time or another about volunteering some hours of his or her time in serving the community to contact the Village Hall at 968-3968 for more details. I would be glad to discuss the openings and answer any questions about what each entails. Please give the matter some serious thought and take this chance to join some of your neighbors in a worthwhile and needed effort.

## CHRISTMAS IN WALES

Pause. Take a breath. Step back from the hustle and bustle into a peaceful world of holiday delights. Cider & cookies and an old-fashion horse-drawn wagon and a Christmas wish whispered in Santa's ear. Christmas the way it should be. Mark your calendars for December 13, 2008, Christmas in Wales. Enjoy the FREE holiday event to be held from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Area businesses and residents will again be sponsoring a Christmas event in downtown Wales. We will have pictures with Santa, a live nativity at Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church on Hwy 83, cookie decorating for the kids, holiday jazz concert performed by the Kettle Moraine High School Jazz Band, and horse-drawn wagon rides! There will also be lunch food for sale at two locations and a Christmas cookie sale. Several of the locations will have collection barrels for donations of nonperishable food for the Wales Food Pantry. Please share generously so those in need can enjoy the season, too. For more information or to see how you can help make this event a memorable one, please contact Dan Hahn at Equitable Bank in Delafield at 646-4311. Thanks and Happy Holidays.



## FUNDRAISER

The Soccer Parents Booster Club is collecting aluminum cans in a fundraising effort in support of the Kettle Moraine High School soccer teams. They have placed a trailer where plastic bags of cans may be deposited in the Oak Crest Drive parking lot adjacent to the football field. Please consider helping out two worthwhile causes, supporting our youth and recycling, by participating.

## 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.

## VILLAGE'S WEB SITE

The Village's Web site, [www.vi.wales.wi.gov](http://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.

## AGENDAS AND 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 on Highways 83 and 18.

## VILLAGE ORDINANCES

The current property maintenance ordinance includes such items as exterior maintenance and appearance, refuse, garbage and rubbish storage requirements and lawn maintenance. To report any violations, or if you have questions, contact the Village Hall.

## TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE PAID LOCALLY

Town Bank of Wales will again be collecting property tax bills. They are located in the Kettle Moraine Plaza, 200 W. Summit Avenue. If you have any questions regarding their hours or this service please contact Jamie Smith-Carlson at Town Bank, 968-1740. Payments can still be made at the Waukesha County Treasurers Office.

## MAILBOX VANDALISM: A CRIME THAT AFFECTS EVERYONE

Mailboxes are protected by federal law, and crimes against them and the mail they contain are considered a federal offense. Violators can be fined up to \$250,000.00 or imprisoned for up to three years for each act of vandalism.

Damaged mailboxes have to be replaced, costing the owner time, money and inconvenience. Meanwhile, the mail cannot be delivered. Postal Inspectors don't take such crimes lightly and are offering a reward of up to \$500.00 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone tampering with someone's mailbox or mail. If you discover someone tampering with your mailbox or your neighbor's mailbox, get a description of the person(s), a description and license plate number of any vehicle, then immediately report this information to the police and Postal Inspections at 1-800-275-8777.

Wales, WI 53183  
TO: Box Holder/Rural Route  
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Village of Wales  
P.O. Box 47  
Wales, WI 53183

STANDARD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Wales, WI 53183  
Permit #12

## NEIGHBORS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you see someone taking recyclables from blue bins in your neighborhood, call the Sheriff's Department. If that person is in a vehicle, try to get a license plate number. This is a violation of local ordinance subject to fines and it is stealing from taxpayers. Thank you for your assistance.

## COMMUNITY FUND

Funds the Village receives from the "We Care" program at Pick 'N Save will be used to beautify our community. Please designate the "Village of Wales Community Fund" as your organization of choice. Our organization number is 897625.

## RECYCLING

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources made revisions to NR 502.06 requiring licensed haulers for the collection and transportation of municipal solid wastes to notify their clients of the need to comply with recycling requirements consistent with state law and local ordinances. Remember state and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle. Call your local recycling office at 262-896-8300 for more information or visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling) to learn more about recycling requirements and additional items now being accepted.

## PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Flag Football's first year was a huge success. We are looking forward to an equally successful second season. A huge thank you to all of our soccer and football coaches. Without you our program would not succeed. Football Coaches: Mark Crabtree, Dan Foster, Pat Dowd, Mitch Cieslak, Art Gamez, Tom Hardin, John McGrath, Brad Riemann and Bob Tyley. Soccer Coaches: Greg Pausha, Rick Straka, Michelle Foster, Mike Spoerke, Steve Elkin, Andre Pells, Scott Ferguson, Allen Ausprung, Lance Ekum, Leslie Malak, Scott Cullian, Scott Woida, Marianne Stroud, Steve Brock, Michelle Raasch, Helene Jacobs, Dan Neuwrith, Keary Kunstmann, Lora Ekum and Butch Erickson.



## REGISTRATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Baseball and soccer registration begin around the first week of February 2009, with baseball ending late March 2009 and soccer ending early June 2009. Registration forms will be available at the Village Hall or on the Village's Web site, [www.vi.wales.wi.gov](http://www.vi.wales.wi.gov) after the 1st of the year.

## FIRE CHIEF'S Q & A

A resident recently asked the department why there were so many fire trucks at a single house fire that occurred in the Village of Wales.

The following explanation describes how the Wales Genesee Fire Department operates in response to a structure fire (structure fires include houses, commercial buildings, barns, garages, etc.)

Staffing: The department is a combination fire department, which means there are some full-time and some paid-on-call members. The Wales Genesee Fire Department has two full-time members; the balance of the staffing consists of 39 paid-on-call members.

The two full time members are in the station Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The paid-on-call members' availability depends on their work schedules, family commitments, schooling, etc.

Response to structure fires (regardless of size): Because the scope of the fire and the emergency services that may be required are not fully known until the department is on the scene, the Waukesha County Communications Center dispatches the Wales Genesee Fire Department along with the North Prairie and Town of Waukesha Fire Departments. Both North Prairie and Town of Waukesha respond with specific equipment based on preplanned response protocols.

Additional resources are also dispatched. For example, Western Waukesha County Rapid Intervention Crew (WWC-RIC), a group of individuals trained to rescue any firefighters who might get trapped inside the structure, is sent. Additional departments supply tenders (better known as tankers) to provide a continuous supply of water. The majority of the Village of Wales and all of the Town of Genesee do not

have fire hydrants, so water must be brought to the fire scene.

Along with the rapid intervention crew and departments supplying tenders, additional departments might be called upon to supply extra manpower and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) assistance. This is decided on a case-by-case basis and depends on factors such as the time of day, weather conditions (hot and humid or sub-zero temperatures), number of victims, etc. The officer in command of the incident is responsible for making sure he or she has enough resources to do the job correctly and, most importantly, safely.

Once on the scene the commanding officer will evaluate the situation and cancel vehicles that may be en route if they will not be needed. He or she will also release resources that are already at the scene as soon as they are no longer needed.

I hope this explanation has helped everyone understand our procedures for response to structure fires.

Please stop by or call the station (968-3301) if you have any questions or concerns about the fire department. Your feedback is always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wales Genesee Fire Department.

### Current Village Board Members

President: Jeffery A. Flaws: 968-4550

### Trustees: (seats are at large)

Eugene Mayernick: 968-4422

Wolfgang Hemschik: 968-2850

Robin Haynes: 968-2294

David Lang: 968-2432

Lyle Orwig: 968-2928

Wanda Gosa: 968-2066

## VILLAGE OF WALES BURNING ORDINANCE

### 10.12 BURNING REGULATIONS

**RESIDENTIAL BURNING. (1)** 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.

**(2)** Outdoor burning is regulated except as prohibited by Section 10.12(1). Outdoor burning within the Village shall be allowed as follows:

**(a)** The burning of dry brush, dry leaves, dry limbs, dry plant clippings, dry branches and dry logs is allowed subject to the following regulations:

1. There will be no burning of yard waste in piles exceeding 5 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
2. The burning of either wet or dried grass is prohibited. Composting is encouraged.
3. Prior to controlled burns of prairie grasses notification must be given to the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Notification must also be made when the burn is complete. A competent person of legal age must constantly supervise such burning.
4. All outdoor burning must be attended at all times with sufficient fire fighting equipment such as rakes, shovels, hoses connected to a water supply, fire extinguisher and similar materials to allow the property owner to control the fire.
5. Burning barrels, constructed and elevated in substantial conformance to the design provided by the Village of Wales, are acceptable for burning only the items in (2)(a). A copy of the design is available at the Village Hall.

**6.** Burning shall be permitted during these periods:

November 15 - March 15

Days - everyday

Hours - 8:00am - sunset

March 16 - November 14

Days - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Hours - 8:00am - sunset

National Holidays - no burning

All fires must be extinguished by the cut-off time. A smoldering fire will not be considered extinguished.

**7.** No burning shall be permitted when the wind exceeds 15 mph.

**8.** If the smoke created by such burning affects visibility on highways or streets law enforcement officers may order the fire to be extinguished.

**9.** No burning is allowed on Wisconsin DNR designated ozone action days.

**10.** No burning shall be done in Village rights of way. Burning shall be at least 20' from any Village residence and 10' from any lot line.

**(b)** Exceptions:

1. Cooking fires in barbeque pits, grills and outdoor fireplaces.
2. Campfires consisting of burning logs, twigs or sticks in a fire ring. Campfires must be extinguished by 12:00 am (midnight).

**(3)** COMMERCIAL, BUSINESSES AND OTHER BURNINGS PROHIBITED. All burning on any commercial, business or other property within the Village, except for residential, is hereby prohibited.

**(4)** COSTS OF FIRE RUN. Any person, business, corporation or organization which violates the terms of this section, or burns in a manner which results in a fire run from any fire department, shall, in addition to the penalties provided herein, be liable to the Village for the current charge for a fire run by the Wales/Genesee Fire Department.

**(5)** PENALTIES. Penalties are pursuant to Chapter 25 of the Village Code of the Village of Wales. Any person violating this Ordinance shall also be subject to a forfeiture of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), plus statutory costs for the first offense. Any subsequent offenses occurring within a twelve (12) month period of time are subject to a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), plus statutory costs.



### DIGITAL TELEVISION

- o On February 17, 2009, full power TV stations will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting.
- o TVs connected to cable or satellite systems do not require any additional equipment. TVs only receiving over-the-air signals will need a digital-to-analog converter box.
- o Between January 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 consumers can apply for up to two \$40 coupons per household to help offset the cost of converter boxes for use with TV sets receiving over-the-air signals. The coupons can be obtained by calling 1-888-388-2009 or by going online at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov). Coupons will be mailed to requesters.

## 2009 DOG LICENSES

2009 Dog Licenses will be available at the Village Hall around the second week in December. All dogs must be licensed by March 31, 2009 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Make checks payable to "Treasurer, Village of Wales." **New this year, please bring your rabies certificate. Proof of a rabies shot is needed, including date of shot and its expiration date. We will need all information off of the sheet to input into our new system. Please fill out the information below and bring it along with your certificate.**

### VILLAGE OF WALES 2009 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 must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when paying by mail for the return of your certificate and license.**