

NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF GILMAN NEWS

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SIDEWALK CLEANING REMINDER FOR WINTER 2007

This is a reminder that if you have a sidewalk in front of your house, business, or unoccupied lot, you are obligated to clean the sidewalk. You shall keep all sidewalks in good sufficient safe repair and free of any snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish to the full width and extent of the sidewalk. If you fail to clean the sidewalk, the Village will clean the sidewalk at the homeowner's expense.

DOG LICENSES

Remember, if you have a dog, you MUST have a license for that animal by January 31, 2008. If you do not license your dog you could be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution. For a dog license contact Fran Prasnicky at Burzynski's Ins. at 447-8281 or at home at 447-8450.

SNIEG FEST

Snieg Fest will be February 2nd, 2008 and buttons are available for \$2.00 a piece.

POLLING HOURS

The Election polling hours are from 7a.m. to 8p.m. at the Municipal Building. There are four elections this year: February 19, April 1, September 9, and November 4, 2008. Please come to our office for an absentee ballot request if not available to vote on those dates.

NEW SIREN INFORMATION

The new sirens will have the capability to sound the tornado, attack and fire siren signals as they have in the past; however Taylor County Emergency Management officials will now also have the capability of sounding warning signals and emergency voice broadcasts with the new digital sirens.

Residents of Taylor County are requested to be familiar with the new siren tones:

Steady tone - Storm warning (Tornado, High Winds, Hail, Severe Thunderstorm)	
Wail	-Fire Call
Hi-Low (Alternate Steady on and off during steady)	-Amber Alert
Alternate Wail (on and off during wail)	- Chemical Release
Chimes	- Test

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT FEES

The (PSC) Public Service Commission mandates that the Village of Gilman pay a Public Fire Protection fee each year for the fire hydrants in the Village, which costs \$41,468 annually. The Gilman Water Utility will be charging each resident for Public Fire Protection through a user fee, which will be charged, based on meter sizes. If you have questions on this, please call the Clerk's Office or come to a Village Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Village Clerk's Office administers many applications for the Village Board. Some Applications that you can procure through the Village Clerk's Office are as follows:

Park Applications – To reserve the park for Private Parties, reunions, ball games, etc.
Building Permits – This is for any new buildings and remodeling done over \$2000 in value. Roofing does not require a building permit.

Job Applications – There are applications for the positions of Assistant Summer Recreation Director and for the Assistant Public Works.

Voter Registration - This application is required for all new electors who move into the Village. A change in residency form will be sent to the former municipality.

Absentee Ballot Requests – This would be requested if an elector was unable to come to the Municipal Building on Election Day but still wanted to vote.

Fireworks Permits – Required if you plan to have a fireworks display on your property.

Loan Application – Housing Revolving loan fund and GIF economic development loan fund. Please come into our office for more information on these loans.

Contact the Clerk's Office if you want any additional information on permits which are required.

CLERK OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Hours will be posted outside the Municipal Building. If there are any changes to this schedule they will be noted. **THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 4 – 8, 2008.**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Clerk's Office	447-8650	Public Works	447-8520
Library	447-5486	Police (non-emergency)	447-5700
Taylor County Sheriff	748- 2200 or 1(800) 343-2201	For All Emergencies	<u>911</u>