

# NEWSLETTER

## VILLAGE OF GILMAN NEWS

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### **Top Ten Reasons to Shop Local**

- 10. Local stores are more likely to carry locally produced foods which supports local agriculture.**
- 9. Local business owners contribute to Local Fundraising efforts by clubs and organizations**
- 8. Local businesses provide a majority of jobs.**
- 7. Local businesses support other local businesses.**
- 6. The business community becomes reflective of this community's unique culture.**
- 5. The sales taxes I pay support this community and county: fixing my roads, maintaining my recreational facilities, . . .**
- 4. Competition and diversity result in fair prices and more choices.**
- 3. Shopping local reduces my carbon footprint.**
- 2. Local business owners invest in the community and have a vested interest in the future of this community.**
- 1. My hometown is more important than a few cents saved on bananas**

### **SIDEWALK CLEANING REMINDER FOR WINTER 2011**

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 or the businesses expense.

### **DOG LICENSES**

Remember, if you have a dog, you MUST have a license for that animal by January 31, 2011. If you do not license your dog you could be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution. For a dog license contact Fran Prasnicki at Burzynski's Ins. at 447-8281 or at home at 447-8450.

### **There Will be a Tourism History Video Shown on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the GILMAN Municipal Building at 6p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### **WESTERN TAYLOR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY~ Come Check Some Books Out!**

Monday- Wednesday 12Noon to 6p.m., Thursday 2p.m.-6p.m., and Friday 11a.m.-7p.m.

### **NEW WATER METERS**

The Public Works Department has been installing all new water meters or readers throughout the Village. Please do NOT place anything on the meter or tamper with the meter. These new meters will allow the Village to run reports on water use down to the minute.

**NEW WATER RATES** ~ The Village Water Rates will be increased this first quarter of January 2011 by 3%.

## **SNIEG FEST**

Snieg Fest will be February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and buttons are available at the Clerk's Office and other local businesses.

## **NEW ITEMS NOW ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:**

- **Many #3 - #7 plastics items:** Including food & beverage containers, cat litter containers, ice cream pails, 5-gallon pails, medicine/pill containers, bakery containers, flower pots or trays, yogurt or cottage cheese containers, cups & tubs, clear and rigid clam shell packaging
- **Aseptic containers:** Includes cartons or boxes used for juice, milk, soy milk, broths, ice cream,

## **PREPARATION:**

- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Average or small-sized #3 through #7 plastic and aseptic items can be placed in your container along with other recyclables.
- Large plastic items (>15 gal. containers, furniture items, toys, etc.) are NOT collected at curbside recycling. These items can be delivered to the Portage County Material Recovery Facility in Plover for recycling at no charge.

## **PLASTICS NOT ACCEPTED:**

- #1 brown plastic bottles, #6 polystyrene foam ("Styrofoam"): Egg cartons, hot beverage cups, plates, formed packing pieces, packing peanuts, Motor oil containers, Plastic film, shrink wrap and bags (all #s), CD cases, Vinyl items such as windows, siding, etc..

## **NOTICE TO TRAILER COURT RESIDENTS**

The Public Works Department reminds residents to have their heat tape wrapped around water lines and water meters to prevent freeze up and broken pipes during winter time. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Office.

## **VILLAGE TREES**

There are times when wood is available in the Village. You may contact the Village Forester to get placed on the list to receive some of the trees that need to be cut down in the Village Parks or other areas of the Village.

## **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:

**Building Permits** – This is for any new buildings and remodeling done over \$2000 in value. Roofing does not require a building permit if the structure of the roof is unchanged. These permits are \$25.00 for the permit and \$1.00 for each \$10,000 worth of work.

**CDBG Loan Application** – Come into the Clerk's office for more information and an application for a NO Interest Loan for remodeling of your home.

**Voter Registration** - This application is required for all new electors who move into the Village or have changed their name or their address since the last election. 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.

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month at 7p.m. unless otherwise posted. Posted at the Municipal Building, Gilman Market, and Romig's Hardware Store.

## **CLERK OFFICE HOURS**

The Clerk's office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8a.m. to 4p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**WEBSITE**~ The Village website address is *gilman.wi.com*. Please check out the minutes and newsletters on the web

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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