

NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF GILMAN NEWS

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7p.m. at the Village Hall. Bring your ideas for our community.

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 banana.*

CROSS CONNECTION

The Village is mandated to have inspections of all village residences and businesses for cross connections. Romig's Hardware will be doing the inspections. Please call the Public Works office for more information.

YARD WASTE SITE

This yard waste site is for the convenience of Village residents. This site is for brush, branches, and leaves. NOTHING WITH NAILS!! Misuse of the site may result in its permanent closure. Please call the Public Works Building if you have questions.

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.

CENTENNIAL 2014

Village would like your ideas for 2014 Centennial. Please feel free to mail or email your ideas to gilmanclerk@centurytel.net.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7p.m. unless otherwise posted. Posted at the Municipal Building, Gilman Market, and Romig's Hardware Store.

WEBSITE~ The Village website address is gilman.wi.com. THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED! Take a look at it!

DOG OWNERS- Reminder all dogs need to be licensed with the Village Treasurer. Failure to do so will be turned over to the District Attorney.

Sirens & Severe Storm Warnings:

An area of concern recently brought to our attention has been the activation of the siren for storm warnings. At times, it seems like the storm has already passed through when the siren is set off. Another concern is that the frequency with which the siren is set off. We don't want to overuse the siren so that people begin to ignore it.

The policy as to when to set the sirens off is set between the Sheriff and the County-wide Fire Chiefs. The Village of Gilman has a contract with Tony Schumacher, Chief Meteorologist at Great Lakes Weather Service, LLC. The contract requires the Great Lakes Weather Service to make phone calls to the Fire Chief and the Sheriff's Dispatch center with severe storm warnings.

Sometimes the storms move through so rapidly that they may move into a severe state so that it is hard and nearly impossible to predict. There isn't too much we can do about that. We are continuing to work with both weather services, the Sheriff's Department, and the Taylor County Fire Association on sirens and severe weather warnings. Please be alert to rapidly changing weather, listen to weather reports, and take appropriate shelter action when the siren is activated. One other thing, everyone should have an operating weather warning radio available to them. You can pick one up at your favorite hardware store or other retailers. We will try to improve on our warnings, but everyone is trying to do their best to keep you safe. Bill Breneman, President, Village of Gilman

MOWING

Residents are to mow their lots on a regular basis. If a lot is not mowed, the Chief of Police will be contacting that owner to mow it; otherwise it will be mowed by the Village and charged back to the owner.

SEWER/WATER DISCONNECTIONS AND RECONNECTIONS CHARGES

The Village Board would like to remind all Utility Customers that there is a \$30.00 reconnection charge during business hours for turning your water back on when it is shut off and a \$40.00 reconnection charge if after normal business hours. This is in our Public Service Commission Rate File and will be enforced.

SEWER

Please DO NOT flush paper towels, gloves, napkins, tampons, diapers, pads, etc into the sewer system as this causes the system to back up and may back up into your own basement and cause damage to the system. Sewer Use Ordinance ~ **SECTION 5.**

PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE

No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the wastewater collection and treatment system. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under the charge of disorderly conduct.

SUMMER REC

The Summer Recreation Program started on June 11 and will end on July 27, 2012. The end of the year trip is planned for Friday, July 27, 2012, at Noah's Ark. Please register for the end of the year trip with the Summer Recreation Director early or by calling the Village Clerk at 447-8650. The deadline for sign up is Thursday, July 19, 2012.

NEED FOR EMTS~ The Gilman Ambulance is looking for EMTS and First Responders for Western Taylor County. Please give consideration to this great cause and contact Karen Chaplinski at 447-5712 and get more information.

NEW WATER RATES ~ The Village Water Rates will increase by 3% for the third quarter.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Bags will be \$2.50 a bag starting January 1, 2012.

Carts~ (Quarterly Charge) 95 gallon is \$30.75 60/55 gallon \$27.00 35 gallon is \$23.25

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Park Applications – This is to reserve the park for private parties, family reunions, ball games, etc. There are park applications in the clerk's office- \$50 deposit per day.

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 for residential and \$50.00 for permit and \$5.00 for each \$10,000 worth of work for commercial.

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.

CLERK OFFICE HOURS & TREASURER'S HOURS

The Clerk's Office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8a.m. to 4p.m. unless otherwise noted. FRAN WILL BE IN THE OFFICE TUESDAYS 10 to Noon and THURSDAYS 1 to 3p.m. Or call for an appointment.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<u>Clerk's Office</u>	447-8650	<u>Public Works</u>	447-8520	<u>Police (non-emergency)</u>	447-5700
<u>Library</u>	447-5486	<u>Treasurer (Fran's home)</u>	447-8450		
<u>Taylor County Sheriff</u>	748- 2200	<u>For All Emergencies</u>	<u>911</u>		