



Spring Newsletter 2014

Election Results

At the recent spring election, the positions of Village Trustee #1-Public Works, Trustee #2- Wastewater and Treasurer were on the ballot. Only 61 of the 188 registered voters in North Bay voted. Rick Cermak and Bob O'Brien are staying on as Trustee #2 and Treasurer respectively. Resident Dave Arvai, a newcomer to the board, ran uncontested and is our new Village Trustee#1-Public Works. Please thank these board members for stepping up and congratulate them on their positions. They will formally take office at the Village board meeting on April 14, 2014.

Thanks to Connie Eberly, Susan Arvai, Ann Smith, Paul Eberly, Julie Anastasio, Connie Mellem, Richard Smith, Cheryl O'Brien, and Francisco Sanchez for working at the polls!

Yard Waste

Yard waste pick up runs from the first Monday in April to the last Monday in November. Please have your yard waste at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays **beginning April 7**. As we are using Johns Disposal this year, you may no longer use orange stickers. GREEN stickers are required and can be purchased from any board member at a cost of \$1.00 each. Board members will swap your orange stickers for green stickers at no cost.

Yard waste should be placed in 30 gallon paper bags with a **GREEN STICKER ATTACHED** and **FACING THE STREET**. Bags are available at local hardware stores. You may also use containers such as a plastic trash can for yard waste, but they must be **CLEARLY MARKED**. If it's not clearly marked as "Yard Waste," the cans may be missed.

Branches smaller than 6 inches in diameter will also be picked up if they are cut in pieces no longer than 4 feet in length and bundled and tied with twine. Bundles should not exceed 60 lbs. in weight or 1 foot in diameter. Bundles **MUST** also have a green sticker attached.

A Special Note about Grass Clippings...eventually the grass will grow!

Please be sure you do not put any grass clippings or yard waste, tree branches, etc. in the street or on village property. If you have a lawn service, please be sure to pass this onto them as well.

Upcoming Repairs on Nicolet and Hennepin

Expect to see workmen from The Wanasek Corporation later this month working on the Nicolet and Hennepin bridges and extending about 100 ft. down the street in each direction from the bridges.

Ravine Clean-up

Each spring Lisa Scott Ptacek and Molly Buhler organize volunteers to pull garlic mustard, an invasive species, from the ravine before it goes to seed.

We prefer to begin in April while the plants are still small, as soon as it's warm enough to work outdoors. However with this cold unpredictable weather, it's possible the weather won't cooperate until late April/early May.

Please contact Lisa at 681-2414 or by email at lisascottptacek@aol.com if you or any of your family members would be willing to participate in one of the "pulls" this spring. We will schedule a few work days on Saturdays and during the week as well. Just an hour of your time would be a terrific help. It's a nice way to get kids or teens involved, and it counts as community service credit for doing this work. Plus, you're really helping the neighborhood!

Special Thanks

It's time for spring cleaning, right? Major thanks to **Connie Mellem** who has agreed to undertake the *mammoth* task of overhauling the filing system at the village hall to ensure we are saving the important documents, meeting statutory requirements regarding the maintenance of those documents, and generally getting organized. There are not many people who would agree to tackle such a job, so thanks Connie!!

Beth Schall, Molly Buhler, and **Lisa Scott Ptacek** did a fabulous job organizing and hosting the spring open house in March. Thank you for a spectacular job!

Also thanks to **Connie Eberly** who has stepped up to be the Village of North Bay representative on the Racine Public Library community committee which is looking into the possibility of opening a second branch.

And last...but certainly not least: Thanks go **Paul Schroeder** who has done a commendable job for the last two years as the Village Trustee #1-Public Works. And, this was his second stint on the board. It's not always an easy job, particularly when you work full-time. So thanks Paul....your efforts are appreciated!!

Contact Information for Board Members

Please be aware that the Village Hall phone (262-639-2334) is automatically forwarded to the Clerk's home. Please call this number only between the hours of 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

President – Roger Mellem - 681-1176

Treasurer – Bob O'Brien – 681-0898 (property taxes, dog licenses)

Trustee #1 – Dave Arvai – 898-8383 (streets, bridges, snow removal, ravines, village signs, etc.)

Trustee #2 – Rick Cermak - 898-8942 (sanitary sewers, storm sewers, culverts)

Clerk – Alix Sanchez – 681-3773 (trash, recycling, yard waste, elections, miscellaneous)

Constable – Kristin Wright – 681-3062 (questions about police, fire, or rescue services)

For information about **building permits**, please contact Building Inspector Kirk Buchaklian directly at 639-1330.