

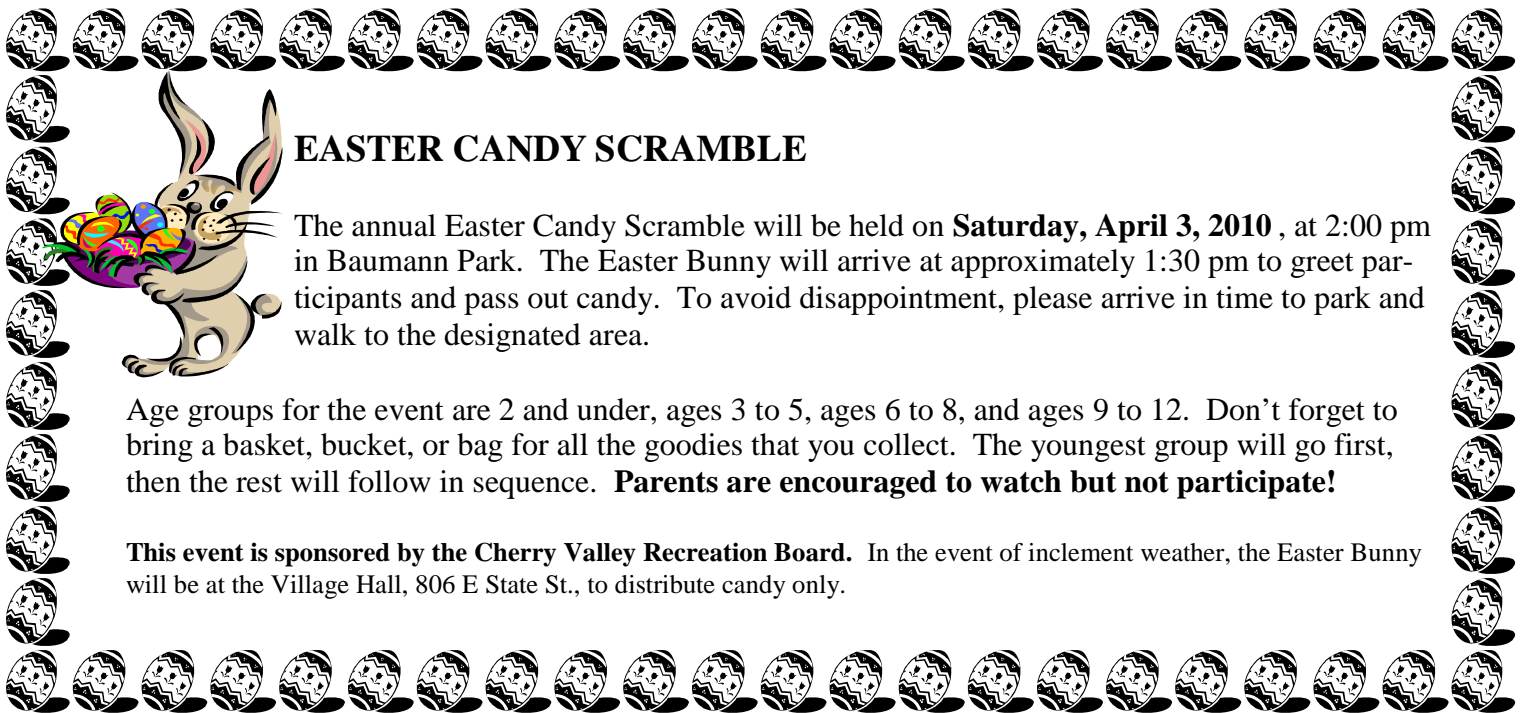
VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 2010

This newsletter is received by all homes within the Cherry Valley mailing area regardless of whether they are in or out of the Village limits. All information and activities are applicable to everyone receiving this newsletter unless noted as "Residents Only".

Village President's Message:

Hello everyone! Wow, its 2010! Happy New Year! Well, 2009 sure was a challenging year for all of us. Due to the downturn in the economy, construction has slowed on the building of our "Northern Gateway" commercial developments into the Village at Bell School and Newburg Roads. Sales tax revenues for the Village are also down this year (-13%), but we here at the Village Hall are working even harder to increase our commercial base and continue to provide the quality services we have come to enjoy. On a positive note, the Sonic restaurant is now open (just south of Menards), "Clear Cut" Lawn & Garden Implement store opened up on the west side of the Mall, Winnebago County completed the last leg of the multi-use path coming down Charles Street to Perryville Road, and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in Cherry Valley on November 29th. As you will read later in this Newsletter, our Recreation Board is making plans for the upcoming months, and before you know it, Spring will be here. But in the meantime, stay warm, keep in touch with your families and friends, enjoy the winter season here in the Valley, *watch out for those snowplows*, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

~ Jim Claeysen



EASTER CANDY SCRAMBLE

The annual Easter Candy Scramble will be held on **Saturday, April 3, 2010**, at 2:00 pm in Baumann Park. The Easter Bunny will arrive at approximately 1:30 pm to greet participants and pass out candy. To avoid disappointment, please arrive in time to park and walk to the designated area.

Age groups for the event are 2 and under, ages 3 to 5, ages 6 to 8, and ages 9 to 12. Don't forget to bring a basket, bucket, or bag for all the goodies that you collect. The youngest group will go first, then the rest will follow in sequence. **Parents are encouraged to watch but not participate!**

This event is sponsored by the Cherry Valley Recreation Board. In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Bunny will be at the Village Hall, 806 E State St., to distribute candy only.

Visit the Village Hall located at 806 E State Street for tourist information; Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin maps (free of charge), and information on local businesses. Visit us online at: www.cherryvalley.org

**FAMILY GAME DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

Beat those winter blues and come out to the Village Hall on Saturday, February 20th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a day of gaming fun! Play some of your favorite board games like backgammon or Yahtzee. Or maybe it's card games you prefer. Jean Johnson will be there to play bridge and talk to anyone who might be interested in forming a bridge club.

Popcorn will be provided for munching and water will be available to quench your thirst from the popcorn. So... chase away that cabin fever and come to the Village Hall for the Family Game Day sponsored by the Cherry Valley Recreation Board.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS
DISPLAY WINNERS
2009**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING
WINNERS:**

**6622 Rolling Hedge
2949 Kregel Dr.
1265 Butler
718 Elgin St.
150 Lawrence**

**Thank you for your nominations
and thank you to everyone in the
Village of Cherry Valley who
decorated this holiday season.
Your decorations added warmth
and spirit to our community.**

Christmas Tree Recycling

Area residents may drop off their Christmas trees at Baumann Park next to the maintenance building on S. Walnut Street during daylight hours.

**Trees will be accepted
December 26, 2009 through
January 15, 2010**

Remove all wires and plastic tree bags. Absolutely no wreaths, ornaments, or tree stands. Free woodchips will be available as trees are chipped.

SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the Director and Assistant positions for the Summer Youth Recreation Program. Please contact the Village Hall or apply in person at 806 E State St, Cherry Valley. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 26, 2010.

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE Go to www.cherryvalley.org Click on "Pay Water Bill"
No fees to water customers

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Burglary Prevention Tips from the Police Department

The greatest weapons in the fight to prevent burglaries are light, time, and noise. By shining light on burglars, making them take too much time to make an entry, and by noisily alerting neighbors, you are making burglars go somewhere else.

- Use variable light timers to give the appearance that you are home.
- Consider using motion detectors to turn on outside lighting systems.
- Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors
- Place additional locks on windows and patio doors; at a minimum place or use a device that will not allow a patio door to be opened from the outside (a board along the bottom of the door frame will work).
- Install a loud audible alarm system to alert your neighbors of a break in; there are now many new inexpensive alarm systems available
- If anything in your house has a serial number, write it down and keep it in a safe place.

**HELP US KEEP CHERRY VALLEY SAFE!!!
REPORT SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE & VEHICLES TO THE POLICE AT 332-3432.**

When will my street get plowed?

Snowy mornings are always an added challenge to our daily routines. We know that we will have to shovel our driveway and possibly clean the snow off the car if it is not garage kept. Traffic will be moving slower meaning a longer commute. On those mornings, Public Works crews start at 3:00 A.M. The goal is to have all of the main roads plowed and salted for the morning rush. Depending upon the severity of the snow storm and the time that the storm hits, our goal may or may not be achievable. The Village has about **63 lane miles** of roads to plow, not including alleys, walking paths and parking lots. The Village has six trucks capable of plowing snow. Roads are plowed and salted in the order of importance determined by the volume and speed of the traffic. Subdivision roads and cul-de-sacs are lower in priority. The optimal time for any resident to have their street plowed is just shortly after the snow has stopped falling. No one can answer when that will be. Also, the rotation in which subdivisions are plowed is changed storm by storm. You may be first today and last the next time. Please be patient, we will get to the street you live on.

Winter Parking Regulations

The Police Department would like to remind all vehicle owners of the village's snow removal ordinance. It says, in part, that **it is unlawful to park on any residential village street when the National Weather Service has declared a winter storm warning.** Any dwelling that does not have off street parking may apply for a seasonal parking exemption with the Police dept.

Snow delivered to your mailbox:

It has been a rather rugged December again. Ice storms and snow have kept the Public Works Department busy. Just as sure as we can expect snow, we can expect damaged mailbox calls. Here are some quick facts about the snow removal process.

The average water to snow ratio is 10 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain. We all know that the snow can be wet and heavy or dry and powdery, but for the following calculations we will use the ratio above. We also know that a gallon of water weighs 8.34 lbs per gallon. A vehicle traveling 60 miles per hour is traveling 88 feet per second. The Village uses an 11 foot wide snow plow on the big trucks. With all that said and a long mathematical equation, we can calculate the approximate amount of snow being discharged from a moving snow plow.

Therefore: for every 1 inch of snow times the miles per hour (mph) the snow plow is moving times 8.4 lbs equals the total weight of snow being discharged from the snow plow per second.

Example: *6 inches of snow * 20 mph * 8.4 lbs = 1008 lbs of snow per second.*

Mailboxes also come in different types and styles. The new one piece mailboxes may look durable, but in reality they can be a real problem. That particular mailbox has approximately 700 square inches of flat surface to catch the snow being discharged from the plow. A basic wood post and mailbox has approximately 475 square inches of surface area. The less surface area the mailbox has, the more likely it will survive snow removal. Proper placement of the mailbox in relationship to the curb is crucial! No matter what size or style your mailbox is, if it hangs out past the curb it is no match to the snow plow itself. The Village does not replace mailboxes that are improperly placed or damaged by the weight of the snow.



No portion of the mailbox should be closer than 6 inches from the BACK of the curb. Please call 815 332-3441 for more information regarding proper mailbox placement.



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Do you have a lawn sprinkler?

The Illinois EPA requires that all water utilities have an active backflow prevention program in place. Any home or business served by Cherry Valley water that meets the following criteria must have a working backflow prevention device:

All Businesses.

Any home with an automatic irrigation system.

Any home that has kept a private well for irrigation purposes.

Reduced Pressure and Double Check Valve backflow assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation and **at least annually** by a person who is certified as competent to service the device. Proof of approval is required in writing.

All repairs shall be made immediately at the expense of the consumer. These devices cannot be bypassed, removed, or otherwise made inoperable without specific authorization by the Director of Public Works.

You may choose to abandon the well per Health Department standards which can eliminate this requirement. Either way, proof of the abandonment of either system must be documented by the village. The Village **must** receive a copy of the report for our records.

Call 815 332-3441 for more info.