

WINTER
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VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY NEWSLETTER



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Village President's Message:

Hello everyone! Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it's already 2012 and Winter has finally come to the Valley. It's also hard to believe that we really haven't had any real snow yet, but rest assured it will snow (whether we want it to or not). It was a busy 2011 for the Village of Cherry Valley and 2012 will be too. The Village Board (along with the Village of New Milford and Winnebago County) recently passed the ordinances to establish an IJRL District in the I-39/Baxter Road industrial park area. An IJRL is basically an industrial district which can use bonds and tax incremented funds to provide incentives to companies to build their businesses in that area, creating more jobs for people in the Rock River Valley Area. The next step in this process that we are working on is an IGA, an Intergovernmental Agreement, with New Milford and Winnebago County to launch this new I-39 Regional Industrial Area. If we are successful, this project with spur development around the I-39 & Baxter Road area, creating 100's of jobs. We also have been in talks with a developer who would like to develop a Solar Farm just east of our East Valley subdivision (in Boone County). Save the date of January 18th, the developer plans on having an Open House Informational Meeting (at the Village Hall) to gather public input on this proposed project. The village trustees and I will be busy working on our Capital Improvement Plan, the largest project this year being the restoration work to the Madigan Creek Detention Area. We also have our yearly pavement improvement program, and the Village Budget to define and approve all before the 1st of May! So please stay safe and warm while you enjoy the Winter Season in the Valley. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

~ Jim Claeysen

2011 HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY WINNERS

The Village of Cherry Valley is pleased to announce this year's Holiday Light Display winners.



- * 3484 Valley Woods
- * 7549 Mike's Place
- * 7544 Mike's Place
- * 420 Genoa
- * 716 Elgin

Congratulations to all the winners! 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.

EASTER CANDY SCRAMBLE

Mark your calendars for the annual Easter Candy Scramble, which will be on Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 2:00 pm in Baumann Park, with the arrival of the Easter Bunny at 1:30 pm. Please see the April newsletter for further details.





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
January 1, 2012 through January 15, 2012**

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

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

FROZEN WATER LINES/PIPES

If you experience frozen water lines or pipes this winter. Here a few tips to help thaw them out.

1. NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME TO THAW OUT FROZEN PIPES.
2. Open all of the faucets connected to the frozen pipe to get rid of the cold water in the pipe, minimize pressure and allow the ice/water to flow out of the pipe once it's thawed.
3. Wrap the pipe with bath towels or cloths and pour hot water over the towels. This will apply warmth to a section of the pipe and thaw the ice.
4. Use a hair dryer to blow warm air onto the frozen section.
5. Prop a small space heater close to the frozen pipe and leave it for an hour.



Be Careful With Electrical Appliances Around Water. The Pipe may have already burst and when the pipe thaws water may start flowing.

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You can always pick up a copy at the Village Hall.



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.



Snow delivered to your mailbox:

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.**



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.



NEW EVENT

Cherry Valley Garden Walk 2012

The Village of Cherry Valley Recreation Board will be sponsoring a Garden Walk in June of 2012 for all Village and Township residents. If you are interested in showcasing your garden, please contact Lori Kuhn at 815-332-4735. More information will follow in the months ahead.

Visit the Village Hall located at 806 E State Street for tourist information. We have official Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin maps (free of charge), as well as various information on local attractions. Our visitors' information display is located in the lobby: stop by anytime that the Village Hall is open.

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 (Secondary Source of Water).

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

Mark Your Calendars!! Save the Date!!

Village Wide Garage Sales will be held May 18 & 19, 2012.

8AM – 4 PM both days. Rain or Shine.



KISHWAUKEE RIVER AWARENESS PROJECT UPDATE

Interest in our “ Kishwaukee River Awareness Project” for one of the greatest assets to the Village of Cherry Valley, the Kishwaukee River, has grown by leaps and bounds!

The Advisory Committee, established for initial research for this project, has taken off with the theme of “LOVE YOUR RIVER”!

Topics ranging from, “Keep it Beautiful” to “Protect It’s Watershed” have promoted the tasks of identifying some of the problems that are occurring to this area and to our Kishwaukee River.



The next step at our meeting on Jan 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm, at the Cherry Valley Village Hall, will be to establish some ideas for solutions. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Advisory Committee has a team ready and enthused to kick off a River Committee this spring, that will take this project to the next level. The enthusiasm for this project is high. Ideas are flowing from possible logos and websites, to education and awareness and clean up.

To those that so enjoy canoeing, kayaking, tubing, fishing and/or just sitting on a bank of the Kishwaukee River, help us promote a clean river world.

We will be looking for volunteers and sponsors and grants.

BE PART OF A GOOD THING!

For more information,

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You are invited to attend an
INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
6:00 PM– 7:30 PM
Cherry Valley Village Hall
806 E. State Street

To learn more about a proposed Solar Farm which is being considered for property east of East Valley Subdivision in Boone County



Drawings related to the project's layout and appearance will be on display to show what is being proposed

This open house is open to everyone, and being presented by the project's developers, prior to submitting an official request to the Village's committees for consideration.

This will be a great opportunity for the public to become familiar with this project, ask questions, make comments and offer suggestions in a relaxed, informal setting. Because it is an open house, the public can come and go during the hours of the event.

We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, January 18th!