Village President’s Message

Hello Everyone!

It’s hard to believe but it will soon be the start of the Fall Season here in the Valley. I know I’ve said this before but Fall is my favorite season; the leaves are starting to turn wonderful colors, there’s a fresh cool breeze in the air, the Apple Orchards are open and the kids are back in school. Summer sure seemed to go by fast this year…

The Summer Season was certainly busy here in the Valley. The village’s Capital Improvement Projects are winding down with the completion of the following projects:

- We repaved our Newburg Village Neighborhood Streets, both North and South of Newburg Road.

- We removed and repaved the Baumann Park Path around the lake and the lower parking areas. We also replaced the surface on our Tennis Courts and added the addition of Pickleball Courts to Baumann Park. It’s a lot like table tennis except you’re “standing on the table”. It’s a lot of fun!

- We repaved Tebala Blvd., including ADA modifications to the adjacent path at the intersections.

- We repaved the western portion of Vandiver Road.

- We built (2) new small Pavilions, one at the Baumann Park Ball Diamond and one in Fisher Park.

Our own Public Works crews built these pavilions and very are fantastic!

As you can see in this Newsletter, there are plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy such as:

- The Youth Fall Fishing Tournament.
- The Fall Garage Sales.
- The Cherry Valley Library District’s Annual “Scarecrows on Parade” Event.
- Our Annual Halloween Parade & Party.
- Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause coming to town.
- The Holiday Lights Display and “Luminary Night”.

So, please take time to enjoy the Fall & Winter Seasons here in the Valley. Get out to the apple orchard, carve pumpkins with the kids, and rake up those leaves! Before we know it, the holidays will be here, the snow will be flying and we will be getting ready for the holidays.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Jim E Claeyssen
Village President
FISHING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW
What’s new at the Cherry Valley Public Library? A collection of fishing poles and stocked tackle boxes are now available for checking out! Library card holders ages 14 and up are able to borrow rods and accessories for up to one week. The library’s collection includes 15 fishing rods and twelve tackle boxes which contain everything anglers need to get started including items such as hooks, jigs, bobbers, soft bait worms, and needle-nose pliers. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 181 for coming up with the idea and to the Cherry Valley Area Men's Association for sponsoring the collection and helping keep everything in good shape!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2019
LORI KUHN
At the June 18, 2019 Village Board Meeting, President Jim Claeyssen presented Lori with the 2019 “Citizen of the Year” award.

“Your friends and neighbors have honored you for all that you have done for the community”

FALL GARAGE SALES
The Village Wide Garage Sales will be held
Friday September 13 & Saturday September 14, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
Rain or Shine!

ADVANCED DISPOSAL
FYI...
• Pizza Boxes are not considered a Recyclable Item, they need to be thrown in with your regular trash.
• Electronics, TV’s etc., will not be picked up by Advanced Disposal. They need to be taken to the Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Recycling Center at 4665 Hydraulic Road, 2-5pm on Tuesdays and 9am– Noon on Saturdays.
• White Goods—Appliances: Refrigerators, ranges, washers, water heaters and other similar domestic appliances will only be picked up by Advanced Disposal if the FREON is removed and there might be a charge for pick-up. Call Advanced Disposal at 815-874-8431 for more information. Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Recycling Center will accept appliances with the Refrigerant/FREON for $20.00 (Cash only) at their Hydraulic Road location.
Scarecrows on Parade!
Crow about Cherry Valley with the 7th annual Scarecrows on Parade! The Cherry Valley Public Library has 60 scarecrow frames ready to be sponsored, decorated, and displayed. Sponsorship options fall into two categories: Businesses/Schools ($25) and Individuals/Scouts/Service Organizations ($15). The optional theme for decorating scarecrows is “Animated Characters—Classic or Current”. Decorated scarecrows should be displayed and ready to receive votes by September 23. Stop by the library soon since locations are assigned on a first-come basis, so don’t wait!

Vote for your favorite scarecrows at $1.00 per vote as often as you would like at the library or at select Cherry Valley businesses. Votes will be tallied and the winners will be announced at the village’s Halloween parade on October 26. Be a part of this festive fall tradition in downtown Cherry Valley!

MEMORIAL PROGRAM
The Village of Cherry Valley has a new Memorial Program to honor or remember a loved one. There are three categories to choose from. The form is available on our website: www.cherryvalley.org.

13th Annual Community Shred Day and Canned Food Drive
Our Annual Shred Day will be Saturday October 5, 2019 from 9AM to Noon at the Village Hall. This is a “FREE” Event. Bring documents for drive-thru style shredding, you don’t have to leave the car!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE—Please bring can goods for the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Sponsored by Village of Cherry Valley, Midland States Bank and the Cherry Valley Men’s Club.

FALL YOUTH FISHING TOURNAMENT
Hey kids grab your poles and head for the lake. It’s "Fishing Tournament" time again! Remember, there is free bait, prizes for biggest fish, grab bag items for all who enter, and...NO ENTRY FEE!

Who: Ages 8 to 15
Where: Baumann Lake (registration at the gazebo)
Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

BURNING of YARD WASTE
“RESIDENTS ONLY”
The Village of Cherry Valley adopted an ordinance regulating burning within the Village limits. The ordinance reads as follows:

Section 9-3 Burning Waste Prohibited.
It shall be unlawful for any person to burn yard refuse, garbage, or miscellaneous waste within the Village of Cherry Valley. Residents shall, however, be permitted to burn yard refuse on their own property and not in any public right-of-way between sunrise and sunset on the last two (2) Saturdays and Sundays of October and the first two (2) Saturdays and Sundays of November. All fires must be completely extinguished and not smoldering after sunset and before sunrise.
The Cherry Valley Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants starting the week of **Monday, October 14th thru Friday, October 18th**. Flushing will be scheduled during daytime hours starting at 7:30 am and finishing around 3:30 pm. Flushing fire hydrants has several advantages, systematically removing stagnate water, iron and sediment deposits from the sidewalls of the pipe. This will help to improve water quality and maintain fire flows, as well as making sure fire hydrants are operating correctly.

Try to schedule household activities such as laundry and other cleaning tasks on days other than the scheduled flushing day for your area. Look for flushing signs posted in your area. Other things to keep in mind: On windy days a great deal of water “drift” will occur, windows in both vehicles and homes should be kept closed. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department at 815-332-2188.

**2019 Halloween Parade AND Trick or Treating**

Get your silliest, spookiest, or wackiest costume ready.

The Village Recreation Board will be sponsoring the annual Halloween Parade on **Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 4:00 pm**. The parade will start at the tennis courts in Baumann Park and end at the Village Hall. Costume judging will take place, Halloween treats will be handed out to everyone in costume and there will be activities for the kids. So, mark your calendars for this spook-tacular event!

Trick or Treating for the Village of Cherry Valley will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

**Halloween Safety Tips from The Cherry Valley Police Department**

- Children should be dressed in reflective or light colored costumes.
- Avoid masks that impair vision.
- Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Cross the street only at intersections.
- Adults should inspect all candy or food items before consumption.

Call the police if you observe any suspicious behavior.

**VETERAN’S REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:55 AM Sharp**

Will be held on Saturday November 9th and start at 10:55 AM Sharp at Village Hall.

Please join us in honoring all Veterans who have served or are now serving our great country.
CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Area residents may drop off their Christmas trees at Baumann Park behind the maintenance building on south Walnut Street during daylight hours. Trees will be accepted from January 1, 2020—January 15, 2020. Remove all wires/plastics. Absolutely no wreaths, tree bags or tree stands. Free mulch will be available as trees are chipped.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

The annual Light Up the Night Luminary Night will be held on Sunday, December 15th. Be sure to have your luminaries lit by 6 pm that evening to help us add that special warm holiday glow to the Village of Cherry Valley.

HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY

The Village of Cherry Valley will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Lights Display contest open to all village residents. The Recreation Board would appreciate your nominations for consideration. Please call in your nominations to the Village Hall at 815-332-1238 by 4:00 p.m. on, Monday, December 9th.

The Recreation Board members will be driving around to look at the nominated homes on Tuesday, December 10th, so please make sure your lights are on by 6:00 pm. All winners will be announced after the Recreation Board Meeting on December 11th.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa will be here before you know it...

…and he’s making a visit to Cherry Valley on Sunday, December 1st. Santa will be at the Log Cabin from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., so don’t delay. Start working on your letter for Santa’s mailbox right away and please remember to include your return address. If you can’t make it to see Santa during his visit, you can drop off your letter in his mailbox at the Village Hall, but we hope you can all be there!

There will be plenty of hot chocolate and cookies being served.

In case of bad weather, Santa will be at the Cherry Valley Village Hall, 806 E. State St.

If there are any shut-ins that would like a visit from Santa, please contact Village Hall.
PAY WATER BILL ONLINE!
The village has implemented an easy way to pay your water bill. It’s as simple as going to www.cherryvalley.org and clicking on “Pay Water Bill”. You can use MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Follow the instructions. Be sure to use the correct account number (begins with a zero 0).