Village President’s Message

Hello Everyone!
I know this Newsletter is a little late but with all that has been happening throughout our community (in regards to COVID-19) it’s been difficult to navigate through all the changes and of course first and foremost keep our families, friends and employees safe.

With this being said the village trustees and I have been reviewing and working on plans for various capital improvement projects for Summer 2020, such as:

- The Clayton Street Drainage Project; placing an underground containment and pumping system on the east end of Clayton Street to allow release of groundwater through the village’s storm sewer system on Lawrence Street.
- The Swanson Park Bike Path Project; using Motor Fuel Tax dollars to replace the path that runs from our Swanson Park Neighborhood to Swanson Park East.
- ADA sidewalk improvements in our Newburg Village and Valley Woods Neighborhoods.
- Clearing trees and installing new fencing along the property lines at the old grade school site; making a safer boundary distinction between the residential areas and the current park area on Lawrence Street.
- CV North Streets (Camp, Franklin, Ulster, Salem, Walnut, Cherry); reviewing these streets for possible pavement and storm sewer replacement.

We also received a notice from our State Representative Joe Sosnowski that he has obtained $100,000 for infrastructure improvement projects for Cherry Valley! These state monies must be spent in the Summer/Fall of 2020. There are other communities (Rockton, Roscoe, South Beloit and Winnebago County Government as well that are receiving infrastructure improvement dollars. We will be reviewing our capital improvements list to get the most we can out of that $100,000! Thank you Joe!

As you can see in this Newsletter, the Recreation Board still is planning on having activities for everyone to enjoy this summer. Baumann Park and the Lake are open, in Mid-June we have our Annual Garage Sales, **we are planning on having Fireworks on the 4th (but Baumann Park will need to be closed to spectators)** and still planning (at this time) to have our Annual State Street “Street Dance” on July 25th!

So hopefully as we transition to Summer we can all enjoy the Summer Season here in the Valley. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Jim E Claeysen
Village President
## Comings & Goings at Village Hall

Late last year our Village Treasurer Karen Melloch retired from the Village of Cherry Valley. Karen worked for the village for 10+ years and with her professional financial expertise moved the village forward into the 21st Century as it came to financial planning and management. Karen has also been instrumental in offering her assistance to the Cherry Valley Police Pension Board and will be serving as a village-appointed representative to this board to continue to offer guidance and input. Congratulations Karen!

Late last year the Village hired Maureen Gumowski as our new Village Treasurer. Like Karen, Maureen brings her financial skill set to Cherry Valley (a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance and a CPA too) from the Beloit Heath Systems. We are so happy to have Maureen join our Administration Staff here at Village Hall. Welcome Maureen!

## Do You Have an Irrigation System? Important Information Regarding Backflow Prevention Device

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 to service the device. 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 Cherry Valley Director of Public Works.

You may choose to abandon the well per Health Department standards or abandon the outdoor irrigation system, 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 signed copy of the inspection report for our records.

**If you are installing a new irrigation system**, please contact the village hall for a no-charge permit. For more information, please call (815) 332-3441.

## National Night Out

The Cherry Valley Police Department and the Cherry Valley Fire Protection Department will be hosting a “National Night Out” on Tuesday, August 4th, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Baumann Park.

This is a nationwide event that promotes community awareness and spirit. It also enables our citizens to meet and greet each other and the leaders of our community. There will be some fun activities for adults and kids alike. A kick ball game is being organized by the Cherry Valley Recreation Board and the Cherry Valley Police Department. If you’re 12 or older and are interested in playing, just come to Baumann Park that night by 6:00 pm. Also, fabulous prizes will be awarded to some lucky winners. **You must be present to win!**

So…don’t delay! Mark your calendars and plan on attending this outstanding community event!
CHERRY VALLEY STREET DANCE

It's Summer, so it is time for the Annual Cherry Valley Street Dance. So mark your calendars, because this year’s street dance will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the downtown section of E. State St. in the Village of Cherry Valley. This year’s entertainment will be provided by Prime Time. Refreshments will be sold by various businesses and organizations. There will also be activities for the kids. Since picnic table seating is limited, feel free to bring your lawn chairs. There is no charge for this event.

AS A REMINDER, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STREET.

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED

GARAGE SALES

“Residents only”

The Village-wide garage sales are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, June 19th and 20th from 8 am—4pm both days. The Village Hall will be placing an ad in the local paper and a press release to all area media outlets promoting the event. Residents are responsible for placing and removing their own garage sale signs.

STORMWATER DETENTION

Any debris or chemicals that are present on the roadway or in the gutters end up in the nearest waterway during or after the next rain fall.

This is where the public must help.

• Do not allow oils or other fluids that are leaked from automobiles to be washed into the street or storm sewers.

• Keep grass clippings and leaves from blowing into the street and washed down the sewer. Protect newly placed loose soils from washing out to the roadway and sewers during heavy rain conditions.

By keeping these basic activities in mind, residents can help minimize the pollution of our nearby waterways.

The Village does have ordinances in place to prove legal remedies to those who ignore this important issue. If the Village fails to meet State standards, your local government is fined by the IEPA. These fines affect each of our citizens by reducing the amount of funds available to perform other necessary local services. Protecting the environment is everyone’s business.

Please help us by doing your part.