



SLINGER

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2008 - 2009

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is always very interesting and challenging to hold the job as Slinger Village President. It seems not a month goes by that something new isn't popping up that requires the attention of the Village staff and board.

Two new subdivisions were created south of the Village and it was decided that they would be served by Slinger Electric. The line extension to these areas was paid by the developers and the eventual new load on our system will help us be more efficient. It should be noted that Slinger Electric customers pay lower rates than We energies customers. The Village continues to make sure we provide the best services possible at competitive costs.

We also finalized plans and financing for a major expansion of our Sewer Treatment plant. The current plant is at capacity and after much consideration it was decided to overhaul the plant to meet the needs of the Villages continued growth. While the expansion was required to handle new growth it was also needed because the current plant has outgrown its useful life and a major upgrade would have been needed in either case. The Village was very fortunate to get favorable bids that were much lower than the estimates we had been given.

Please take time to read what else is happening in the Village. If you would like to become involved on a commission or committee please give me a call or talk to someone at the Village Hall. We always need your help.

Russell E. Brandt

Village President

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT STATE HIGHWAY 60 AND COUNTY HIGHWAY C

Over the last few years, several meetings have been held to reach a resolution regarding traffic problems at State Highway STH 60 (E Commerce Blvd) and County Highway (CTH) C. The Village, the County and the State all agreed that this intersection was in need of safety enhancements. However, everyone disagreed about how quickly the safety improvements were needed.



Then in the fall of 2006, a car heading eastbound on STH 60 waiting to turn left onto CTH C was rear-ended by an inattentive driver. The left turning car ended up going down into the stormwater pond at the northeast corner of STH 60 and CTH C. Thankfully, it hadn't rained recently so the basin was not filled with water. This accident got everyone's attention.

Beginning in the spring of 2007, the State had already planned to resurface the road along STH 60 from US Highway (USH) 41 to Kettle Moraine Road. With this accident fresh in their minds and the knowledge that a planned project was very nearby, State officials finally agreed that a signal at this intersection would benefit everyone. However, the problem of who would pay for the signal remained.

For several years, at several meetings, an impasse would occur regarding the amount of funds that each party was expected to contribute to the projects at STH60 and CTHC and USH41. As a result, the Village Board adopted a strongly worded resolution demanding a fair solution to this problem. Shortly after the resolution was adopted, representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIDOT) met with Village representatives as well as the State Senator and Representative from the area.

New estimates were prepared that outlined the cost for improvements in 2007 - approximately \$500,000. Village and State officials approached the developers at the northeast corner of USH41 and STH60 and requested that they pay for the improvements. They agreed. The Village then committed \$285,000 for the traffic signal and lane improvements. WIDOT paid for the remainder of the project. In addition, the Village's portion will be credited to future improvements planned for this area in 2011.

The traffic light has been operational since Labor Day Weekend. As this area continues to develop, the motoring public can travel through this intersection more safely.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Just a reminder to those who have dogs and cats in the Village that an annual license is required. Every dog and cat five (5) months of age or older must be licensed; spayed/neutered licenses cost \$7.00, otherwise the fee is \$12.00. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing for your cat or dog. The licenses expire on December 31 and must be renewed annually. If you do not obtain a license for your dog or cat by April 1, 2008, a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed. Just a note: you do not need a separate check if obtaining your dog and cat license when paying your tax bill. In addition, if you no longer have a dog or cat, please fill out the back of the license application and return to Village Hall or feel free to call the office at 262-644-5265. This will help us keep accurate records! Thank You!

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF BRUSH

The Department of Public Works provides curbside pickup of brush on the first week of each month between April and November. Branches should be no shorter than 3 feet in length to assist with efficient collection. Branches shorter than 3 feet in length should be brought to the Public Works yard and deposited in the dumpster provided for lawn clippings and brush.

The Department of Public Works will remove branches 1 to 6 inches in diameter with the cut end of the branch facing the street. Remove all wire and nails. Do not include any stumps or root balls. **Materials cleared from lots or undeveloped property WILL NOT be collected but can be brought to the Village Public Works yard.**

LEAF COLLECTION

The Village does not provide leaf collection services. Residents may collect leaves and deposit them in the dumpster provided at the Public Works lot. Depositing leaves in the roadways is prohibited and may cause blockage to Village catch basins and storm sewers, which could result in enforcement action.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

Residents are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks along their property within 24-hours of a snowfall and you must keep them clear throughout the season. Failure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks is subject to enforcement action by the Village.

SNOW REMOVAL AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

The Fire Department would appreciate it if everyone could help to remove snow from around the fire hydrants. Sometimes the hydrants get so buried they are hard to find. In case of an emergency, this will allow easy access to the hydrants!

WINTER PARKING

Beginning November 1st, there will be no parking at any time between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. until April 15th of the following year on any Village of Slinger street.

BURNING PERMITS NOW GOOD FOR ENTIRE YEAR

There has been a recent change in the Village's Campfire/Burn Permit program. Effective January 1, 2008, both types of permit will be good for an entire year from date of issue and can be obtained at Village Hall for the small administrative fee of \$5.00. Not only are these permits required under Village ordinance, but having one on file with the Village alerts the Fire and Police Departments that you've gotten the authorization to have outdoor fires. Also, the permit form includes a helpful reminder of the special conditions and procedures to keep in mind when deciding whether or not to start a campfire or other controlled burn.

AUTO PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

We're very happy to announce that Slinger Utilities now offers the convenient option of automatic payment for your monthly utility bills! The only step needed to begin is a completed authorization form that can be picked up at Village Hall or downloaded from the Village website. Once we receive that, we will set up the automatic payment from your checking or savings account. You will still receive your monthly bill to monitor your payments, and the automatic payment is made on the 5th of each month. This gives plenty of time to make sure the funds are available and have the payment credited to your account by the monthly due date.

This convenience is already being used by a number of Slinger Utilities

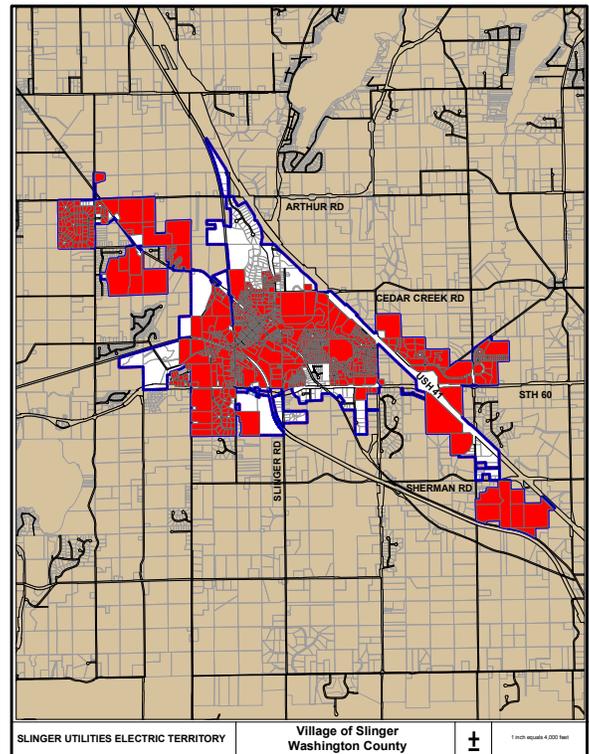
customers who no longer have to hassle with mailing or bringing their payments in. It also comes in very handy for those who do a lot of traveling and aren't always around to make sure bills go out when they should. Please consider taking advantage of this convenient service!

SLINGER UTILITY BILLS

The Village usually reads the electric and water meters the last full week of each month. The utility bills for those readings are then generated and mailed by the 20th of the following month.

Once bills are received, you have 20 days to make the appropriate payment to the Village. Bills are always due on the 10th of the month following the month in which you receive them.

If you have any questions about your Slinger utility bill, please call 644-5265.



The Slinger Electric Utility service territory is shown on the map above in red. The Village's electric utility serves approximately 2,200 customers throughout the Village. All other customers are served by WE Energies.

ODOR IN THE WATER

The Village of Slinger disinfects its drinking water prior to it going into the distribution system (the water pipes). This is to insure that all the water is safe for consumption and everyday uses like showers and washing. The trade off with disinfecting the water like this is that sometimes the chlorine dosage level can vary throughout the water mains, often causing odors in the water. Even though this chlorine dosage is checked daily at all three of our wells, the levels can change while the water is in the distribution system due to the fact that some water stays in the pipe longer than others, such as water main dead ends and areas where lower demands for water allows the water to stay in the pipe longer.

Rest assured the water is still safe! The Village performs bi-annual flushing of the entire water system as well as intermittent area flushing to help alleviate the problem. If there is ever a concern about your water, do not hesitate to notify the Village at 644-5265 and we will be glad to assist you.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

State Wide Voter Registration became mandatory for all communities as of January 1, 2006. Although many residents registered for voting in 2006 there are many that may believe they are registered to vote and are not. Village Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday to register in person or to verify that you've registered. If you are registering, don't forget to bring the proper I.D. with you. (Proper I.D. includes a copy of a

current or valid photo I.D.; a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or document, or pay check with your complete name and current address on it.) If you are registering by mail, you will need to send a copy of your I.D. with your application. 2008 Election dates are Feb. 19th, April 1st, Sept. 9th and Nov. 4th ! **All elections will be held in the Public Works Building next to the Library.**

SLINGER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Check out the 2007 / 2008 Fall and Winter Activity Guide for new and exciting Recreation Programs!

- 4th & 5th Grade Youth Basketball League
 - Registration Deadline December 7th
- 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Youth Volleyball League
 - Registration Deadline December 7th
- 3 on 3 Adult Basketball League
 - Registration Deadline January 11th
- **Slinger Little League Registration will be Saturday, February 9th from 9:30 – Noon**

In 2008 the Slinger Parks and Recreation Department will be running Girl's Fast Pitch Softball! We have eliminated our slow pitch program to bring you an exciting new game! Please join us as we take on this new and exciting challenge.

In 2008 non-village residents will pay an additional \$25 per program to participate in youth leagues at our parks. These programs include Little League, Flag Football, Swimming Lessons and Tournament Team Programs.

A resident for registration purposes, (for all programs held at a school district facility) is anyone who lives within the boundaries of the Slinger School District. A resident (for all programs held at Village owned property) is anyone who lives within the boundaries of the Village of Slinger. To qualify as a resident the individual must pay their property taxes to the Village of Slinger.

LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Need help finding materials? Visit the Slinger Community Library every day at www.slinger.lib.wi.us and log into the SHARE catalog where you have access to 44 public libraries in Dodge, Jefferson, Racine, Walworth and Washington Counties. With a combined collection of over 2.5 million items, your favorite author, music or DVD is just a click away! Library staff is available 53 hours per week to happily assist you in person or via phone to find any materials you need.

Programs Scheduled for 2008:

- January 2 – March 31– 7th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program
- February 2 - Beading Workshop for Teens
- February 9 - Valentine Craft Day for Children ages 3-12
- April 15 – “De-Clutter Today for a Carefree Tomorrow” 6:30 p.m.
- April 16 – Fishing Fun with the Bassmeister 6:30 p.m.

The 2008 six week Summer Reading Program theme is “Catch the Reading Bug” and starts on June 16, 2008. Hope to see you at the library!

NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

Lori Uttech was hired in February of 2007 to replace officer Michael Doll. Lori comes to Slinger after working two years at the Merrill Police Department, and prior to that worked for 2 years at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.



Lori Uttech

Greg Moser has worked for the Village of Slinger since June of 1993. Greg started out as a Wastewater Technician and later was promoted to Wastewater Lead Worker. This past year, a new position for Public Works/Utility Superintendent was created and Greg was promoted again!

Matt Tonn was hired in February as a Water/Wastewater Technician replacing Paul Tapper. Prior to joining Slinger, Matt was working for the Village of Grafton and has 4 years of experience.



Left to Right: Greg Moser, Matt Tonn and Tim Pfeifer

With 23 years of experience from Broan Manufacturing, Tim Pfeifer started working for the Village in April 2007 as a Water/Wastewater Technician. Tim fills Greg's old position.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL?

Following are some common questions that may come up as you look over your 2007 tax statement.

Where does this money go?

As you can see from the graph shown on the back page, your tax dollars go to a number of governmental and educational institutions:

- The largest portion of your tax bill goes to the Slinger School District, which receives 45%.
- The Village of Slinger receives the next largest portion, or 32%.
- Washington County receives 15% for its programs and services.
- Moraine Park Technical College receives 7%, and the final 1% goes directly to the State of Wisconsin.

Specific questions you may have about any individual part of your tax bill should be directed to the agency concerned.

So who do I pay, and when is everything due?

Tax payments must be postmarked by January 31, 2008. Taxes paid by January 31, 2008 must be made payable to:

- Village of Slinger – Treasurer
300 Slinger Road, Slinger WI 53086

You also have the option of paying your taxes in two installments. If you decide to take advantage of that option, the first half needs to be paid to the Village of Slinger Treasurer by January 31, 2008. The second payment is due on July 31, 2008 and must be made to:

- Washington County – Treasurer
PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

Will I get a receipt for my payment?

There are several ways to get a receipt for your tax payment. You can:

- Pay in person at the Village Hall, 300 Slinger Road
- Mail in your payment with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, or
- Stop by at Village Hall and get a copy of your receipt.

When is Village Hall open for tax payments?

Village Hall is open from 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday during normal workweeks.

With the holidays fast approaching, there are a few days when the Village Hall offices will be closed: Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st, 2008.

Remember: The drop box in the Village Hall entrance is always available to accept payments 24 hours a day.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Monday 6 p.m.Village Board
 4th Monday 6 p.m.Library Board
 2nd Wed. after 1st Mon 6 p.m.Planning Commission
 4th Monday 6 p.m.Park Board

(Meetings subject to change)

WHO TO CONTACT??

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VILLAGE WEBSITE:

www.slinger-wi-usa.org

SLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

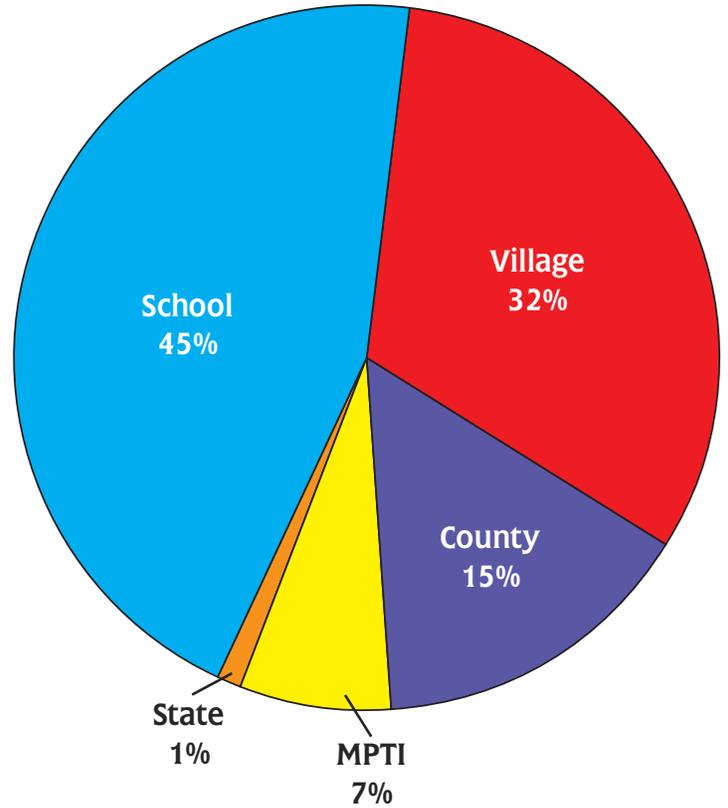
www.slingerpd.com

RECREATION WEBSITE:

www.slinger-wi-usa.org/recreation.html

TOTAL OF ALL TAXES

\$21.42/m After Credits on Assessed value



	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
State	\$74,992.73	0.207422584
County	\$1,242,141.02	3.43564086
MPTI	\$592,203.23	1.637976352
School	\$3,644,584.91	10.08056625
Village	\$2,612,641.90	7.226312583
TOTALS	\$8,166,563.79	22.58791863

Less School Levy Credit	1.16627000
Net Rate	\$21.42
Assessment Ratio	81.82%



2007 Village Board

Front L-R: Juergen Foerster, Steve Van Maldegiam, Russ Brandt, Eugene Mueller
 Back: David Otte, John Dukelow, David Malecha

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