

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Within this newsletter are examples of the many projects the Village of Slinger has accomplished or is working on. From the parks, library, public works and utilities, the Village staff has been hard at work bringing you the best service while keeping taxes at a reasonable level.

There also has been a change in the position of Village Administrator as Maureen Murphy has taken a position as Administrator for Door County. Maureen was with us for six years and helped guide the Village into a much better financial position. We wish her the best in her new position.



Jessi Balcom will begin as Slinger Administrator on January 2, 2013

The board started a search for her replacement in August and thru reviews of many candidates we have selected Jessi Balcom who is currently working for the Village of Elm Grove as their Assistant Administrator and Administrator of Zoning/Planning. Jessi comes with years of experience working at Elm Grove since 2007 and previously for the City of Janesville as an Administrative Analyst. She is a graduate of The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and also has obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. We are excited to have found Jessi and welcome her to her new position with Slinger beginning January 2, 2013.

Russell E Brandt
Russell E. Brandt, Village President

106 BED NURSING FACILITY

Hartford Healthcare Realty, LLC is constructing a new 54,000 square foot skilled nursing facility at the intersection of American Eagle Drive and Stoney Lane. The facility will have 46 private rooms and 30 semi-private rooms along with a 2,500 square foot therapy gym. The facility is scheduled to open in late 2013 and will be named the Pavilion at Glacier Valley.



STH 60 RECONSTRUCTION

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is nearing completion of the reconstruction of STH 60 that included a new roundabout at the intersections of STH 60 and CTH C as well as the intersection of American Eagle Drive and CTH C. These roundabouts feature street lighting served by the Slinger Electric Utility. The reconstructed roadways are anticipated to be fully opened by the end of November.



WINTER PARKING

Beginning November 1 of each year, there is no parking at any time between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am on any of the Village streets. Winter parking rules are in effect until April 15 the following year.

YOUR PROPERTY'S ASSESSED VALUE As you review this year's property tax bill, you will probably see that the assessed value for your property is higher than the equalized, or fair market, value. The Village is required by State statute to assess all property at full (equalized) value at least once every 5 years, with an allowed variance of 10% over or under.

In 2007 and 2008, the Village's assessed value was around 80% of equalized value, far below the required level. A complete revaluation was conducted in 2009 – unfortunately, about the same time that economic conditions took a steep decline. The result was that our assessed value is now more than fair market value. If the situation continues, the Village will conduct another revaluation, but for now please be assured that the assessment ratio is basically the same for all properties within the Village. This means that all properties have been assessed uniformly and equitably, so everyone is paying a fair share of the tax levy.

It is common to think that lowering a property's assessed value would mean lower property taxes, but this is not the case. As long as uniformity and equity between property values are maintained, changing the assessed value will only affect the tax rate, not the actual dollar amount of taxes due.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue gives a very good example of this when they look at an imaginary town that has two properties in it. If that town's tax levy is \$2,000 and each property is assessed at \$100,000, each property owner will pay \$1,000 in taxes at a tax rate of 1%. If property assessments are lowered to \$80,000 each and the tax levy remains at \$2,000, the property owners will still pay \$1,000 but at a tax rate of 1.25%.

For more information on property assessments in a declining market, see the Frequently Asked Questions list on the Department of Revenue's website at <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/faqs/slf/declmrkt.html>.

New Resident Packets If you are new to the Village of Slinger, you can pick up a new resident packet at the Village Hall. The packet contains a map, garbage and recycling information, park & recreation activity guide, library information, voter registration application, village committee information and much more.

Utility Payments Made Easy For your convenience, Slinger Utilities offers an automatic payment program for your Slinger Utilities bill. The program deducts your monthly payment from the savings or checking account you indicate on the 5th of each month. You will still receive a monthly bill to show you the amount being deducted for your records. The bill will also show that an automatic payment is scheduled.

Slinger Utilities payments are always due on the 10th of each month. If the 10th should fall on a weekend or holiday, your payment must be in the office no later than 8am on the next business day. A secure payment drop box is available 24 hours a day just inside the entry to Village Hall. If you choose to mail your payment, be sure to take mail time into account when scheduling your payment.

Dog and Cat Licenses This is just a reminder to those who have dogs and cats in the Village, a 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. Applications can be picked up at the Village Hall. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing for your cat or dog. The licenses expire December 31st and must be renewed annually. If you do not obtain a license for your dog or cat on or before April 1st, 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 taxes.

CUSTOMER CREDIT AVAILABLE:

As a customer of our electric utility, you may be eligible for our Customer Credit Program, which was established to help members of our community with limited financial resources cover their energy costs.

To qualify for our program, you must verify through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance program (WHEAP) that your gross household income falls within the guidelines provided below:

Family Size	1 Month Income*	3 Month Income*	Annual Income*
1	\$2,024	\$6,071	\$24,282
2	\$2,646	\$7,939	\$31,754
3	\$3,269	\$9,806	\$39,225
4	\$3,891	\$11,674	\$46,697
5	\$4,514	\$13,542	\$54,169
6	\$5,137	\$15,410	\$61,640
7	\$5,253	\$15,760	\$63,041
8	\$5,370	\$16,111	\$64,442

* Combined Household Income

To apply for energy assistance, please contact Washington County Social Services (West Bend Office) at (262) 335-4677 to schedule an appointment. You can apply through May 15, 2013.

If you are approved for energy assistance through WHEAP, you will automatically be approved for our Customer Credit Program without having to complete any additional paperwork.

Once you are approved for our Customer Credit Program, you will receive notification in the mail prior to the credit being applied to your electric account. The written notification will state the amount of the grant that you have been approved to receive and it will also let you know when you can expect to see this amount appear as a credit on your electric bill. Please allow 2-4 weeks for the credit to be applied to your utilities account.

If you have questions about our Customer Credit Program, please contact our program administrator Mike Hodges during business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 1-800-255-9774.

**SLINGER PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY
RUECKL FIELDS PARK: MORE THAN JUST BALL FIELDS**

Over the past two years Rueckl Fields Park has undergone quite a transformation. In the past, this park was referred to as “Rueckl Fields” because that was the only attraction this facility offered. Today, Rueckl Fields Park offers so much more.

On September 24, 2011 Brendan’s Playground was constructed. This playground provides our residents with a state of the art playground, equipped with all the newest and most popular amenities. Thanks to the help of many kind & generous individuals and businesses, this playground became a reality. My family & I appreciate all that our community has done to remember our special little boy.



This fall another project took place at Rueckl Fields Park. A brand new Rotary Pavilion was constructed. This pavilion was another Community Project which was spearheaded by the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club. This pavilion provides residents with a picnic area/shelter to utilize while enjoying this park. It will also be rented out for parties and tournaments. Once again this project would not have been possible without the help of our generous community members. The Village of Slinger would like to thank; the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club, Harry Roethle (HFR Electric), Legendary Whitetail, Mike Stroik (Heartland Construction), the Slinger Advancement Association, the Slinger Community Group, the Friends of the Slinger Parks and Dodge Concrete.



In 2012, we also made a few more exciting additions along side Brendan’s Playground and the new pavilion.

- The infields were laser graded and top dressed.
- Covered dugouts were constructed on the small field.
- A new in-ground sprinkler was installed on both fields.
- A new roof was installed on the concession stand and a new paint job will be coming in Spring.

These improvements were made possible with the help of the Slinger High School Fast Pitch Program and sponsor banner funds generated at Community Park.

Rueckl Fields has officially been transformed into Rueckl Fields Park. We are extremely fortunate here in the Village of Slinger to work with so many generous individuals, organizations and businesses. The improvements to our park system have truly been a “Team Effort”. Please come out and enjoy the new and improved Rueckl Fields Park!

ADDITIONAL METER FOR LAWN WATERING

Lawn and garden sprinkling may be provided without a sewer utility charge if a separate water meter is installed by the Water Utility in accord with these rules.

1. An Additional Service Application and Village of Slinger Plumbing Permit is required prior to installing the additional meter intended for lawn watering. All state of Wisconsin plumbing codes shall be followed, including any requirements for cross-connection control and backflow prevention. Any backflow prevention shall be owned, maintained and tested by the property owner in accord with all applicable state regulations.
2. The additional meter shall be connected to all of the external hose connections at the property requesting the additional meter for watering purposes. No internal building piping shall be connected to the additional lawn watering meter.
3. The owner of the property shall be responsible for all monthly meter charges and all water charges as identified in Schedule Am-1 of the Slinger Utilities Rate File. Contact Utilities for details.
4. If the additional water meter is larger than a ¾-inch meter, the property owner shall be invoiced monthly for public fire protection charges on the additional water meter as well as the original water meter serving the property. If the additional water meter is smaller than ¾-inches, no public fire protection charges will be added to the additional water meter intended for lawn watering.
5. The Village of Slinger reserves the right to discontinue any use of the additional meter when, in the judgment of the Water Utility, such meter is being used for other water supply purposes to avoid sewer charges. In the event that the additional lawn watering meter is being used to avoid sewer charges, in the opinion of the Water Utility, the owner of the property shall be retroactively billed for all past due sewer and water charges applicable with the Village of Slinger’s billing practices.

GIVE TO A PARK... IT WILL GIVE BACK

If you’re interested in helping enrich the quality of life in the Village of Slinger, the Friends of Slinger Parks & Recreation might be for you! Contact Josh Trame at 262-644-5265 or jtrame@vi.slinger.wi.gov for more info.

**Check out the village website for the Park & Recreation Wish list:
www.vi.slinger.wi.gov**

LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE!



Looking for E-books? With your Slinger Community Library card, you have access to over 17,000 titles as part of a statewide project called the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium @ <http://dbooks.wplc.info>. To gain access, you will need a library card, your pin number and an e-mail address (we ask for this so you can be notified when an e-book you have placed on hold becomes available). Instructions on how to checkout the items and then download to your home computer and/or portable electronic device are available at the library's website via the ebook/Overdrive found under useful library links (left side of page).

The 2013 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 17 and ends on Friday, July 26. Our theme is "Dig into reading!". The library fair kickoff will be held on Monday, June 17! Come see us for games, cotton candy and snow cones! The Grand Finale to the summer reading program will be held on Monday, July 29, at 6 pm. Check the library's website for a complete schedule in early May.

The library offers free wi-fi during regular library hours.

Need help finding materials? Visit the Slinger Community Library everyday 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 3 million items, your favorite author, music or movie 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 or information you need. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon (Labor Day through Memorial Day).

The Friends of the Library are hosting Casino Night on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Library. Doors open at 5:30 with play beginning at 6 pm. Tickets are limited to 150 and are available at the library. All proceeds benefit the library, programs and services.

Upcoming FREE Programs in 2013:

January 2 – March 30 – 12th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program

February 2 – Valentine Craft Day for children ages 3 – 12 @ 10 am

February 23 – All You Can Read Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 11:45 am for kids in grades 6-8.

March 16 – Easter Craft Day for children ages 3-12 @ 10 am

April 27 – How much is it worth? An Antique Appraisal Event with Mark Moran!
9 am – Noon. Space is limited to 40 people. Please call to reserve your spot!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting on January 2nd, 2013. Trees should be left curbside with the cut end of the tree facing towards the roadway. Should you choose to remove the tree yourself, it can be dropped off at the Public Works yard and placed along the north fence line near the mulch pile.

Christmas trees should not be placed in the compost dumpster!

EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic invasive insect native to Asia was first found in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in 2002 via wooden packing material and has spread throughout the Midwest. The EAB larvae feed on Ash trees and will kill a tree in approximately three to five years. EAB has not yet been detected in Slinger; however the EAB has been identified in Washington County and as close as West Bend.

So what is the Village Doing?

The Village of Slinger is attempting to reduce the disruption of its local urban forest caused by the pending infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer, taking a moderate approach to this pending infestation will enable the Village to address the public needs in an efficient and effective manner. There are 227 publicly owned Ash Trees in the Village of Slinger. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of hazardous and diseased ash trees, increase species diversity through planting process, and treat several mature ash trees, which provide adequate canopy coverage in the village.

2013 VILLAGE OF SLINGER AND ADVANCED DISPOSAL TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFO

Trash collection will remain on the same weekly schedule that is in effect now and recycling will still be collected every other week.

1) Basic Trash Collection Rules:

a) Place all non-recyclable materials into the garbage cart issued to you.

b) Have the garbage cart out at the curb no later than 7:00am on the day of collection and no more than 24 hours before that.

c) Material left outside of the container will not be collected.

2) Basic Recycling Collection Rules:

a) Place all recyclable materials such as cardboard, paper, magazines, glass, plastic (#1 - #7), aluminum and tin cans together into the recycling cart.

b) Have the recycling cart out at the curb no later than 7:00am on the day of collection and no more than 24 hours before that and must be 2ft. from the garbage cart.

c) Ashes, burnt materials and yard waste shall not be put into the cart.

ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, OFFICE PAPER

Glossy inserts, catalogs, mail circulars, phone books, paperback books, cereal boxes, envelopes, wrapping paper, etc.

CARDBOARD (FLATTENED)

Clean cardboard only. Must be broken down and flattened.

GLASS (CLEAR-BROWN-GREEN)

All bottles and jars must be rinsed out. No window glass, light bulbs, TV tubes, drinking glass.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum beverage cans only. No aluminum foil or TV dinner trays.

TIN & BI-METAL CANS

Soup, vegetable, juice cans, etc. All cans must be rinsed out completely.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

This includes plastic bottles with threaded caps and the recycling symbol 1 through 5 and 7. (Look for coding on the bottom of the container.)

All plastic bottles must be rinsed out completely. No deli or butter containers.

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

NO MEDICAL WASTE

No needles, rubber gloves, oxygen tubes, etc.

NO YARD WASTE

Compost dumpsters for Slinger residents' use are located next to the Public Works garage.

NO WET PAINT OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Empty or try paint cans may be set next to your trash with the lids removed.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Wisconsin's electronics recycling law establishes a statewide program, now called E-Cycle Wisconsin. The following items are now banned from landfills. Please contact an Advanced Disposal representative at (800) 387-0949 to discuss your disposal options of these materials.

- **Computers:** Desktop printers and printer/fax/ copier/ scanner combinations
- **Video display devices:** including televisions, laptop computers and computer monitors with displays of at least 7" in the longest diagonal direction
- **Computer peripherals:** including keyboards, mice, hard drives and other devices
- **Fax machines:** DVD players, VCRs and other video players (i.e. DVRs)

This does NOT include cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, etc.

Waiting to deal with emerald ash borer until it gets here and begins killing trees could be a mistake. That approach will cost significantly more, endanger public safety, and disrupt daily village management. Therefore, the Village is in the process of preparing an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan which will begin in 2013. Once completed, the EAB Management Plan will be available on the Village of Slinger Website.



If you have questions about the Emerald Ash Borer please contact Parks and Forestry Supervisor, Josh Trame at (262)644-5265 or jtrame@vi.slinger.wi.gov.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Monday 6 p.m.Village Board
 2nd Monday 4:30 p.m.Library Board
 2nd Wed. after 1st Mon. 6 p.m. Planning Commission
 4th Monday 6 p.m.....Park Board

Dates subject to change due to holidays.

WHO TO CONTACT??

Village President Russell Brandt 644-8854
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 John Dukelow 644-6490
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 Lee Fredericks 920-843-2007
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VILLAGE WEBSITE:

www.vi.slinger.wi.gov

2013 ELECTION DATES



- February 19, 2013 – Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 2, 2013 – Spring Election



2012 Village Board

Front L-R Jeff Behrend, Russ Brandt, Lee Fredericks
 Back : Rick Gundrum, Dean Otte, John Dukelow, Rick Kohl

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL?

Following are some common questions that may come up as you look over your 2012 tax statement.

Where does this money go?

As you can see from the enclosed tax statement and the graph shown here, 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 33%.
- Washington County receives 14% 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, 2013.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2013 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 equal 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, 2013. The second payment must be made no later than July 31, 2013 to:

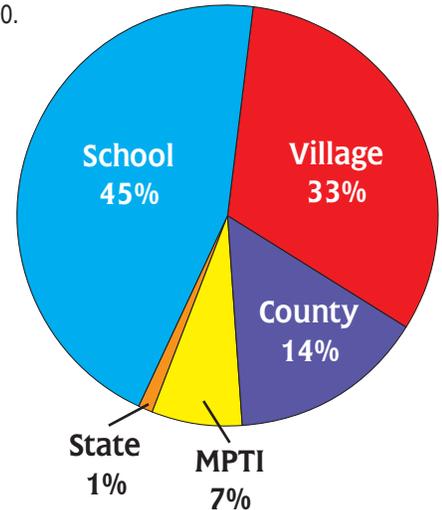
- Washington County – Treasurer
 PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

When is Village Hall open for tax payments?

Village Hall is open from 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday during normal workweeks, including 8am – 12noon on Monday, December 31st.

With the holidays fast approaching, there are a few days when the Village Hall offices will be closed:

- Monday, December 24th
- Tuesday, December 25th and
- Tuesday, January 1st, 2013



Tax Rate

State	0.152897909
County	2.59356549
MPTI	1.387863531
School	8.557010564
Village	6.273399152
TOTAL	18.96471783
Less Credit	\$1.009253717
Net Rate	\$17.96
2012 Lottery Credit	\$87.39
2012 First Dollar Credit	\$62.69



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