

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Village Taxpayer,

2009 has been a difficult year for many and as we enter the Holiday Season and end of the year, all of us are feeling the effects of the worst economy since the Great Depression. Your Village government is not blind to what is going on and have taken steps to keep taxes in check and still offer the services our citizens have come to enjoy.

I have to especially thank the administrative personnel for accepting no increase in their wages and salaries for 2010. Also, the represented employees accepted changes in the health plan which was significant in helping to hold down benefit costs. We also restructured much of our debt which lowered our payments.

We hope that recovery is on the way and the Village will again enjoy the growth that has helped us become the wonderful community we are today but if the economy continues to struggle we are prepared to make the tough choices needed to keep taxes in check. Please feel free to contact me or any of the trustees on any Village issue. Your input is always welcome.

Russell E. Brandt, Village President

SLINGER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT GOES GREEN

The newly reconstructed wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was opened for tours on September 17th. Approximately 50 people attended the open house and were shown the upgraded facility including the renewable energy initiatives installed as part of the project.

A geothermal system was installed to completely control the heating and cooling of the building shown in the photo as well as providing a boost to the existing electric heating and cooling system for the main control building. The system circulates a fluid through a series of pipes drilled deep into the ground and the temperature of the groundwater at this elevation cools the fluid and this cooling is used for climate control of these buildings. This system was installed instead of paying to extend a new natural gas line to the facility.

The solar panels were installed in a partnership between WPPI Energy and Slinger Utilities to generate electricity from the sun. The power generated is used to offset the electric needs of the facility. If you would like to monitor the production of this site you can visit www.slinger-wi-us.org and go to Utilities then Solar Panel Data.



Solar Panels Installed at Slinger WWTP

TENNIES STORMWATER PROJECT

In 2009, the Village signed a contract with Heartland Construction to construct the Tennes Stormwater project. The project has been planned since the mid-1980's to address the flooding in the downtown and Community Park areas. Some of the improvements included in this project are as follows:

- *The existing Glen Hill pond was excavated to expand its capacity to at least double the existing water holding capability of the pond.*
- *A berm was constructed within the wetland area north of the intersection of Olympic Drive and Glen View Lane to detain stormwater flows and release the water at a much slower rate.*
- *Storm sewers in the Oak Street area were re-routed to eliminate crossing through backyards that limited access to Village staff.*
- *Re-routed the storm sewer discharge at Glen View Lane from the backyards of residential properties that have been flooded in the past to an easement north of these properties. The discharge was directed to existing wetlands owned by the Village.*

Other stormwater improvements include modifying a discharge structure at the Alps Subdivision to hold more stormwater within existing wetlands instead of discharging downstream and risking property damage. This alone reduced stormwater flows by 90% and increased available stormwater flows within existing wetlands by almost 250% thereby providing Slinger's downtown and Community Park with added protection from flooding in the future.



Expanded Glen Hill Pond Looking South



North Storm Control Berm Looking North

2010 CENSUS

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like emergency services, hospitals, schools, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects. The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats Wisconsin has in the U.S. House of Representatives. And, people from many walks of life use census data to prevent diseases, rescue disaster victims, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more. It's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for our community.

Child Labor Permit

Please note that in July 2009, the State of Wisconsin changed the fee for this permit to \$10.00. Please see our website for the information needed to receive this permit. www.slinger-wi-usa.org

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, a voter registration application, village committee information and much more.

Automatic Payment for Utility Bills

The Village of Slinger Utilities offers automatic payment of your utilities account. Payment will be deducted from the checking or savings account you indicate, on the 5th of each month. Forms can be found on our website or picked up at the Village Hall. Please complete the authorization form and return it to Village Hall at 300 Slinger Road. If you have any questions regarding this form, please call 262-644-5265.

Parking

On September 28, 2009 the Village Board passed an ordinance that allows for resident parking permits to be issued to residents whose principal residences abut a street within an area that has parking restricted during school hours. Please stop at the Police Dept. during normal business hours for further details.

* Beginning November 1, 2009, there is no parking at anytime between the hours of 3:00 am and 6:00 am on any of the Village Streets. Winter parking rules are in effect until April 15, 2010

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.

2010 ELECTION DATES



- 2/16/09 Spring Primary (if needed)
- 4/6/09 Spring Election
- 9/14/09 Partisan Primary
- 11/2/09 General Election

SLINGER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Checkout the 2009/2010 Fall and Winter Activity Guide for new and exciting Recreation Programs!

- 4th & 5th Grade Youth Basketball League (Boys)
- 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Youth Basketball League (Girls)
- 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Youth Volleyball League (Coed)
- 2010 Slinger Little League Registration will be Saturday, February 13 from 9:30 am to noon
- Swim Lesson Registration for Village Residents will be May 3rd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Swim Lesson Registration for Non Residents will be May 5th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- * Reminder- Fireman's Annex has a sledding hill and ice skating pond during the winter months.

NEW – FRIENDS OF THE SLINGER PARKS & RECREATION INC.

The Village of Slinger Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of quality and affordable programs for the Community. To help maintain this quality a new group has been formed to help offset the dependence on public tax dollars.

The Slinger Friends of the Parks & Recreation Inc. is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to improving and maintaining the Slinger Parks for all citizens. Volunteering as Friend of the Slinger Parks is also a great way to help the Community.

If you would like to become a friend, are interested in supporting additional park projects or would like to help the Friends of the Slinger Parks and Recreation please call Josh Trame at 262-644-5265.

SLINGER ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION 2009 GARDEN WINNERS

The Slinger Advancement Association held its annual most beautiful garden contest over the Summer. The following properties were the winners: 621 Bayberry, 301 Winter Lane, 40 Heder Dr, 406 Kames Cove, 110 Hidden Lake, 107 Water, 1122 Glacial Drive, 1031 Olympic, 260 Glacial Drive and 2265 Cedar Bluffs. The photo is a good example of a winning garden.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting the week of January 4th, 2010. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE!

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 2.7 million items, your favorite author, music or movie is just a click away! Library staff are 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).

Upcoming FREE Programs in 2010:

January 2 – March 31 – 9th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program

February 13 – Valentine Craft Day for Children ages 3 – 12

February 15 – Free movie @ 10 am. Call for details!

February 27 – Reading Buffet with Slinger Middle School 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 20 – Easter Craft Day for Children ages 3 -12.

March 16 – Free movie at 10 am. Call for details.

In celebration of National Library week, please join us for a fun and hands on program about the rainforest on Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 pm. Live animals such as creepy crawly arthropods, amphibians, birds, mammals, lizards, turtles and snakes found in the rainforest make up this program.

The 2010 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 14. The theme is “Make a Splash: READ!”

The library is pleased to announce the availability of free wireless internet for users with a laptop computer during regular library hours.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

More households may qualify for heating assistance this winter thanks to changes in eligibility requirements and increased funding for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). WHEAP is a federally funded heating assistance program that can ease the energy burden faced by customers with limited financial resources.

Under the new eligibility requirements, customers at or below 60 percent of the state’s median income may qualify for WHEAP assistance, including:

- A single person earning up to \$23,435 per year
- A family of four with an income of up to \$45,067

Until this winter, eligibility was capped significantly lower, at 150% of the federal poverty level, or \$15,600 for a single person. Thus, customers who did not previously qualify for assistance may now be eligible. To determine eligibility, applicants must provide the following to their local social services.

- Proof of income for the past three months for all household members 18 years or older Social Security cards for everyone in the household
- Utility bills (heating and electric) for the past 12 months
- If applicable, a rent certificate or landlord’s statement verifying that heat is included in the rent.

WHEAP applications are being accepted through May 15, 2010; however, customers are encouraged to apply as early as possible. To begin the energy assistance application process, customers may call (866) 432-8947 (toll free) or visit www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov for more information.

2010 VILLAGE OF SLINGER RECYCLING INFORMATION

Residents are required to place recycling bags curbside no earlier than 24 hours prior to collection & no later than 7 a.m. on collection days. If no curb exists, or if you live in a condominium, multi-family unit, or operate a commercial business, place bags at the end of your driveway.

Recycling will be collected on the following dates: *Please Note that * represents Wednesday Pickups - This happens when a holiday falls on a Monday*

January 5, 19

February 2, 16

March 2, 16, 30

April 13, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

July 7*, 20

August 3, 17, 31

September 14, 28

October 12, 26

November 9, 23

December 7, 21

Blue Bag Program

The Village of Slinger utilizes a “Blue Bag Curbside Recycling Program,” which is designed to provide an easy separation process for residents.

All recyclable material collected by the Village, except for cardboard, magazines,

newspapers and miscellaneous papers are to be placed in the blue bag. Magazines, newspapers and miscellaneous paper may be bundled together or placed in brown paper bags (grocery bags). All types of cardboard must be flattened and bundled according to the instructions listed below.

For disposal of Stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners, refrigerators & dehumidifiers call Port Recycling 262-284-4060. Large items such as beds, mattresses, televisions, & furniture call Veolia at 1-800-387-0949. Hazardous waste such as chemicals, oil, & pesticides call Veolia Special Services at 1-262-243-8914. NOTE: There is a charge for all special pick-up items.

Remember trash bags MUST be placed inside refuse containers. Trash not placed inside these containers will be left behind. The maximum weight for the containers is 200 lbs.

The closest disposal station is located at 803 N River Road in West Bend (off Hwy 33) & is open M-F, 7am-3pm & the 1st Sat. of the month from 7-11am. Note that there is a fee to dump any material. Call VEOLIA at 1-800-387-0949 for more information.

Please place these items in the Blue Recycling Bag

Material	What Do I Recycle?	Cleaning & Preparation	What Can't be Recycled
Glass	Bottles and Jars Only	Remove Lids Rinse Clean Remove Rings	Windows and Mirrors Light bulbs & Tubes Pyrex & Reg. Dishes Drinking Glasses Chemical Bottles Medical Containers Laboratory Glass
Aluminum	Cans Only	Rinse Clean Flattening Optional	Foil and Bottle Caps
Tin & Steel Cans	Food Cans Only	Remove Labels Rinse Clean Flattening Optional	Aerosol Cans Paint Cans
Plastic	Milk, Soda, detergent bottles, Other bottles marked #1- #7	Rinse Clean Remove & discard lids Crush bottles	Oil Bottles Yogurt Containers Styrofoam Hard Plastics Medicine Bottles/Syringes

Recyclable Items to be bundled or placed in brown paper sacks

Material	What Do I Recycle?	Cleaning & Preparation
Newspaper	Newspaper	Bundle with string in both directions to no greater than 8" in height or place in paper bag
Miscellaneous Paper	Office Paper Junk Mail Non-glossy Material	Bundle with string in both directions to no greater than 8" in height or place in paper bag
Magazines	Magazines Glossy Newspaper Inserts	Bundle with string in both directions to no greater than 8" in height or place in paper bag
Cardboard	Boxes Cereal & Cracker Boxes Detergent Boxes Gift Boxes	Flatten Boxes Cut to 30" x 30" Tie in bundles

YARD WASTE

Material	What Do I Recycle?	Cleaning & Preparation	What Can't Be Recycled?
Yard Waste (Drop-off Only)	Grass Clippings Leaves Bushes, Shrubbery Stumps/Root Balls Garden Waste	Drop-off in dumpster – SE corner, Library Parking Lot. Plastic Bags are NOT permitted	Rocks, Concrete Railroad Ties Landscape Stone
Tree Limbs/Branches (Curbside Chipping)	Tree Limbs/branches not Exceeding 10' in length. Must be 1"-6" in diameter	Place curbside with butt ends together for chipping by Village crews – usually 1 st full week of the month.	Brush Material exceeding 10' in length & 6" in diameter

Monthly Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Monday 6 p.m.Village Board
 2nd Monday 6 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??

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SLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

www.slingerpd.com



2009 Village Board

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL??

Following are some common questions that may come up as you look over your 2009 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 46%.
- The Village of Slinger receives the next largest portion, or 31%.
- 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, 2010.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2010 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, 2010. The second payment must be made to:

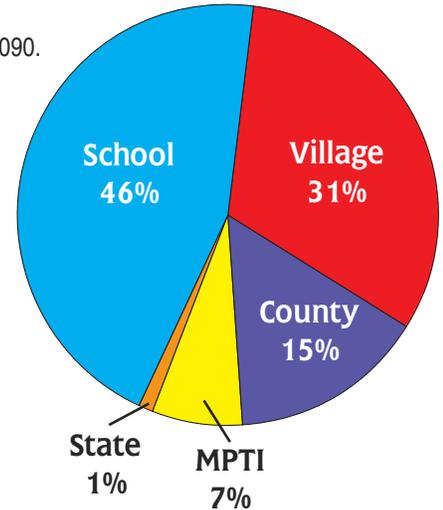
- Washington County – Treasurer
 PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

When is Village Hall open for tax payments?

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

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

- Thursday, December 24th
- Friday, December 25th
- Thursday, December 31st and
- Friday, January 1st, 2010.



Tax Levy

Tax Rate

State	\$78,587.15	0.162968615
County	\$1,285,798.85	2.666401038
MPTI	\$641,678.93	1.330669546
School	\$4,061,616.99	8.422701365
Village	\$2,786,308.92	5.778055376
TOTALS	\$8,853,990.84	\$18.36079594
Less Credit		\$1.05651098
Net Rate		\$17.30

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