

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Village of Slinger saw a few changes in 2013. In addition to the Village Administrator who started in January we have four new employees who filled positions that were open. The board also gave approval for the Police Department to create an additional Lieutenant position starting in 2014 which will enhance the operation of the department.

I, along with the board, want to thank the Village employees and also other community volunteers who serve on the commissions and boards that help operate the Village of Slinger. We are proud to represent and serve the good citizens of this community. Within this newsletter you will find much useful information and I encourage you to also visit the Village web site where new information is posted.

There are a number of boards and commissions that I need to appoint citizens to. If you are interested in giving some of your time, there are annual appointments to the Planning Commission, Park Board, Library Board, Redevelopment Authority and Housing Authority Board. While we have been blessed with people who have served on these boards for many years and I appreciate it greatly when someone agrees to take another term, there always are situations where individuals prefer to step away and give some other citizen an opportunity to serve. If you want to serve on one of these boards, please give me a call.

Russell E. Brandt

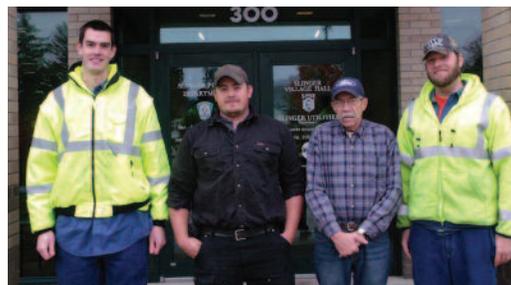
Russell E. Brandt, Village President



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT The Slinger Police Department held their first National Night Out in August of 2013. The program was a success with over 75 households being contacted. The community response from this program was very positive. We plan to make this program an annual event and look forward to greater community participation in the upcoming years.

NEW VILLAGE OF SLINGER EMPLOYEES

L-R Silas Sopkowicz, Al Strupp, Ron Webber and Joe Kell



- Joe Kell was hired in May as a Utility Operator. Joe is a certified municipal water supply operator and prior to joining Slinger he worked for Culligan Water Conditioning.
- Al Strupp was hired in July as a DPW Operator. Al has schooling in Agriculture Outdoor Power from Fox Valley Technical College. Prior to joining Slinger he worked as a general farm hand.
- Silas Sopkowicz was hired in July as a Utility Operator. Silas has a degree in Water Resources and was working for Quad Graphics before joining Slinger.
- Ron Webber was hired in July as a Custodian. Prior to joining Slinger he worked for 17 years at Pharmaceutical Services Inc. in a variety of positions.

Joe, Al and Silas filled existing positions within the Village. The new custodian position filled by Ron was approved by the Village Board in April 2013.

WINTER PARKING

Beginning November 1st no parking is allowed between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am on any Village streets. Winter parking rules are in effect through April 15th.

TREE CITY USA The National Arbor Day Foundation has awarded the Village of Slinger the "Tree City USA" designation. The Village commemorated the national recognition on April 26th, which was National Arbor Day. The Village of Slinger is proud to continue to move forward with the Village's Urban Forestry Program. This year the Village of Slinger planted 92 new trees throughout the community. The continued efforts of planting and caring for trees helps increase energy savings, cleans the air and water, and beautifies the entire Village.

The "Tree City USA" designation is only given to communities that have a successful tree program marked with continued improvements. The Arbor Day foundation's Tree City USA program encourages, supports, and strengthens forestry programs. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit environmental and educational organization with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.



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 & rec activity guide, library info., voter registration application, Village committee info. 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 submitting 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 pet licenses cost \$7.00; otherwise the fee is \$12.00. Applications are available online or can be picked up at 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.

SLINGER PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

Thanks to the generosity of Slinger businesses, organizations and residents, the improvements and upgrades to our parks continued in 2013.

The most recent park to undergo an upgrade was Rueckl Fields Park, located next to the Slinger Middle School. The improvements to Rueckl included; new lights on the large baseball field, blacktop behind the small diamond, newly constructed dugouts on the large field and three new bleachers set for installation in spring 2014.



These changes were made possible through donations and the hard work of the following organizations, businesses and individuals:

- HFR Electric
- Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club
- Slinger High School Fast Pitch Program
- Friends of the Slinger Parks
- Strupp Construction
- Gary Sabel / Strike Zone

The new lights will allow our summer teams to play additional games during the busy summer months. Slinger now has four baseball diamonds with lights and irrigation systems, making our fields some of the best in Washington County.

Rueckl Fields Park has been transformed over the past 3 years to include better access for all spectators, improved safety for our kids and beautifully groomed fields.

Please stop out with your family and enjoy the new Rueckl Fields Park!

New Online Registration:

The Parks and Recreation Department is extremely excited to announce our new online registration program. Credit cards are now being accepted online at our website for all recreational programming and park rentals. Please check out our website at www.vi.slinger.wi.gov and get your family registered.



COMPOST

As a service to Village residents, the Village accepts yard waste, such as leaves and branches, at the Public Works Yard (located on Slinger Road next to DPW garage). Please help the Village maintain this service to the residents of Slinger by depositing only yard waste and notifying the Village of unauthorized dumping. The cost to provide this service has increased due to the dumping of unauthorized materials (such as trash, electronics, building materials, etc.) Such items have high disposal fees and must be separated from yard waste materials, which can be both dangerous and costly when items are hidden or buried in the collection bins. Additionally, unauthorized dumping by non-residents has increased the volume of materials collected. Should costs continue to increase, the Village may need to reevaluate this service and consider possible cost saving measures, such as limiting access to the Public Works Yard or limiting hours of yard waste disposal to staffed hours only.

UPDATED FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

The preliminary FIRMs (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) for the Rubicon River Watershed must be adopted by the Village of Slinger (as required for the Village to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program) following map finalization of the FIRMs by the Department of Natural Resources and Federal Emergency Management Agency. To view the community's preliminary flood hazard data visit <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. Floodplain information is also available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/floodplains/>.

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

Greg Darga and Joel Jaster provide Building Inspection services to the Village of Slinger through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Villages of Richfield and Sussex. Joel or Greg may be reached at Village Hall from 8:30AM – 5:00PM Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30AM – noon Thursdays and 12:30 – 5:00PM Fridays.



Village employees, interns, family & friends took part this last summer in a kickball fundraiser to benefit a local family.

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 the 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!

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 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 9:00am – 8:00pm, Wednesday 9:00am – 6:00pm, Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – Noon (Labor Day through Memorial Day). The Library will be closed on Friday, March 14, for staff training and development.

The last day for Saturday hours for the summer is May 24. Regular Saturday hours will resume on September 6.

Come and join us for a buildin' good time at our monthly Lego Club! Open to kids of all ages on the second Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm. No-signup required.

 **Facebook** Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all of our programs and upcoming events.

The 2014 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 16, and ends on Friday, July 25. Our theme is "Fizz, Boom, READ!" The kick-off to the program will be held on Monday, June 16, with the annual Library Fair! Come enjoy games, cotton candy and snow cones! The Grand Finale to the summer reading program will be held on Monday, July 28, at 6:30 pm. Check the Library's website for a complete program schedule in early May.

Looking for E-books? With your Slinger Community Library card, you have access to over 30,000 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, a 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). Step by step guides for checking out e-books and then downloading to your tablet or other portable electronic device are available at the library's website, www.slinger.lib.wi.us, via the ebook/Overdrive link found under useful library links (left side of page).



The Friends of the Library are hosting Casino Night on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Library for adults age 21 and over. Doors open at 5:30pm with play beginning at 6pm. Tickets are limited to 150 and are available at the Library. All proceeds benefit Library programs and services.

Upcoming FREE Programs in 2014:

January 2 – March 31 – 13th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program - Read 12 books & receive a free library canvas bag.

January 24 – FREE Movie @ 10am & 1pm; Call for details!

January 25 – Hedgehog Craft Day 10am -11:15am for ages 8-16; call for sign-up.

February 14 - FREE Movie @ 10am & 1pm; Call for details!

February 17 - FREE Movie @ 10am & 1pm; Call for details!

March 22 – Duct Tape Program 10am-11am for ages 8-16; call for sign-up.

April 17 – Soda Pups @ 6:30pm – Join us for five Pomeranian dogs from Neenah, WI, as they amaze us with their tricks and training! Good family fun for all ages! No sign-up required.

April 14-19 – National Library Week! Stop in for free goodies all week long (while supplies last).

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting on January 6, 2014. Trees should be left curbside with the cut end of the tree facing towards the roadway.

Christmas Trees should NOT be placed in the compost dumpster!



2014 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 dry paint cans may be set next to your trash with the lids removed.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF BRUSH

The Public Works Department provides curbside pickup of brush the first full week of each month between April and November. Brush must be cut into pieces no shorter than 3ft to allow for safe and efficient collection. Branches shorter than three feet in length may be brought to the Public Works yard and deposited in the dumpster provided for lawn clippings and brush.



Branches left for curbside collection must be no smaller than one inch in diameter due to limitations with collection equipment. The cut end of the branch must be facing the roadway. All wires, nails and string must be removed before the brush will be collected. Root balls and stumps will not be collected. Materials cleared from vacant lots will NOT be collected but may be dropped off at the Public Works yard.

2014 ELECTION DATES



- February 18th – Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 1st – Spring Election
- August 12th - Partisan Primary
- November 4th - General Election

MyVote.WI.Gov is available for you, as a voter, to check out everything you need to know about past and future elections. Just enter your name and birth date and you can maneuver throughout the website.

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. 6:30 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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	Dean Otte	623-1906

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VILLAGE WEBSITE:

www.vi.slinger.wi.gov

WILL I GET A RECEIPT FOR MY TAX 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 Village Hall and get a copy of your receipt.



2014 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 2013 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 33%.
- Washington County receives 13% 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, 2014**.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2014 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, 2014. The second payment must be made no later than July 31, 2014 to:

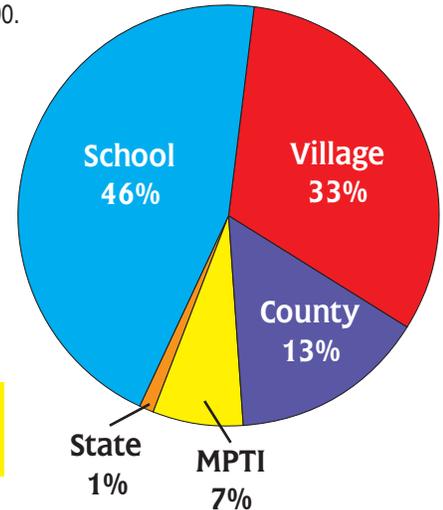
- Washington County – Treasurer
 PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

When is Village Hall open for tax payments?

Village Hall is open from 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday during normal work-weeks. Over the holidays, there are a few days when the Village Hall offices will be closed:

- Tuesday, December 24th
- Wednesday, December 25th and
- Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

New for 2013, Village Hall will be open all day (8am to 5pm) on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st!



Tax Rate

State	0.150570715
County	2.540349591
MPTI	1.392057357
School	8.707561297
Village	6.272250803
TOTAL	19.06278976
Less Credit	\$0.989897384
Net Rate	\$18.07
2013 Lottery Credit	\$106.97
2013 First Dollar Credit	\$62.81



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