

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the year comes to a close it's always nice to look back and reflect on the accomplishments of the Village and thru the budget process that we just completed look forward to 2015. One thing became very clear. The Village of Slinger has been blessed in many ways. We have great schools, fantastic location in the beautiful Kettle Moraine, easy freeway access, citizens who don't hesitate to volunteer, low crime, businesses who have always given back to the community.

It should be no secret as to why the Village continues to attract new residents with all of the pluses we can point to. The growth we have seen over the past several decades has allowed us to offer better services, be them park and recreation, library, 24 hour police services and even though we have had to expand our schools, the Slinger School District ranks in the top of the State.

I feel the Village is in great shape. Yes, we can improve and will. For the first time in many years the Village tax levy has not been raised and with the coming closure of TID #3 we will be able to cut the tax rate further and add significant revenue back to the general fund. The future looks bright and I hope you will consider joining us as we prepare the road forward.

Russell E. Brandt
Russell E. Brandt, Village President

2015 VILLAGE OF SLINGER VISIONING PROCESS

The Village of Slinger is emerging upon an opportunity. With the possibility of Tax Increment Finance district #3 closing in 2015, the Village could regain the use of Tax Increment Financing as an incentive tool for development in 2016. In order to make the best use of this tool, it is important that there is a roadmap as to what is the desired future of the community. The Village Board of Trustees is looking for input from residents and business owners and will undertake a Visioning Process in 2015. If you would like to participate in framing the big picture for the future of the Village of Slinger please plan to join the Village Trustees and staff to discuss needs, goals and opportunities for the future of Slinger. Information throughout the 2015 Visioning Process will be updated on the Village's website. www.vi.slinger.wi.gov

NEW VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

In 2014 the Village welcomed two new Patrol Officers. Josh Gullickson, a Slinger native started on May 23rd and Andy Mammen started on July 10th. Officer Mike Sutter, a 19 year veteran of the Slinger PD was assigned to the newly created School Resource Officer (SRO) position on a full time basis starting the 2014/15 school year. Mike had been the SRO on a part-time basis for the past 13 years. On September 18th, Joe Cashin, a 6 year veteran of the Slinger PD was promoted to lieutenant and will cover the night shift.



L-R Josh Gullickson, Andy Mammen, Mike Sutter & Joe Cashin

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.

ROTARY ICE RINK: New this winter is the addition of the Rotary Ice Rink at Community Park. We are very excited to be relocating our ice rink to Community Park in downtown Slinger. We believe this location provides outstanding accessibility, a larger skating surface, lights for night skating and an overall family friendly atmosphere. Once again the Slinger-Allenton Rotary club illustrated that they are a leadership service club in our community by supplying 100% of the funding for this project. Bring the family down to the Community Park this winter and enjoy our brand new Rotary Ice Rink!!



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.

PARTNERSHIP AWARD SLINGER/ALLENTON ROTARY CLUB

The Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club was awarded the WPRA "Partnership Award", the highest award given by the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association to an organization working on behalf of parks and recreation.



The Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club has had a tremendous impact on the leisure services offered in the Village of Slinger and surrounding areas. Since 1999 they have been involved with every significant project in the Slinger Parks. They have worked with community leaders to help upgrade pavilions, ball fields, playgrounds, restrooms, parking lots and bleacher areas. They helped to turn the parks into leisure areas that residents are now very proud of. Our department could not be more lucky to have a partner like the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club.

Tony Dobson commented... I wish that I would have nominated the Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club sooner than this year. They have been so instrumental in everything our department has accomplished the past 12 years. I remember when I first came to Slinger being embarrassed about our parks. Today I take pride in every single facility we have. We owe the Slinger/Allenton Rotary so many thanks for what they have done not only for our department, but for the Village and our Community in general. We are blessed to have the park facilities we have and owe so much to our amazing partnership with the Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club.

Several significant projects that the Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club have accomplished to date include the following items listed to the right:



COMPOST

Both the new compost and wood chip bins have been well received by residents. Any village resident can bring compost material down to the DPW yard parking lot to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and small twigs. They no longer have to contend with lifting their bags or cans over their heads or worry about over-filled dumpsters. The bin allows you to drive up and dispose of the compost at ground level and is large enough that it can hold a weekends worth of yard work. The wood chip bin is always stocked and is available at any time for residents to load up and use at their convenience.

Slinger wants to remind everyone that these bins are for Village residents only. The approved material for the compost bin is as follows: Grass clippings, leaves, twigs and branches less than 1" in diameter and less than 3 ft long. Absolutely no garbage allowed. Any violators will be fined per village ordinance.

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

Slinger Parks, Recreation & Forestry Online Registration

We are beginning our second year of online program registration in our department. Registering for a recreation program is now easier than ever and there are NO TRANSACTION FEES. Just go to www.vi.slinger.wi.gov and click on the programs and registration tab. There you will see a link to our online program registration. Enjoy the ease and convenience of our new registration software.

1.\$40,000.00 Donation to the Fireman's Park Annex Beach Project (1998-1999)

2.\$100,000.00 Donation to the Community Park Renovation Project (2006)

Project included a new pavilion, which increased in size from 1,200 square feet to 4,500 square feet; re-paving and reorganizing of the parking lot, renovating both restroom facilities, replacing all ball field fencing, new ball field lights and adding a new full court basketball court. When the project was completed the total project cost was just over \$555,000.00. The Village of Slinger was responsible for less than \$50,000.00 of the total project costs.

3.\$10,000.00 Donation to the Community Park Playground Renovation Project (2010)

This project had a total cost of just under \$24,000.00. The Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club started us off with \$10,000.00 and then once again helped to spearhead the fundraising. Once again the Village of Slinger paid nearly nothing for this project.

4.\$40,000.00 Donation to the Rueckl Fields Park Pavilion (2012)

As always the Slinger/Allenton Rotary stepped up to make the project a reality. The total project cost was \$61,000.00 with \$40,000.00 donated by the Rotary. They also solicited additional donations and organized business to donated construction services and materials.

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 2015 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 15 and ends on Friday, July 24. Our theme is "Every Hero Has A Story". The library fair kickoff will be held on Monday, June 15! Come see us for games, cotton candy and snow cones! The Grand Finale to the summer reading program will be held on Monday, July 27, 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.

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Need help finding materials? Visit the Slinger Community Library everyday at www.slinger.lib.wi.us and log into the trio catalog where you have access to 26 public libraries in Dodge, Jefferson, and Washington Counties. With a combined collection of over 2 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 7, 2015 at the Library. Doors open at 5:30pm 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 2015:

January 2 – March 30 – 13th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program

February 16 @ 4:15pm – Bakers in Training Program with Panera Bread in West Bend. Limited to 14 kids ages 7-10. Program will last approximately 1hr and 15 min. Please call to sign up beginning January 19.

March 21 @ 10am – Duct Tape Weaving @ 10am for ages 8 and up. Sign-up starts February 16.

National Library Week is April 12 – 18, 2015. Stop in to see us and enter our contest to win free books!

Coming April 2015 – Play Life Size Candy Land

Our Library is taking part in a public awareness campaign designed to make people in our community more aware of the vital role public libraries have in the community and bring attention to the critical funding issues many libraries face. Geek the Library uses 'geek' as a verb – the things you geek are the things you are passionate about. Everyone geeks something, and whatever you geek, the library supports you.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting on January 5, 2015. 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!

2015 VILLAGE OF SLINGER AND ADVANCED DISPOSAL TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFO

Recycling Requirement

Recycling collection in the Village will continue to be every other week. The collection will continue under the current system with Advanced Disposal providing the service, every other Tuesday.

Residents are required to place recycling carts curbside no earlier than 24 hours prior to collection & no later than 7 a.m. on collection days. Please place recycling carts approximately 2ft. from trash carts.

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

Basic Trash Collection Rules:

- Place all non-recyclable materials into the garbage cart issued to you.
- 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.
- Material left outside of the container will not be collected.
- To arrange for the pickup of larger items, contact Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949. This pickup will be at an additional fee.

Basic Recycling Collection Rules:

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

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. Note that there are fees when dumping any material. Call Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949 for more information.

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.

2015 ELECTION DATES



- February 17th – Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 7th – Spring Election

Please contact us if you are interested in being a poll worker for the elections. 262-644-5265

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??

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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.



2014-15 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 2014 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 37%.
- Washington County receives 14% for its programs and services.
- Moraine Park Technical College receives 3%, 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, 2015**.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2015 must be made payable to:

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

***NOTE:** Since January 31st falls on a Saturday in 2015, payments received through Monday, February 2, 2015 will be considered to be timely.

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, 2015. The second payment must be made no later than July 31, 2015 to:

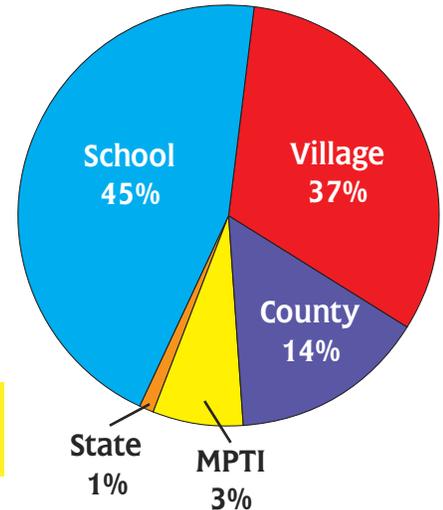
Washington County – Treasurer
 PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

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:

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

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



Tax Rate

State	0.163482113
County	2.59323348
MPTI	0.649942178
School	8.617907226
Village	6.963643387
TOTAL	18.98820838
Less Credit	\$1.104361956
Net Rate	\$17.88
2014 Lottery Credit	\$98.41
2014 First Dollar Credit	\$58.15



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