

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** Dear Village of Slinger Residents,

I hope you will take a few moments to read the many small articles in this year's Village Newsletter. In fact we have been very busy this year and it isn't often that we can lower your Village portion of the tax bill. You will find an excellent article on Tax Incremental Finance. The lowering of taxes was due to the successful closure of TIF District #3. We are very proud of this accomplishment, as we closed it early compared to other TIF districts in the State that have not worked out so well.

Looking forward, we have opened 2 more TIF districts. The first to be created was to foster development in the Hwy 41 and 60 interchange area. The second was to help facilitate the redevelopment of the area of the old Slinger Foundry. The Village is very fortunate to have E.H Wolf as a corporate citizen. Even though it might have been less expensive to expand their facility somewhere else, they chose to buy the old Foundry and rehabilitate an area of the Village that had become less than desirable. The revenue created by new taxable buildings will help this project, along with updating utilities in the area.

We have also completed a Visioning/Economic Development Study that has identified areas that we can direct development funds to. It is our hope that a plan will be completed to revitalize the old downtown, primarily the area just south and west of the main intersection of Washington St. and Kettle Moraine. We have had several listening sessions with residents and businesses and will be holding more in the coming months.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have served this past year on the many Village committees and boards. If you are interested in getting involved in your Village government please contact me or the Village Administrator Jessi Balcom. The Village can only function well if we have citizens willing to serve!

I wish you all a very healthy and happy Holiday Season.

*Russell E. Brandt*

Russell E. Brandt, Village President

**UPDATES FROM THE SLINGER POLICE DEPT.**

The Slinger Police Dept. held the second Citizen's Police Academy in September of 2016. There were 9 participants that graduated on October 13. If interested in participating or have questions about the 2017 session please contact Lt. Joe Cashin at [jcashin@vi.slinger.wi.gov](mailto:jcashin@vi.slinger.wi.gov).



2016 Slinger Police Department Citizens Academy Graduates

**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.

State statutes require vehicle operators to maintain a distance of at least 200 feet back when following a snow plow on roads with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph. On roads with a posted speed limit of 35 mph per hour or less, vehicles must maintain a following distance of at least 75ft.



There is a Drug Drop Box located in the Slinger Police Department lobby.

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm anyone can drop off acceptable items (NOT needles or liquids).

You do not have to be a Village resident to utilize this service.



A local builder made and donated a Blue Line American Flag to the Slinger Police Department in the summer of 2016. The flag is on display in the Slinger Police Department lobby.

**COMING SOON – CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS!**



Village staff is working with Payment Service Network, Inc (PSN) to implement a major expansion in your options for paying for Village utilities and other program fees. Beginning sometime in January 2017, Village residents and customers will be able to pay using credit and debit cards, or even more conveniently online any time! The new program will allow you to view your utility bills online and set up one-time or recurring payments for any date you choose. Staff training and setup for this program will take place throughout December. We are very excited to be able to provide these added features for your convenience! More information will be announced as training progresses and we get closer to kicking off this great new program. Look for updates on your monthly utility bills!

**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.



**COMPOST**

Village residents can bring compost material down to the DPW yard parking lot to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and small twigs. 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 debris. The wood chip bin is stocked if chips are available 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 feet 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](mailto:jtrame@vi.slinger.wi.gov) for more info.

**Check out the village website for the Park & Recreation Wish list: [www.vi.slinger.wi.gov](http://www.vi.slinger.wi.gov)**

**Slinger Parks, Recreation & Forestry Online Registration**

We are beginning our third year of online program registration. Registering for a recreation program is now easier than ever and there are NO TRANSACTION FEES. Just go to [www.vi.slinger.wi.gov](http://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.

**Tax Incremental Finance What It Means to You This Year**

Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) is a funding tool that many municipalities use to help encourage development within their communities. A very brief explanation of how this works is: 1) a certain area is identified as being particularly challenging for any useful development, 2) a TIF District is formed for that area, and 3) the taxes on any future growth in that district (also known as increment) are used to pay for improvements such as streets and utilities. Once the district has either achieved its goals or reached its maximum life period, the district is closed out. The property values that were previously used to calculate the increment are added back into the total tax base but the new total levy can include only half of the increment amount, so the municipality's tax rate may decrease.

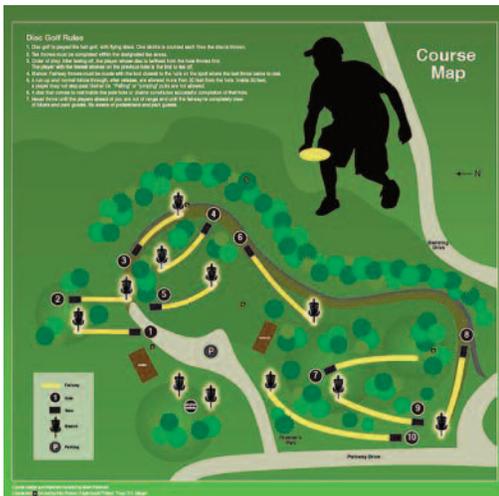
Why are we boring you with all this? Because this is what's happening in Slinger this year. We had a TIF District (#3) that had grown to include over 26% of the Village's tax base. Now that the district is closed, all the taxes that were being captured by the district's projects will be added to the general levy, providing much-needed support for Village operations and services.

The TIF District closure will also have a positive effect on Village tax rates this year. Preliminary estimates indicate that the Village portion of the mill rate will decrease by \$1.01 per thousand. As an example, a property with an assessment value of \$200,000 should see their Village taxes decrease by \$202.



**Fireman's Park Upper Disc Golf Course:**

In 2016 a new ten hole disc golf course was designed and built at Fireman's Park Upper. This new addition was made possible thanks to the hard work and generosity of two local individuals. Alex Rosner is a student at Slinger High School who was working to become an Eagle Scout. Alex used the design and construction of this course as his project. Mark Peterson, a Slinger resident and avid disc golfer, donated his time, talents and expertise to help make this course a reality. The Slinger Parks and Recreation Department is extremely grateful for the hard work put into this project and would like to personally thank Alex, Mark and everybody who helped to make this disc golf course possible. This new attraction at Fireman's Park is sure to provide an exciting new opportunity for golfers near and far.



**New Crossing Guards**

In 2016 the Slinger Police Department hired three new Crossing Guards. The Village welcomes Russ Gavin, Joan Pauley and Ryan Libica.



The Library is entering into an exciting time! We have just merged with the Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties to form a new library system. What does that mean for you? You will have access to a new and expanded catalog, over 1.1 million items to explore. Your library card will work in 32 different libraries in Washington, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Dodge Counties.

The 2017 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 12. Our theme is "Build a Better World". The library fair kickoff will be held on Monday, June 12! Come see us for games, cotton candy, nachos and snow cones! Check the library's website for a complete schedule in early May.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am – Noon (Labor Day through Memorial Day).

The Friends of the Library are hosting Casino Night on Saturday, February 4, 2017 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.

Wondering how you can get involved at the library? Join the Friends of the Library Group. Only 4 meeting per year. Come join the fun.



### Upcoming FREE Programs in 2017:

**January 3 – March 31 – 15th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program.** Prizes for all levels of participation come and check out the revamped program.

**National Library Week is April 9 – 15, 2017.**

Stop in to see us and enter our contest to win free books!



The library welcomed a new employee to our team. Mary Miller started August 2016.



In March of 2016 Jeff Lucas joined the Village staff as custodian. Jeff helps maintain the Library, Police Dept. and Village Hall daily.

### Heating bills a struggle? Applying for the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus program is the answer!



The WHEAP program runs from October 1, 2016 – May 15, 2017. The program offers a one time payment per household, per heating season to assist with your utility cost.

All applicants must meet the income eligibility limits. Example, the income limit for a single person is \$2,181 per month. The income limit for a couple is \$2,852 per month. The size of the benefit will depend on household size, income and heating costs. Assistance is available whether you heat your home with wood, fuel oil, propane, natural gas or electricity. The payment generally is sent directly to the energy provider.

The WHEAP program also partners with the Weatherization Program and may be able to provide assistance if your furnace should break down during the season. This is a program available to you at NO cost. The Weatherization Program will also offer an evaluation of your home to help you reduce your energy costs. If you chose to participate in the Weatherization Program, a representative from Weatherization will contact you to do an audit of your home. Once the audit is complete, you may be eligible for assistance in the form of air sealing, insulating and repair/replacement of mechanicals such as water heaters, furnaces and ventilation fans. Energy Assistance appointments will be offered in West Bend, Germantown, Hartford and Jackson.

Contact your local Home Energy Plus Agency at (262) 335-4677 for more information or to apply for assistance.



### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting on January 3, 2017. 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 bin!**

## 2017 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..

### 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 - #5 & #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.**



## 2017 ELECTION DATES

- February 21st Spring Primary
- April 4th Spring 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.*

## WHO TO CONTACT??

Village President Russell Brandt 644-8854  
 Village Trustees Rick Gundrum 644-7002  
 Marlyss Thiel 644-8004  
 Jeff Behrend 644-9849  
 Lee Fredericks 920-843-2007  
 Richard Kohl 644-8673  
 Dean Otte 623-1906

## ADMINISTRATOR

Jessi Balcom  
 644-5265 • jbalcom@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## TREASURER / DEPUTY CLERK

Margaret Wilber  
 644-5265 • mwilber@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## POLICE CHIEF

Dean Schmidt  
 644-6441 • dschmidt@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Vanessa Taylir  
 644-6171 • vtaylir@mwfls.org

## ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

James Haggerty  
 644-5265 • jhaggerty@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY DIRECTOR

Tony Dobson  
 644-5265 • tdobson@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

644-5265 • inspector@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## CLERK

Tammy Tennes  
 644-5265 • ttennes@vi.slinger.wi.gov

## 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.



**2016-17 Village Board**

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL?

Following are some common questions that may come up as you look over your 2016 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 49%.
- The Village of Slinger receives the next largest portion, or 32%.
- Washington County receives 14% for its programs and services.
- Moraine Park Technical College receives 4%, 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, 2017**.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2017 must be made payable to:

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

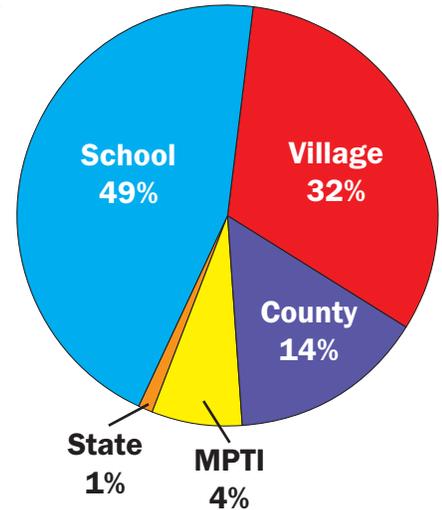
You also have the option of paying your taxes in two equal installments. If you decide to take advantage of that option, the first half needs to be paid to the Village of Slinger Treasurer by January 31, 2017. The second payment must be made no later than July 31, 2017 to:

Washington County – Treasurer  
 PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53095.

### 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:

- Friday, December 23rd
- Monday, December 26th and
- Monday, January 2nd, 2017



	2016 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate
State	0.177797388	0.168593497
County	2.700473896	2.584849169
MPTI	0.687109689	0.667378117
School	9.152714981	8.910662593
Village	5.926379650	6.938831259
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.64447560</b>	<b>19.27031464</b>
Less Credit	<b>\$1.1441936</b>	
<b>Net Rate</b>	<b>\$17.50</b>	
2016 Lottery Credit	<b>\$110.08</b>	
2016 First Dollar Credit	<b>\$58.53</b>	



ADDRESS: 323 Slinger Road, Slinger  
 PHONE: 262-644-6111  
 WEB: www.brandtprinting.com  
 EMAIL: info@brandtprinting.com