Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat in the village will be on Saturday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be no Village sponsored costume contest this year due to COVID-19. Fond du Lac County has created best practice guidelines for those wishing to participate in trick-or-treating this year, including handing out treats.

♦ Stay home if sick, DO NOT hand out treats if you are sick
♦ Trick-or-treat with people you live with
♦ Practice social distancing
♦ Wear a face mask that covers your mouth & nose, even under your costume if necessary
♦ Place treats in a bucket instead of handing things out
♦ Have hand sanitizer available

These recommendations are in addition to regular safe Halloween practices. We ask that residents who wish to participate in handing out candy please turn on their outside lights. This will help the parents and children identify at which houses to stop.

Additional information is available on Fond du Lac County's Health Department website. Links will be placed on the village's homepage also.

Oakfield Firemen's Auxiliary
Fall Flower and Bake Sale

The Firemen's Auxiliary is taking orders for beautiful flower arrangements perfect for the Holiday season and an ideal way to extend your help and thankfulness to the Oakfield Fire Department. Order one for yourself, a family member or a friend.

Order forms will be available at the Oakfield Village Office, Oakfield Post Office, Oakfield Petro, and Stillwater Salon & Spa. Orders with payment can be mailed to Debbie Rusch, 232 W. Waupun Street, Oakfield, WI 53065 or you can call Debbie at 920-517-7832. All orders must be prepaid by November 17th. Floral arrangement pick up date is Tuesday, November 24th at the Oakfield Community Center from 2:00-6:00PM. Curbside pickup will be available this year!

The Firemen's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Bake Sale in conjunction with the flower pickup on November 24th from 2:00-6:00PM so stop in and pick up some baked goods and support the Oakfield Fire Department.

Oakfield Fire Department 2020 Cash Raffle

The Oakfield Fire Department would like to thank everyone who donated to their time selling raffle tickets, those who purchased raffle tickets and also those who made donations for the raffle. Because of your generosity, $17,356.00 was raised. Proceeds from the raffle will be used towards the purchase of a new Utility Terrain Vehicle.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 cash raffle!

$1,000.00 winner: Bryan Novak
$500.00 winner: Dawn Bartsch
$400.00 winner: James Ford
$300.00 winner: Tom Schraufnagel
$200.00 winner: Whitney Wood
$136.99 winner: Mark Orvis

$100.00 winners: Wendy Hounsell, Carl & Joanne Martin, Rick Moreland, Craig Chadwick, Shawn Wendt, Jesse Schroeder, Tom Schalinski, Greg Deer, Harlan Hopp, Dianne Gable, Earl Noremburg, Tom Dineen, Joe Ciesielczyk, Rick Clark, Al Messner

$50.00 winners: Jordan Vanderloop, Tim McCallum, Joan Ryan, Tim hjelle, Brenda Hollatz, Judy Rose, Sandy Naparle, Chuck Daye, Deanna Heen, David Burbach, Deb Manchester, Dianne Gable, Tim McCallum, Chris Brandeloson, Mary Rhein, Mark & Mary Ryan, Brad Collien, Kathy Primeau, Matt Jahnke, Ray Omland, Kim Meurer, Katie Steffen, Judi Messner, Leo Fisher, Ron Engel

$25.00 winners: Linda Schneider, Carla Noremburg, Marissa Meineberg, Linda O'Donovan, Matt Manchester, Albert Vey, Jodi Daniels, Jay Newton, Earl Noremburg, Hut Amend, Dave Clark, Flatau Family, Kris Miller, Merlin Towne, Nancy Conger, Jodi Daniels, David Burbach, Tom Kelroy, Lynn Derry, Lorraine Indermuehle, Cathy Baker, Alexs Kamenski, Coreen McIntosh, Caroline Tischer
Village office hours: Mon. 9-5, Tue. 9-3, Wed. 10-3, Th. 10-5, Fri. 9-1

Library hours: Mon. 1-7 p.m., Tues. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wed. 1-7 p.m., Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 10-5 p.m.

All meeting notices, agendas, ordinances, minutes, events, etc., are posted on bulletin boards at the post office, the bank and the entrance to the community center.

Village board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Fire Department monthly meetings are held the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Village Board Members

Chris Cook, President
375-0839

Al Kamenski, Trustee
414-313-6537

Jody Mackie, Trustee
517-0500

Dan Redman, Trustee
583-3495

Tim Stoppelworth, Trustee
979-0342

Julie Franke, Trustee
563-3476

Jim Eckberg, Trustee
527-8644

Snowmobiles are not allowed on sidewalks or private property within the village. Please spread the word to others who may be using the Wild Goose Trail this winter. When exiting the trail to Oakfield Petro please stay off the sidewalks. Thank you for your cooperation!

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Fond du Lac County is not holding flu clinics in communities this year due to COVID-19. The County Health Department still recommends getting a flu shot from your primary care provider or a local pharmacy or grocery store. Drive-thru clinics will be held for children 4-18 years old only at various sites in the county. See the Fond du Lac County Health Department’s website for more information.

What is this fire protection charge on my bill?

This question has come up a lot recently. The public fire protection charge covers the extra capacity built into a water system necessary to rapidly deliver a large volume of water to a fire within the village’s service area. Since very little water is used annually for fire protection, the majority of the charge relates to costs for providing capacity in wells, pumps, storage tanks and water mains to provide adequate fire flow if needed.

A municipality can collect the cost as a charge on water bills, through property taxes or to direct bill the charge to customers. Prior to 1988 all municipalities recovered the public fire protection charge through the tax levy. Now only about 60% of water utilities collect this way with the remaining collecting it fully or partially by a direct charge on water utility bills.

More information can be found on the Public Service Commission’s website at https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForUtilities/Water/FireProtection.aspx

East Church Street Project Update

Pre-construction has already started on the East Church Street road project scheduled for 2021. The road portion of the project will be 80% funded by federal funds with Fond du Lac County splitting the remaining 20% with the Village of Oakfield. New water and sewer mainlines will be installed at the same time along with private sewer laterals. The project is expected to run from early spring through early fall. One lane of East Church Street should be open for the duration of the project but avoiding the project area if possible is requested.

Community Center Rental Information

The Village Community Center located at 130 N. Main Street is available for rent for the following fee:
-Residents: $75.00 for the day + $25.00 deposit
-Non-Residents: $125.00 for the day + $25.00 deposit
-Additional $100.00 deposit required if alcohol is being served.

Deposits will be returned if the room is cleaned to satisfaction; the key for the room must also be returned.

Call the Village Office at 583-4400 to reserve the room or for questions. Rental forms are also available at: www.villageofoakfield.com
Police phone numbers to call:

1. If the matter is an emergency, call 911.
2. If the matter is not an emergency, and you want to speak with an Oakfield Officer call the Oakfield Police Department at 517-1570. You may leave a message and when an officer is on duty they will return your call as soon as possible. If you need to speak with someone right away, and it is not an emergency, you may call the Fond du Lac Sheriff’s Department at 929-3390.

Renee Schuster, Police Chief (920) 517-1570
rschuster@villageofoakfield.com

Back to School Safety

Kids are back to school, and motorists need to slow down and pay attention to their surroundings while driving. Motorists are asked to pay extra attention around schools. Please obey the school crossing guard as they are there to help students cross streets safely. Motorists must obey a crossing guard.

WI Statutes 346.23 Crossing at crosswalk at controlled intersection..."the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrian or person riding bicycle which is consistent with the safety the use of the crosswalk by the pedestrian"

WI Statute 346.24 (2) No pedestrian, bicyclist shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk, run, or ride into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield.

WI Statute 346.57 (4)(a), "...no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of the following limits unless different limits are indicated by official sign":"n
(a) FIFTEEN miles per hour when passing a school at those times when children are going to and from school or are playing within the sidewalk area at or about the school.

(b) FIFTEEN miles per hour when passing an intersection properly marked with a "School Crossing" sign of a type approved by the department when children are present.

Penalties range from $114.00 up to $318.00 and 3 demerit points up to 6 demerit points.

Library News

The Oakfield Library is pleased to be welcoming readers back into the library! Patrons are welcome to stop in for "express service", which gives customers the chance for brief browsing and picking up reserved materials. Curbside service is also available. Masks are required, and strict safety protocols are being followed. We ask for your cooperation with the procedures in order to allow us to continue to add more services as the situation allows.

Our hours at this time are Monday from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday from 1-7 p.m. and Friday from 10-3 p.m. Please contact us with any questions you may have regarding how the curbside or express service works, or if you have questions about safety measures in place.

In person programs and events, will not be held through the end of the year. Virtual programs may be offered. Watch our outdoor sign regarding any events or changes in services. This is the best way to stay up to date! Flyers will also be posted in the lobby as well as at Oakfield Petro & the post office.

Our windows are being used as a way to share information and new materials as you are out around town. Take a look for movies, books and information as well as fun activities and contests.

Online resources are available 24/7 at www.oakfieldlibrary.org. Free eBooks, homework help, consumer information and more. Log in with your library card to get started.

920-583-4552

Monday 3-7 Wednesday 1-7 Friday 10-3

National Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. When disposing of your medications in the drop box please dump all pills into a Ziploc bag and discard the prescription and over-the-counter bottle(s). The Village Office has Ziploc bags available in the office if needed. Liquids may also be dropped in the box. Please put bottles in a plastic bag to reduce leaking.

This year the Take Back is on October 24th. Since this falls on a Saturday, please be sure to drop your items off BEFORE the date. The drop box is always available during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please call the Police Department at 920-517-1570 or the Village Office at 920-583-4400.

Reminder: During the winter from December 1st -April 1st between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. there is NO PARKING on village streets except for emergency vehicles on call.
Curbside Leaf Pickup Dates
Weather permitting and/or until majority of leaves are picked up:
- Tuesday, October 13
- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, November 3
- Tuesday, November 10
- Tuesday, November 17

Sometimes collection takes place over several days during the week. If your pile isn’t picked up immediately (or on a Tuesday) please be patient.

**REMINDER:** The Village no longer picks up curbside brush; please do not include tree trimmings or other yard waste (including grass clippings) in your leaf pile, it can damage the leaf collector which means delays in leaf collection. The Village appreciates your cooperation!

4th Annual Pumpkin Walk
The 4th Annual Not-So-Scary Jack O’ Lantern Walk will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31 at Belle Reynolds Woods. Carving is open to all ages. Follow Critters Produce and Pumpkins on Facebook for more info or email crittersproduce@gmail.com.

To report a burned out street light please contact the Village Office at 583-4400.

November 3rd Election
The 2020 General Election is on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you plan on requesting an absentee ballot for this election please do so early to ensure it is received timely. The process is easy! Just go to www.wvotewi.gov and follow the on-screen instructions. A link with detailed instructions is also available on the Village’s website on the homepage. Ballots requested by mail are usually sent out within one business day.

In-person early voting will begin on Monday, October 19th and go through Friday, October 30th and will be offered during posted office hours. Return postage is always included with mailed absentee ballots but if you prefer to drop them off you can utilize the drop box on the wall in the front entryway of the community center. There is not a separate drop box for absentee ballots. The WI Elections Commission mailed an informational packet to registered voters at the beginning of September with a lot of useful information. Links to several pages on the WEC’s website are on the Village’s homepage as well.

If you have questions about absentee voting or the voting process in general feel free to call the office at 920-583-4400!

Village Office Hours
The Village Office continues to be open as follows: Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-3, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 10-5 and Friday 9-1. Hours may be extended or shortened as needed. Every effort will be made to post any changes to the normal hours on the doors and online.

The office will be CLOSED on the following days:
- Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th
- Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25
- Friday, January 1

Christmas Tree Pickup
The Oakfield FFA will once again be holding a Christmas tree/wreath collection! Tags will be available for purchase at local businesses in the village or at the Middle/High School. Pickup dates will be January 9th, January 16th & January 23rd. Trees should be placed out for pickup by 9:00 a.m. with the tag visible. Please contact Ms. Henken at 920-583-3141 or ahennken@oakfield.k12.wi.us with questions.