

VILLAGE OF FALL CREEK

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Village of Fall Creek Newsletter

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Did you know?

There's a lot of strategy that goes into managing the Village finances. Not only does the Village Board work diligently to keep day-to-day operational costs in line, they also manage larger capital costs and plan for the future. Years ago, several financial strategies were put into place to maximize the use of every dollar.

Capital Equipment and Repairs Plan – Schedules the replacement or repair of larger equipment or facility needs, spacing the expenses out over a period of 15-20 years to ensure needs are met in an appropriate manner while balancing the financial resources required.

Capital Projects Plan – Schedules road and water/sewer utility reconstruction projects far in advance, taking into consideration the useful life of the infrastructure in order to not incur excessive repair costs.

Focused Debt Management – Loans cannot be avoided for very large projects. But timely refinancing and conscientious management of funds has enabled paydowns resulting in saving more than 40% of expected debt interest costs. This has amounted to more than \$2,000,000 in savings over the last 20 years.

Continued Applications for State & Federal Funding – Staying apprised of changing funding options has allowed the Village to receive a \$1,000,000 grant for the wastewater treatment plant, \$225,000 for the industrial park, \$90,000 loan forgiveness for well #1, and \$300,000 loan forgiveness for well #3/#4.

Benefits you NOW: Necessary equipment is purchased so employees can effectively do their jobs, road & utility projects managed in a financially pragmatic way, immediate lowering of debt service costs.

Benefits you in the FUTURE: Responsible preparation for known future costs saves on debt service expenses and eliminates the need for huge rate spikes.

Managing your money well.

Fall Creek

Working Together Today
Building a Better Tomorrow

Community of the Future

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE PARK

Keller Park is where it's at! The Summer Rec Program offers T-ball, Coach Pitchball, Baseball, and Softball teams for the youth. The Lions Club hosts the annual Fun Fest with entertainment, food, music, games and fishing. The pavilions and kitchen space are available to rent for gatherings by contacting the Clerk's Office. Returning for another season is Music in the Park. A variety of music styles and artists play from 2-4PM some Sunday afternoons. Watch our facebook page for dates!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join the fun at Keller Park, Saturday April 13th @ 10AM (Rain location: Village Hall). Multiple age groups, free hot cocoa and cookies. Remember to bring your own basket! Sponsored by FC Girl Scouts, FC Lions Club, FCA, FC Public Library, Village of Fall Creek.

BOARD MEMBERS CORNER

Words from Trustee Karen Strasburg —
HELLOOOO SPRING!

Well here we are about to start another spring and summer. We have endured a pretty brutal winter after thinking for a while (like me) hey... we are halfway through February... that wasn't so bad. HA!

Thank you to our great public works staff for all the work they do keeping our streets passable during some difficult situations, also dealing with the extreme cold we had this winter. Most of us probably don't realize what it takes to even keep the water flowing to our homes.

Just a reminder about some of the advantages to living in "the Village". **Our brush/compost site will again be open for Village residents starting April 6th.** Now is a good time to trim those trees and bushes that need cleaning up. The brush site accepts limbs up to 6" in diameter as well as leaves, grass clippings, etc. The monthly schedule is:

1st & 3rd Saturday mornings: 9am-Noon

2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons: 4-6pm

The location of the site is S3705 Kopplin Rd E.

Many of our Village residents take great pride in our town and its appearance. We would like it to grow in a positive way. Let's all try to work toward that goal. If anyone needs help to make their property more welcoming, please let us know and we will do whatever we can to assist you. Thank you.

Small Commitment... BIG IMPACT!

The **Fall Creek Area Foundation** is seeking community members to be a part of their Board of Directors. Interested candidates should have a desire to help the community, and be willing to attend bi-monthly meetings. There will be a meeting on April 18th from 6-7 PM in the Village Hall for interested candidates to attend. If you would like more information, check out their webpage at:

<http://fallcreekareafoundation.org/>

Or contact board members for more information!

Tom Lindgren, Vice President 715-877-3377
 Pat Prissel, Secretary 715-877-3211
 Sandy Dickinsen, Trustee 715-877-2489
 Marv Schmit, Trustee 715-577-0757
 Amanda Von Haden, Treasurer 715-579-9116
 Jennifer Mason, Trustee 715-579-2362

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Another great service at the Library: Lynda.com is a free instructional video library offering the latest in business, technology, and creativity. It can be used on any device, any time, featuring expert instructors. For more info, visit www.more.lib.wi.us. On the bottom of the page click "Research Page", then click "Lynda.com" under the Jobs & Skills section.



**to the Fall Creek Area
 Foundation for
 sponsoring this
 newsletter!!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

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- APR 2 Spring Election
 6 Family Yoga Story Time @ FCPL 10-11AM
 8 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
 11 Book Discussion: "Monsters in the Hallway" @ FCPL 7PM
 13 Easter Egg Hunt @ Keller Park 10AM
 19 Advanced Disposal Bulk Item Pick-up
 25 & 26 Spring Clean-up Days
 MAY 13 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
 17 Home School Track & Field Day @ Keller Park
 18 High School Graduation
 24 *Serving Wisconsin's Aging Population* @ FC Public Library 10AM
 27 American Legion Memorial Day Parade 9:30AM
 Route starts at school, proceeds down State St to Cemetery. Program @ cemetery.
 27 Lions Club Chicken Feed @ Keller Park
 MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY:
 Historical Society Open Sat & Sun 1-4PM
 JUN 1 Fish Fall Creek
 4 Book Discussion: "Anything but Simple: My Life as a Mennonite" @ FCPL 7PM
 7-8 Village-Wide Thrift Sales & FCPL Book Sale
 10 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
 20-23 Lions Fun Fest

THANK YOU

Thank you to Milt Kuehn for his many years of service at the Brush Site, and to Danielle Winrich for her many years of service as the Village crossing guard, and to Wayne & Rose Grosskopf for substituting.

Bike Safety

The Police Department will be giving a bike safety presentation at the school this spring. Then throughout the summer, as they see kids riding their bikes with their helmets on, they will reward the child with a coupon for a FREE ICE CREAM CONE FROM KRISTI'S and a chance to win a FREE BIKE from a drawing later this fall!!



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