

# VILLAGE OF FALL CREEK

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## UPCOMING 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS

In addition to completing the reconstruction of McKinley Avenue, the Village Board has been working on two additional capital projects for 2020 — repainting of the water tower and reconstruction of an important sewer lift station that serves the south-west section of the Village. Both of these projects required careful consideration of the timing for bidding the work. Although the water tower repainting cannot begin until warm weather, there are a limited number of contractors doing this specialized work and their schedules fill up quickly. For the lift station, there is a long lead time on the pumps and controls. It takes 3-4 months from order to delivery to the job site.

Contractor bids for these projects were opened on December 10, 2019. Nine contractors bid the water tower repainting with prices ranging from \$215,500 to \$448,700. Award was made to the low bidder, Viking Industrial Painting of Omaha. The cost is well under the \$250,000 cost estimate. Four contractors bid the lift station and award was made to the low bidder, Winona Mechanical of Winona, MN, for \$114,000. That is above the original cost estimate as there were changes to the plans before bidding.

These sewer and water projects will be financed by grants and loans from USDA Rural Development. Water is receiving \$349,000 in grant and Sewer \$211,000. Having the grant and low interest loan will help reduce the cost impacts to the Village.

## FALL CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Important Notice from  
Library Director Charlene Conradi**

Please help us keep our costs down by being conscious of where you check out your library materials. When any FC Village resident uses a library other than ours, we are charged for it. In 2019, we were assessed \$12,550 for these charges. That is a 55% increase from the prior year. This hurts our library in what we are able to offer and it increases your property taxes. Through the MORE system, our library can get any items you desire from other libraries. Simply specify Fall Creek as your pick up location when requesting your materials. Also, those of you who live outside the Village that want to help the FCPL grow, please consider making us your home library. THANK YOU for your continued support of the library!



## BOARD MEMBER'S CORNER

Village Trustee/Parks Committee Chairman  
**Matt Mattoon**

Winter is in full swing and so far, relatively mild. Lately it's been wonderful weather to enjoy the great Wisconsin outdoors. I wanted to remind you that as soon as the weather permits, the ice rink in Keller Park will be open. Hours of operation are from sun-up until 9pm.

Looking forward to spring, we will be refitting lighting at the horseshoe pits, making that area of the park available after dusk until the park closes. Additional items we are working on in 2020: seeking funding for repaving the parking lot, strategic treatment of park trees against the Emerald Ash Borer, and promoting more public events like "Music in the

Park" which saw its 2nd successful season of inviting local artists to share their talent.

Keep Keller Park in mind when considering family gatherings. Did you know you can rent the kitchen? Making it the perfect outdoor venue for graduation parties, reunions and even weddings! Call 877-2177 to make your reservation.

A big thank you to the American Legion for the wonderful addition to Randall Park with the new Veterans' Memorial!



## FALL CREEK POND UPDATE

From Inland Lake District President Dane Zook

I'd like to take this opportunity to give everyone an update on the progress to date relating to pond clean-up and reclamation.

First, a brief history. The pond originated in 1873-1909 as a way to grind or mill flour. It was started by Simon Randall, then reconstructed by P.O. Vogler when a milling house was attached. In 1978, the Inland Lake District was formed with Richard Ziemann as the first president. In 1981, the dam was in need of repair, so testing, studies and repair was started. While the water was low during the repair process, the basin was dredged and reclaimed (1986-1988) with work done in 1988.

Today we are again at the point of needing work, so we are gathering all the research we can from DNR reports, EC Co Conservation Dept, Lake EC Lake District, EC River Water Shed Group, Beaver Creek Reserve, Wildland School, environmental people, retired DNR water quality people, and a retired marine biology professor. We have all of their support for this project.

Our next step is to prepare a Lake Management Plan to submit to the DNR to get approval and permitting, then get bids on the project, and proceed from there. We will also investigate sources of funding such as State, DNR, and County grants, along with requesting private donations.

This project will span over multiple years, starting in 2020. The idea is to dredge parts of the pond to help reduce algae and plant growth, and create a better fish habitat. Our goal is to improve the pond for the future of all Fall Creek area residents and visitors.

## FALL CREEK AREA FOUNDATION

Submitted by Jen Mason

The FALL CREEK AREA FOUNDATION received many community grant applications this year. It is exciting that so many people in the community are working diligently to help others. We hope that area organizations will continue to make use of these funds.

### 2019 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- Fall Creek American Legion
- Scouts BSA Troop 90/FCFS Drama Department
- Fall Creek Valley Housing (WunderHaven)
- Fall Creek Historical Society
- FCFS Disc Golf
- Fall Creek Music in the Park
- Fall Creek Public Library

Letters requesting donations for the annual FLOWER FUND will be going out in February. If you do not receive one, but would like to donate, you can mail checks to: Fall Creek Area Foundation, PO Box 412, Fall Creek, WI 54742

We are looking for a new member to join us starting in August. If you are interested in making a BIG IMPACT, with little effort, please contact any of our members. For more info, visit [www.fallcreekareafoundation.org](http://www.fallcreekareafoundation.org).

## FALL CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Be part of the many dedicated volunteers who work to preserve the history of our Fall Creek community! Join them at any of the upcoming bi-monthly meetings on Mondays: Feb 10, April 13 and June 8 at 6:30PM in the museum at Randall Park.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN 7 FC Public Library: WI Health Pharmacy  
"Let's Talk About Pain Medicine" 5:30-6:30PM
- 8 FC Public Library: Home School Club
- 12 FC Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast @  
FC Middle School Gym 9AM-1PM
- 13 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
- 16 FC Area Foundation Meeting
- 24 FC Public Library: School's Out  
Book Mark Creations @ 10AM
- 28 FC Public Library: Home School Club
- FEB 9 FC Area Fire District Chicken Feed  
10:30AM-2PM @ FC Fire Station
- 10 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
- MAR 9 Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
- 12 Elementary School Art Reception 3-7PM

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

## MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH

Upcoming in March at Village Hall will be a fabulous display of artwork of the elementary and high school students! Come check it out!!

## WINTER PARKING

### Reminder of Village Ordinance § 249-4.D.

In order to promote public safety and the efficient and safe removal of snow during the winter months, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street or portion thereof from November 1 - March 31 between the hours of midnight and 6AM when there is any accumulation of snow.



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