

# THE CABOOSE



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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In the last newsletter I wrote about the flooding basements and sewage backups that resulted from the heavy rain event on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I also mentioned that the first step towards looking at possible solutions to remediate was to survey the affected residents and businesses so the Village Engineer can analyze data. That survey was included with the newsletter.

Phase two of this process began a few weeks ago when the Village put 4 sewer flow monitors into our system. The monitors will give valuable information every 5 minutes as to the flow, velocity and direction. This information will be gathered monthly in the "low flow" winter season and will be ready to evaluate in with the spring rains in March and April. The Village also installed a rain gauge on top of Village Hall which will act as the official Village of Butler gauge for our sewer shed region. The rain gauge information combined with the sewer flow information will allow the Village to start to identify the possibility of I/I (inflow and infiltration) from the stomacher system to the sewer system. This information will help find issues with the sewer system which will help prevent future basement backups.

Please note that this process will take several months and possibly a year or two to identify the troubled areas in the Village. But as we identify troubled areas, the Village Board will be presented with the information and a solution for review and action.

Richard E. Ensslin  
Village President

### VILLAGE INFORMATION

- Emergency..... 911
- Village Hall Information .....(262) 783-2525
- Assessor ..... (262) 783-2525
- Building Inspection ..... (262) 544-8280
- Code Enforcement..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Village Clerk ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Economic Development ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1222
- Court ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1400
- Engineer Tim Barbeau.....(262) 786-1777
- Finance/Treasurer ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1223
- Fire Non-Emergency ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1351
- Library.....(262) 783-2535
- Waste Management.....(414) 761-2100
- Police Non-Emergency .....(262) 446-5070
- Police Administration ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 2001
- Business Fax .....(262) 783-2522
- Public Works Inspection ..... (262) 783-2525
- Water Utility ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1223
- Parking Information ..... (262) 783-2525 Ext. 1700

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Sign up for our Weekly Village of Butler updates via the official Village of Butler website at [Butlerwi.gov](http://Butlerwi.gov). Enter your email address and click on Go and you will be signed up to receive the Weekly Update for the Village of Butler.

### HOLIDAY HOURS—VILLAGE HALL

The Village of Butler will be open on:  
Thursday, 12/23/2010 until 12 Noon. Closed on Friday,  
12/24/2010. Village of Butler will be Open on New Year's Eve,  
12/31/2010 from 8 AM—12 Noon and 1 PM - 5 PM.



**VILLAGE OF BUTLER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Village President**

Richard Ensslin

**Village Board of Trustees**

Village Trustee	William Benjamin	Village Trustee	Dan Zeck
Village Trustee	David Hesselgrave	Village Trustee	Susan Hesselgrave
Village Trustee	Walter Woloszyk	Village Trustee	Mary Turnbull

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REMINDER**

Removal from Sidewalks – Within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Butler to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.

Also, it is prohibited by Village Ordinance **for anyone to plow or shovel snow onto or across a public right-of-way**. Furthermore, no person, firm or corporation engaged in snow removal operations deposit snow or cause snow to be deposited across the street from the property from which said snow is being taken.

No person, firm or corporation shall place snow, allow snow to be placed or cause snow to be placed to a height greater than thirty inches (30”) above a place through the mean curb or street grade within the triangular space formed by any two (2) existing or proposed intersecting street or alley right-of-way lines and a line joining points on such lines, located a minimum of ten feet (10’) from their intersection.

Penalty – If any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of the above regarding Snow and Ice Removal shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-6 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Butler.

First Offense - \$25.00 - \$500.00

Second Offense - \$50.00 - \$1,000

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - Important/Current Phone Contact Information**

With the completion of the newly remodeled Village Hall, the Village’s new phone system went on-line. The Village went from several independent lines dedicated to all the different departments to one central “phone tree”. This has caused some confusion to callers, as each department now has its own extension.

When contacting the Butler Police Department, it is important to remember several things. In a life threatening emergency, or when a crime is in progress, always call 9-1-1. When service is needed for any other type call, or if you need to speak to an officer, please always dial our dispatch center at 262-446-5070.

For administrative matters, you can call 262-781-2431, but again, please do not call this number for police assistance. Always use 262-446-5070 when police assistance is needed.

To contact the Butler Municipal Court, please call 262-783-2525 and follow the prompts. So as a reminder, here is a list of numbers:

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

**ALL OF THER SERVICE 262-446-5070**

**Administrative matters 262-781-2431 ext 1100**

**Butler Municipal Court 262-783-2525 ext 1400**

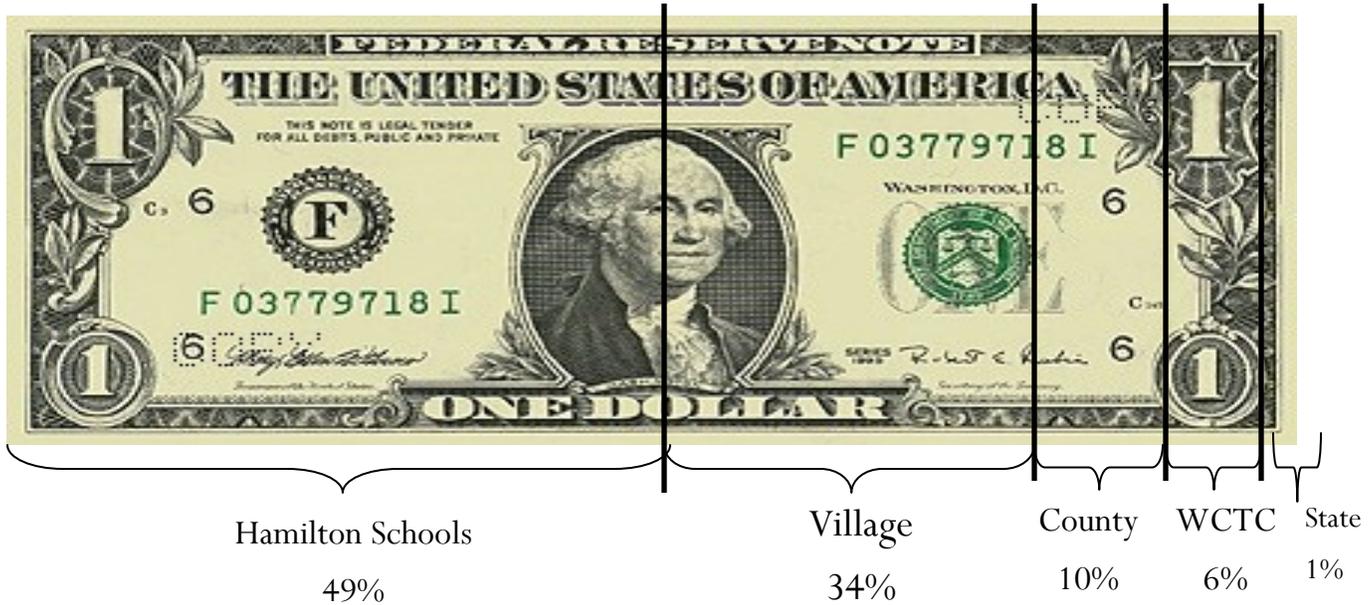
**Night Parking 262-781-2431 ext 1700**

Police Chief Cosgrove

The Village Board approved the 2011 budget on November 29, 2010. Tax bills were mailed the second week in December.

The Village will collect your tax payments until January 31, 2011. After that date, you should make payments at Waukesha County Courthouse Building.

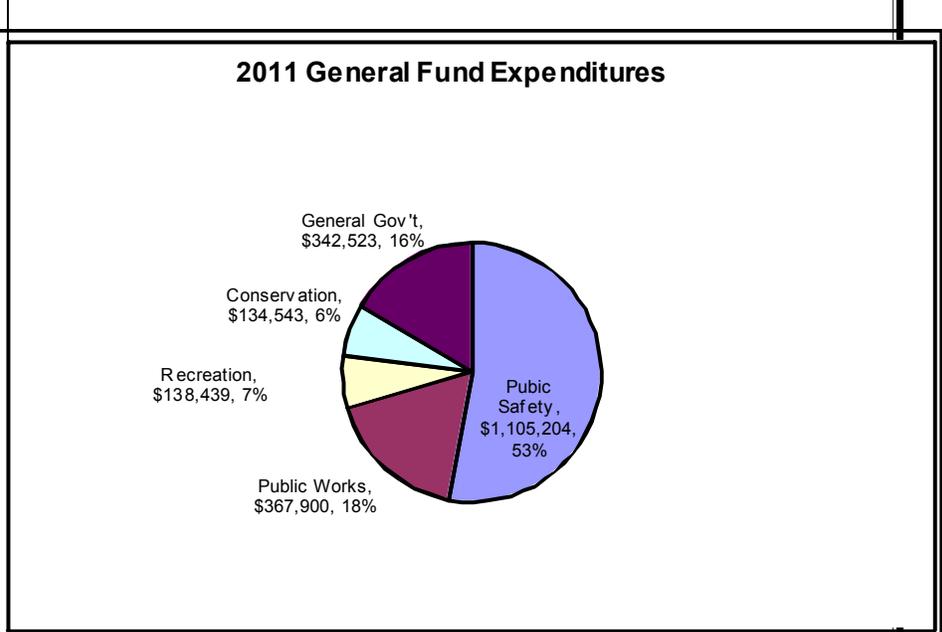
Where does your property tax money go?



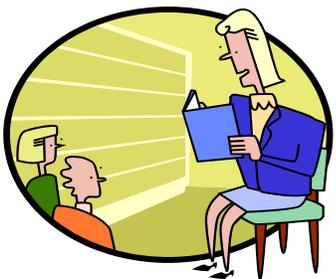
2011 General Fund Expenditure is \$2,119,225 which is \$14,385 or a 0.68% increase over 2011. The Village Board approved an increase in the Levy for 2011 of 3%. However, tax bills in the Village this year decreased as the Village which is 100% developed is a decreasing percentage of both the County and School's total tax levy.

Your portion of the property tax bill that goes to the Village is primarily spent on the General Fund which is comprised of Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Conservation/Development and General Government. Debt Services and Capital Projects are also funded by property taxes. In the 2011 Budget, 64% of the General Fund comes from property tax.

The rest is collected from fees, investments, grants, charges for services and state aid.



## LIBRARY NEWS



### 10 REASONS FOR COMING TO THE BUTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY!

10- **Newspaper and Magazines** The library subscribes to many local and regional newspapers. We also have many magazines to choose from. There are **free** issues of magazines in the hallway!

9- **No Time to Read a Book?** Try an audio book. Visit the library and browse our collection or download an audio book onto an iPod, Mp3 player. Then listen in your car!

8- **Tired of paying for DVD's?** Use your library card and rent them for **free**!

7- **Without Music Life Would Be Flat!** We are adding new CD's all the time!

6- **Access to Friendly, Informative Staff!** Librarians are trained to help you find what you are looking for at the library.

5 **Excellent Database Services offered!** The library offers databases such as: Ancestry, BadgerLink-a great homework help for students, Small Engine Repair and many others!

4-**Entertainment!** There are programs for people of all ages. Check the library's Web site, visit the library or look inside this newsletter. Book clubs, Computer Help and Knitting group.

3 **Kid Stuff** There is so much for kids to do at the library! Come to our story times often!

2 **Books, Books, Books!** Read to your heart's content!

1 **The American Dream** Libraries are a part of the American Dream- places for education, inspiration and lifelong learning!

### GIVING THANKS!

#### Winter Programs

Food Happening- Jan 20 @ 6:30

Try some Super Bowl or Winter Get together appetizers

Poetry Readings February 24

Visit Italy Program with Dave Thornton Feb 9 @6:30

WII Program – For Adults! Ask at the library!

Men's and Women's Reading Clubs!

Mystery Reading Club!

Knitting Club!

#### Computer Class and Computer Individual Help

4 Week Computer Class February 3 – 24

Individual Computer Help Thursdays 5 – 6PM

#### FAMILY PROGRAMMING -

9 months- 2 years, Bedtime Stories MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM

TOT TIME- NEW PROGRAM- 10:30 AM MONDAYS @ 10:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME-WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 PM

Thanks to the Businesses and Organizations that supported us in 2010

- \* Butler's Village Trustees
- \* Butler's Library Trustees
- \* Butler's Village Administration
- \* Butler's Police & Fire Department
- \* Butler's Public Works
- \* Butler Library Friend's
- \* Butler's Chamber of Commerce
- \* Bill Gates Foundation
- \* ethoplex

Happy New Year!

Gail Duernberger, Library Director

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Candles may be pretty to look at, and smell good, but they are a leading cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. fire department every 30 minutes. Roughly two-fifths of home candle fires started in the bedroom. More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle. Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles. Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children’s reach, in a locked cabinet. “CANDLE WITH CARE” Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bed room and other areas where people may fall asleep. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn. If you do burn candles, make sure that you use candle holders that are sturdy, and won’t tip over easily. Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface. Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame. Don’t burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container. Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Have a safe and happy holiday season. From your friends at the Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

**SNOW EMERGENCY**

In the event of a snow emergency, stay tuned to local television or radio stations for closings. During a snow emergency, there is **NO** street parking in the Village. Off-street parking is available in the parking lot by the old Lion’s Clubhouse and the South metered parking lot. Confirm with the Village Hall or Police Department.

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 2011**



February 15, 2011 (If Needed)  
April 5, 2011 Spring Election

**WATER METERS**

Water Meters that are located in the home should be kept in a heated area to keep them from freezing. Also, Water Meters outside should also be kept from freezing to avoid problems.

**REMINDER:**

Purchase your Parking Permits for the next Quarter—\$22.50 for Street Overnight Parking & \$30.00 for Municipal “South” Lot.

**DOG LICENSES**



State law requires all dogs over the age of 5 months to be licensed. To obtain a license, the dog owner must have proof of rabies immunization, including serum manufacturer, serum serial number and date vaccination was given and will expire. Licenses are now available at the Village Office or the Elm Brook Humane Society. The cost is \$7.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$12.00 if not fixed.

If dog licenses are not purchased by March 31, 2011, a \$5.00 late penalty will be due in addition to the \$7.00 or \$12.00 fee. All dog licenses will expire on 12/31/2010.

**KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR!**

It’s a good idea to “adopt” the fire hydrant on or near your property by digging away the snow. By keeping the hydrants clear, it only helps the Fire Department if they must respond to your home or business in a fire emergency. They don’t need to waste precious time in digging out the hydrant.

**BEAT THE WEATHER DOLDRUMS**

February 17, 2010 from 6 PM—9 PM Family Fun Game Night at the Community Building, 5251 N. 127 Street, Butler.

Bring a dish to pass, favorite games and your family. An opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors.

Brought to you by the Park and Recreation Department. To sign up, call Village Hall at 262-783-2525 Ext. 1222.



## VILLAGE OF BUTLER NEWSLETTER

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E-mail: [Butler@wi.rr.com](mailto:Butler@wi.rr.com)

## RECYCLING UPDATE

### **DNR Recycling Web Site Enhanced**

Looking for information on Wisconsin's recycling program? Trying to find a market for your recyclables?

Need some education resources or technical assistance? It's all on the Web, on DNR's recycling web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/>

Just about everything you need to know about recycling in Wisconsin can be found under some of the following headings:

- Recycling Quick Reference
- Recycling Law

- Recycling Contacts
- Local County Contacts
- Annual Recycling and Landfill Reports Recycling Studies

The "Recycling Quick Reference" is the newest addition to our site. In talking with people throughout the state, we learned that people are interested in having easy access to recycling basics. This site offers answers to the "what", "when" and "how" questions, such as:

- Material Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin
- Facts & Figures
- Who can tell me how and what to recycle?

### **Waukesha County Senior Services**

Please contact Waukesha County Department of Senior Services at (262) 548-7828 for information on the services provided in Waukesha County. Also, the Village Hall has the following brochures and literature (as well as other materials) available in the office:

Senior Connection

Share Program

Volunteer Services

Senior Dining

Caring for the Caregiver

A Good Day Begins . . . .

A Directory of Useful Information

Developing your Caregiving Team

Please feel free to stop in anytime and help yourself to any of the free publications, brochures, literature, etc. that we have in the office.

