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Fall General Election Voter Information

Polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m.–8 p.m. The polling location for Village of McFarland residents is located at the Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee St. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Verification can be found at myvote.wi.gov.

Absentee Voting

An absentee ballot must be requested in writing and forms can be downloaded at myvote.wi.gov or at www.mcfarland.wi.us. You may request to receive an absentee ballot by mail (PO Box 110, McFarland, WI 53558) or vote in person at the Administration office located at the Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee St., McFarland. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Absentee Voting dates are as follows:

- First day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Monday, Oct. 20
- Deadline to request and absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, Oct. 30
- Last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, Oct. 31.

No Photo ID Required for Nov. 4 Election

The U.S. Supreme Court blocked implementation of Wisconsin's voter photo ID law Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. Please frequently check the Village's website at www.mcfarland.wi.us for updates to ensure you have the most current information on elections.



Public Works Department staff, pictured left to right: Scott Westphal, Jerry Reiter, Jack Kelln, Brett Brandt, Steve Brandt, Linda Dieckhoff, Allan Coville, Patty O'Hearn and Mark Weber. Not pictured: Mark Kampmeier, Brad Warren, Dave Gammon, Randy Justesen and Paul Peters.

Public Works Department Receives Appreciation

With the snow season soon approaching, this is the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of our Public Works Department and show appreciation to these employees for their hard work and dedication to enriching our community. Often when

people think about the Public Works Department they find themselves thinking mainly about snow plowing. Although that is an important part of their responsibilities, public works employees provide an abundance of programs and services. The department consists of a director, two clericals, one mechanic, one crew lead, six crewmen and three seasonal employees. This article highlights many of the responsibilities within the department.

Programs And Services

The Public Works Department has the greatest breadth and variety of responsibilities of any Village department. The department operates the Water Utility, Sewer Utility, and Stormwater Utility, is responsible for management of all Village facilities and maintenance of Parks and Park Facilities, including conservancy's, administers solid waste contracts, and coordinates the design, review, and inspection of Village construction projects and the infrastructure work in new developments that are installed by private contractors. The core functions of the Public Works Department are described below.

Vehicle Maintenance

– The department maintains a variety of its own light and heavy duty trucks, contractors' equipment, small engine equipment and provides maintenance of vehicles for the Police, Fire, Emergency Service and Community Development departments.

Street Maintenance – The department coordinates or conducts a wide variety of street maintenance activities, including crack filling, black slag sealing, patching,

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Shared Table Invites Groups to Serve a Meal

Now into its third year of offering free nutritious weekly meals, Shared Table Free Community Meals, Inc. invites community groups and congregations to sign up now to provide a meal in 2015. Shared Table meals are served every Thursday from 5–6:15 p.m. at McFarland Lutheran Church on the corner of Marsh Road and CTH MN. A different community group prepares and serves the meal each week. Anyone who is food insecure or who would like to enjoy a meal and conversation in a friendly atmosphere is invited. All are welcome.

To allow both guests and servers to celebrate the holidays with their families, Shared Table meals will not be served on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years Day. To sign up to reserve a meal date in 2015, contact Meal Coordinator Vicki Holten at 345-3403 or by email at marvin911@charter.net.

Employee and Volunteer Service Anniversaries

The following employees and volunteers are observing significant service anniversaries in the fourth quarter of 2014. The Village thanks them for their length of service and commitment to serving McFarland residents.

Employee/Volunteer	Department	Years
Melissa Lavin	Police	25
Sue Olsen	Library	5



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The Outlook Available On-Line

The Village newsletter is available at www.mcfarland.wi.us and you will find the most current version of the Outlook near the top of the right column.



Feast on mouthwatering chocolate delicacies at the Chocolate Fest, a fundraiser for the historic Larson House.

McFarland Historical Society to Host Annual Chocolate Fest November 8

McFarland Historical Society (MHS) hosts its Fifth Annual Chocolate Fest Saturday, Nov. 8, from 7–9 p.m. Madison Curling Club, 4802 Marsh Road to benefit the ongoing maintenance and restoration of the historic Larson House in downtown McFarland. For the price of a \$15 ticket, guests can feast upon an assortment of mouthwatering chocolate delicacies crafted by featured baker Chris Olson and delight in an assortment of chocolate cakes, dreamy chocolate pies, luscious truffles, scrumptious cheesecakes and tasty tortes created by a host of McFarland contributors, all the while sipping on a glass of chilled sparkling wine in the ambience of soft music and warm candlelight.

Red and white wine will be available for purchase by the glass. Fresh apple cider from Door Creed Orchard and Ancora coffee from the McFarland House Café are included in the ticket price. Cedar Grove Cheese will bring free samples of their famous cheeses and Door Creek Orchard will provide sliced apples. Live entertainment features vocalist Donna Van Bogert and the piano music of Joe Dever. More than 50 items donated by local businesses will be offered in a Silent Auction. Items range from art by local artist Steven Kozar and season tickets to the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra to gift cards from local eating establishments and a certificate from The Boat Doctor.

Raffle tickets will be available at the event. First prize is a matching pink mystic topaz pendant and ring. Second prize is a hand crafted Badger quilt with squares autographed by UW sports greats Bo Ryan, Barry Alvarez and Gary Andersen.

In honor of her 25th anniversary, featured baker Chris Olson of Chris's Confections in McFarland will offer a smorgasbord of all the cakes on her menu as well as the ever-popular cake pops and French silk cupcakes.

All proceeds from the Chocolate Fest go toward keeping the lights on and the doors open to the public at the Larson House Museum, which opened in May 2014. The museum displays items dating from the 1920s, a time when the John Larson family inhabited the house, when the McFarland incorporated as a village and when electricity first became available in the area.

Chocolate Festival tickets and raffle tickets can be purchased at McFarland State Bank on Hwy. 51, at the Associated Bank of McFarland on Farwell Street in McFarland or at the door the night of the event. For more information about the Chocolate Fest please contact Meg Nielsen at churchladymeg@hotmail.com. To enjoy a mouth-watering preview of the Chocolate Fest, please visit www.mcfarlandhistorical.org.



Pet Licenses and Dog Park Permits

It's Time to Renew Your 2015 Cat or Dog License

Cat and dog licenses for 2014 expire Dec. 31, 2014. Licenses for 2015 obtained after March 31, 2015 will be assessed a late fee.

Municipal ordinances and state law require all dogs and cats over five months of age to be licensed. If you received a new pet for the holidays, or if a younger pet has or will soon reach licensing age, be sure to obtain your 2015 license by the March 31 deadline.

The Pet License and Dog Park Permit Application will be mailed with tax bills. If you have a dog and do not receive a tax bill, please stop and pick up the application at the Village Administration office or download it from the Village website homepage at www.mcfarland.wi.us.

Dog Licenses and Annual Dog Park Permits Must be Obtained for 2015

Your current McFarland Dog Exercise Area permit will expire Dec. 31 and you will need to obtain both a 2015 dog license and dog park permit in order to continue use of the park. Daily dog park permits are available only at the Dog Park.

The Dog Park is located at 6201 Elvehjem Road in Urso Park and features a fully fenced exercise area of about 7 acres where dogs can run and play off leash. Amenities include a lighted parking lot, paths, signage, benches, pet waste bags and disposal stations. The terrain and vegetation of the site varies a good deal which makes it an interesting and enjoyable walk even if you do not own a dog.

If you have more than one dog, you will need to make copies of the application as a completed application is required to obtain a dog park permit or license for each pet you own.



The 2014 Village of McFarland Pet License and Dog Park Permit Application includes instructions on how to renew or obtain a new 2015 pet license and dog park permit and will be mailed with tax bills.

If you have a dog and do not receive a tax bill, please stop and pick up an application form at the Village Administration office or download it from the Village website homepage at www.mcfarland.wi.us. This form will be available after Dec. 3.

Delinquent Utility Accounts go on Tax Roll

Notices of delinquent water, sewer and storm water accounts were mailed to homeowners, landlords and tenants. Past due amounts will be placed on the property tax roll, with penalties added, if they are not paid in full on or before Nov. 17, 2014. Once the charges go on the tax roll, they become a lien against the property until paid.

In the case of rental properties, the property owner is responsible for paying the delinquent utility bill even if a tenant or former tenant incurred the charges. Landlords may check the status of a tenant's account at any time of the year by calling 838-7287.

Village Board Positions Contested in Spring Election

The Village President and three Village Board Trustee seats will be contested in the Spring Election to be held April 7, 2015. Nomination papers for these offices may be picked up at the Clerk's Office beginning Nov. 20 and circulated beginning Sunday, Dec. 1. Completed nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.

The two-year terms of incumbent Village President Brad Czebota and Trustees Aaron Babcock, Scott Gletty-Syoen and Brian Utter expire April 14, 2015.

If necessary, a Primary Election for these offices will be held Feb. 17.

If you are interested in finding out more about the nomination process, duties, time commitment and compensation for these offices please contact Village Clerk Tracey Berman at 838-3153 or email tracey.berman@mcfarland.wi.us.

Property Tax Bills Due Jan. 31

Property taxes may be paid in full by Jan. 31 or on a two-part installment payment plan

The 2014 property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed the second week in December. Property taxes are due in full on or before Jan. 31, 2015, or they may be paid on a two-part installment payment plan. The first installment is due Jan. 31, 2015 and the second is due July 31, 2015. All tax payments made through Jan. 31, 2015, go to the McFarland Village Treasurer; all payments made after that date must go directly to the Dane County Treasurer, PO Box 1299, Madison, WI, 53701-1299.

If you plan to use the tax payment as a deduction against your 2014 income taxes, it must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2014 or paid in person by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 31, 2014. Village offices will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and Jan. 19.



Christmas in the Village
Saturday, December 6

Sponsored by:
McFarland Chamber of Commerce

Municipal Calendar

Oct. 27–31

Brush collection (Zone 2)

Nov. 4

General Election

(polls open 7 a.m.–8 p.m.)

Nov. 3–7

Brush Collection (Zone 3)

Nov. 10–14

Yard waste collection (Villagewide)

Nov. 27–28

Holidays – Offices closed

Dec. 1

Begin winter parking regulations

Begin circulation of nomination papers

Yard waste/Brush drop-off-site closes

Dec. 3

2015 Pet License applications available

Dec. 6

Christmas in the Village

Dec. 24–25

Holidays – Offices closed

Dec. 31

Property tax prepayment deadline

Expiration of 2014 dog and cat licenses and dog park permits

Jan. 1

Holiday – Offices closed

Jan. 6

Deadline for filing nomination papers

Jan. 19

Holiday – Offices closed

Jan. 31

Deadline for paying first installment of property taxes

Cable Channel 98 or 982

Meetings of Village government authorities, boards, committees and commissions are generally televised live on Cable Channel 98/982 and then replayed on a scheduled basis over the next month. Check the Village website at www.mcfarland.wi.us/cableschedule for the most up to date program schedule for each week. Videos of Village meetings are also available for download at www.mcfarland.wi.us/onlinevideo.

Police Department to Establish K9 Unit

The Department held its Third Annual K9 Unit Golf Outing fundraiser Sept. 20 at the Oaks Golf Course. The event was highly successful and raised a very good amount of funding for the program. The Department would like to thank all of our sponsors and participants.

Our current fundraising endeavor is the sale of McFarland Police K9 Unit t-shirts, which are currently on sale at the Police Department. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. All profits directly support the K9 Unit.

How can you help? Anyone interested in donating to the program, hosting or assisting with a fundraising event can contact Officer Ryan Copeland at 608-838-3151, or by email at ryan.copeland@mcfarland.wi.us.

Thank you for your support!

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striping, shouldering, signage, street lights, resurfacing, reconstruction, snow and ice control, and maintenance or replacement of sidewalks and paths.

Utilities – The department also takes care of the day-to-day operation of the water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater facilities in the Village. This includes but is not limited to daily, weekly, monthly and year testing of the water supply system. The crew also repairs water main breaks, unthaws frozen water laterals, exercises all the water main valves, flushes and performs routine hydrant maintenance on all fire hydrants, and changes out water meters for every building in the Village. The department also takes care of meter readings, processing of all Water and Sewer Utility Bills, and working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Public Service Commission (PSC), and the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District (MMSD) as required.

Parks and Natural Conservancies – Another area the department takes care of is the parks, parks facilities and the Natural Conservancy areas in the Village. This includes maintenance and repairs to the parks buildings, playground structures, outdoor ice rinks, mowing and grooming lawn areas, maintaining natural paths, broad control of natural conservancy areas, and working with multiple associations regarding the use and maintenance of some of the active parks, i.e., softball, soccer fields, bocce courts.

Facility Maintenance – The department is also responsible for the maintenance of the Municipal Center, Public Works Building, Library, Youth Center, and other Village owned buildings. This includes but is not limited to routine maintenance of the HVAC, painting, minor building repairs, and coordinating roof repairs.

The Village would like to extend a big ‘thank you’ to the Public Works Department for their dedication and hard work!



**Dr. Randy Raasch
Dr. Ann Plata
Dr. Lisa Yackel**

Watch for Our Upcoming Events

December

*“Christmas in the Village”
Free Carriage Rides*

608-838-3400

5620 US Hwy 51, McFarland Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm Sat 8:30 am–Noon www.mcfarlandanimalhospital.com



Student education during Fire Prevention Week included a firefighter dressed in turnout gear for each class so they could see what a firefighter would look and sound like when in a fire to help them not be scared during a fire crisis.

2014 Fire Prevention Week Provided Community Education to

During the months of September and October 2014, the McFarland Fire & Rescue Department accomplished a variety of activities to inform the public about fire safety. Beginning in September, many commercial business fire inspections were completed, a series of walk-in station tours were done, with a focus on spreading the many messages of fire safety/prevention and changing smoke detector batteries. A lot of time in September was spent planning for Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 5–11) which consisted of developing ideas for the best way to inform the public about fire safety and how to advertise our Open House Oct. 8 to better inform the public about fire safety. A new approach was taken to educating the students this year; we had a firefighter dress up in turnout gear for each class so the students could see what a firefighter would look and sound like when in a fire, so they would not be scared.

During Fire Prevention Week, the McFarland Fire & Rescue Department was very busy with giving station tours to local classes and schools, which included a brief Fire Safety video, dressing up a firefighter, having the students spray a small house with a hose, and showing off the apparatus. For the classes that could not come to the fire station, we took a fire truck to the school. Also during Fire Prevention Week we held our annual Open House. A free dinner was available to those that came, compliments of the McFarland Firefighter's Association; additionally we had both firefighting and EMS equipment on display and a table for children's' fire prevention handouts. The highlight of the night was a vehicle extrication demonstration. Which showed the public what may have to be done on the scene of a car accident. Throughout Fire Prevention Week the Department provided community education to over 1,500 adults and children in the community.

Actively Recruiting Firefighters and EMT's

Have you considered giving back to your community or helping others in need, but been unsure how to get started? The McFarland Fire & Rescue Department is a combination Department providing Fire and EMS protection and services to the Village of McFarland, Town of Dunn, and Town of Pleasant Springs and is seeking new recruits.

As our lives evolve and society changes around us, our time and availability seems to decrease. Volunteer firefighters and EMT's are getting harder and harder to find, but the need for emergency responders continues to exist and actually is increasing. The McFarland Fire & Rescue Department provides an excellent training program, sense of community, and compensation for paid on call firefighters and EMT's.

If you are interested in learning more about McFarland Fire & Rescue visit our website, or stop down at the station for a tour and to ask questions about joining. Applications are available online. <http://www.mcfarland.wi.us>.

Renewals and Enrollment Medicare Part D

The Medicare Part D enrollment for the year 2015 runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, 2014.

Private Part D plans can change coverage, cost and deductibles with each new contract year. For seniors who have experienced the *gap*, also known as the "*donut hole*," this coverage has improved with recent federal health care changes under the Affordable Care Act.

For seniors just turning 65, Senior Outreach can assist in reviewing your options. SeniorCare, which is funded through the State of Wisconsin, is also an option for 2014.

Seniors wanting to discuss SeniorCare or seeking assistance with Medicare Part D enrollment, please call 838-7117 and ask for Lori Andersen or Sara Sprang, Case Managers, for an appointment. Drop-ins can only be served as time permits.



Winter Driving Tips

The McFarland Police Department offers the following winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated. Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. To accelerate, apply gas slowly to regain traction and avoiding skids.
- Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads. Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads.
- Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly. The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to 10 seconds in case you need to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking.
- Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top.
- Don't stop going up a hill as it's hard to get moving again on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Check Mailbox for Deterioration Before Winter

Snowplow operators try very hard to avoid mailboxes when plowing streets. With daily exposure to the elements, mailboxes and their posts do deteriorate over time and may not be able to withstand the rigors of Wisconsin's snow, freezing rain, and high winds. Please check the condition of your mailbox and post and, if necessary, repair or replace them prior to winter. The Public Works Department will repair/replace mailboxes and their posts if they are hit directly by Village snow plows but cannot be responsible for mailboxes and/or posts that are so weak that the weight of plowed snow or slush simply pushes them over.

Fall/Winter Fire Safety Tips

Home Heating Systems Have your heating system professionally inspected, cleaned, and serviced every year. Many companies offer discounted rates for a maintenance call versus an emergency repair.

Space Heaters Space heaters can be dangerous if not used following general safety guidelines. Check your owner's manuals for general maintenance and cleaning instructions. Before using space heaters, inspect them for damage, including the power cord, and know how to operate them safely. It is more economical to replace older units than to have them repaired. Newer units are safer because of improved safety features and are more economical to operate. Discard old faulty space heaters in a way that someone else cannot use them.

Fuel Fired Devices Flammable liquids should not be stored in inside the home or in an attached garage or shed. This includes any unused fuel still in the fuel tank. Store this equipment away from your home or drain excess fuel out of the tank before storing. This simple safety precaution will help prevent accidental fires from escaping fuel vapors.

General Home Fire Safety The holiday season from November to January accounts for a larger percentage of residential structure fires. Most of these holiday season fires occur in the kitchen. Don't allow yourself to be distracted when you are cooking. If you must leave the kitchen, carry something with you as a reminder.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless odorless gas that accounts for nearly 500 unintentional deaths per year. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Wisconsin law requires CO detectors in all new and existing residences. A CO alarm must be installed on every floor level and near sleeping areas.

Smoke Detectors Don't assume these life saving appliances work just by looking at it. They require some basic maintenance to make sure they will work properly. Nuisance or false alarms are the number one cause for battery removal and are usually caused by installing units too close to the kitchen and or heating vents. It is advised to relocate units closer to or inside sleeping areas to prevent false alarms. Other helpful tips include:

- Replace the battery when necessary or at least once a year.
- Clean dust from around the cover to let air flow inside.
- Replace units that are 10 years old or if its reliability is in question.
- Push the test button once a month to make sure it works properly.



McFarland Alternate Side Parking Ordinance

The McFarland Police Department reminders of the Village's Winter Parking Regulations:

Sec. 35-158. – Winter parking regulations

- a. **Alternate side parking.** It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the Village on the odd-numbered side of the street on the even-numbered calendar days and on the even-numbered side of the street on the odd-numbered calendar days from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year during the hours between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any cul-de-sac bulb street in the Village from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year during the hours between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Any vehicle or object parked in violation hereof may be removed from said street by the Village police at the cost of the owner thereof and, in addition thereto, shall be liable for and subject to the penalties provided below. This Subsection shall not apply to streets where parking is limited to one side of the street.
- b. **Snow emergency parking by regulations.** Upon the declaration of a snow or snow removal emergency by the Chief of Police and/or the Village Board and in conjunction with the Director of Public Works, regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of this Subsection shall be made.
 - (1) When it becomes necessary to effectuate the effective movement of vehicles and to plow snow or ice from streets which, because of the accumulation of snow or ice thereon, causes such a hindrance to traffic as constitutes an emergency unless the snow or ice is promptly removed, the Chief of Police or a designated subordinate, after consultation with the Director of Public Works shall, by appropriate public media, declare the beginning of an emergency and the application of emergency snow parking regulations, which regulations shall remain in force and effect until lifted by the Chief of Police or a designated subordinate. For the purpose of this Subsection, the accumulation of snow or ice on any streets or area sufficient for the application of emergency regulations herein shall be such accumulation of snow and ice that hinders the safe movement of traffic hereon or that impedes the ability of emergency vehicles and public transportation vehicles to travel safely and expeditiously over such streets or areas.
 - (2) When necessary for the clearing, repairing, removal and plowing of snow or ice from any street or for other emergency or special conditions as declared, the Chief of Police or designated subordinates are hereby authorized to make and carry out regulations and procedures sufficient to effectively cope with such emergency or special conditions to include:
 - a. Making temporary regulations directing traffic and regulating parking;
 - b. Restrictions prohibiting parking on any street from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.; and/or
 - c. Such other and further regulations and restrictions as to traffic and parking as may be designated as necessary.
 - (3) Whenever a snow emergency exists as declared herein and any motor vehicle or object shall remain on the street or public parking lot in violation of this Subsection, it may be removed by or under the direction of the Police or Public Works Department after one of such departments has attempted to notify the owner to remove such vehicle and it has not been removed.
 - (4) This Subsection shall supersede all other parking regulations in force or posted on any street. Enforcement of this Subsection shall not require posting on affected streets but posting shall be placed or erected at or reasonably near the corporate limits on all state and county trunk highways and connecting streets informing motorists that snow emergency regulations are in effect.

ATV Route for Ice Fishing Lake Access

In December 2011, the McFarland Village Board approved a resolution establishing a winter-only ATV route intended to provide public ATV access for ice fishing on Lake Waubesa through McDaniel Park. The route encompasses Siggelkow Road from the intersection with Terminal Drive to and through McDaniel Park, and Erling Avenue from the intersection with Bremer Road to and through McDaniel Park. A marked trail will be provided in McDaniel Park to operate ATV's through the park and onto the lake.

The route will open for the 2014–2015 season Dec. 1, 2014 and close March 31, 2015. Parking for vehicle-trailer combination trailers will not be allowed inside of McDaniel Park due to space limitations, however ATV's and equipment may be unloaded near or in the park. Vehicle-trailer combinations may park anywhere along the established route on Erling Avenue, McDaniel Lane and Siggelkow Road where parking is typically allowed and not prohibited by other ordinances.

All other parking ordinances, including winter parking are still in effect. Additionally, vehicle-trailer combinations will be permitted to park horizontally across the normally marked single vehicle stalls along the Brandt Park parking area on Siggelkow Road

ATV operators are responsible to familiarize themselves with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of ATV's on a roadway. Per Village ordinance, the posted speed limit for ATV's on established routes is 5 mph. ATV operators will not be allowed to tow any sort of structure or equipment that will damage the roadway and it is strongly advised that such equipment be dropped of at or near the park.

No ATV operation is permitted on any other roadway not established as an official ATV route, or in any other area of McDaniel Park other than the marked trail. Official signs will be erected clearly marking the approved route. Any questions related to this resolution may be directed to the McFarland Police Department at 608-838-3151.

Winter Reminders

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

With winter approaching, residents are reminded that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate. Residents must also keep sidewalks sprinkled with sand and/or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians. Citations will be issued for ordinance violations.

Don't Blow Snow into Street

It is a violation of Village ordinances to plow, blow or shovel snow into Village streets. This can cause a serious hazard for pedestrians and motorists, especially when it is done after the street has already been plowed. Warnings will be issued for the first violation and citations for any further violations.

Adopt a Hydrant

Residents are encouraged to adopt a hydrant each winter. Staff is unable to take care of the hydrants immediately due to removing snow from the street. After snowstorms we would appreciate residents' help to remove the snow from around the hydrant.

Ice Skating Rink Winter Flooding Plans

If the weather permits, the open skating and hockey ice rink will be flooded at Lewis Park this winter. The warming shelter is typically open on weekends and some weeknights from late December to mid-February when skating conditions are favorable.

Holiday Tree Collection

Just a reminder that the Village will no longer conduct an annual curbside collection of natural holiday trees. For your convenience, the drop-off site will be open from Dec. 29 through Jan. 11 2015.

Snow Emergencies

During times of heavy snow falls and serious weather conditions, or when those conditions are predicted, a Snow Emergency may be declared. If a Snow Emergency is declared, it will be broadcast on Madison radio stations, on Cable 98/982, and on the Village website. Remember, no vehicle is allowed to be parked on any Village streets during a snow emergency.



Drivers Reminded of Safety Tips While Driving in School Zones

As we progress further into the 2014–15 school year, here is a reminder of a few basic safety tips. The speed limit is 15 mph in school zones, and enforcement in these areas is much stricter than in some other areas of the Village. Drivers are encouraged to be alert in all areas when driving, but especially in school zones. Proper speed, use of signal lights, fully stopping at stop signs, and paying attention to crossing guards at intersections are crucial to preventing school zone accidents.

Crossing guards play a very important role in keeping our children safe. These individuals earn very little money in relation to the sacrifice they make...so instead of becoming impatient with them, let's instead consider thanking them for what they do. It is important to obey their directions...trying to "zip through" to try to save a few seconds of travel time simply isn't worth it, and will not be tolerated by the Police Department. Crossing Guards, similar to bus drivers, have the ability to obtain license plate numbers and turn them in to the Police. Citations can and will be issued to those demonstrating unsafe school zone driving habits.

If a crossing guard is in the roadway, you are required by law to obey their signals and directions. All traffic that impacts the area in which the crossing guard is controlling must wait until that roadway is clear of both children and the crossing guard. It makes no difference whether you are proceeding straight ahead or turning from another street — you must not proceed.

In regards to traffic backups, especially in near the Elementary campuses, I would encourage any drivers that are able to find other routes out of McFarland to utilize them. Examples would be Marsh Road or Valley Dr. to Siggelkow Road, and then proceeding to STH 51.

Here are some basic safety tips:

1. Familiarize yourself with school or provider drop-off and pickup practices and then be sure you always follow them.
2. Discuss these rules with your child and practice with younger ones.
3. Resist the urge to speed or make any traffic rules exception because you are running late.
4. Know all traffic rules concerning school zones and traffic flows.
5. Refrain from using your cellphone, palm, or any other distraction while around school zones.

Garbage and Recycling Schedule for 2014

Your waste and recycling materials will be collected Tuesday and Wednesday, and should be placed curbside by 6 a.m. This schedule will be the same for the rest of 2014.

Medical Safety Tips for Fall and Winter

Winter Health and Safety Tips

Winter's various dangers to people can occur suddenly, like a heart attack while shoveling snow, or slow and stealthily like carbon monoxide poisoning. Hypothermia and frostbite are always a concern, especially for the elderly and for people with chronic health conditions.

Snow Shoveling Safety

Keep walkways around the home clear of snow and ice. Snow shoveling can cause serious injuries or death to people who are elderly, have chronic health problems or are not used to strenuous activity. If you are in one of these categories, you may want to use a snow blower or hire a snow removal service. If you choose to do this heavy work yourself, remember that your body may tire quicker in the cold. Here are additional tips:

- Do not overextend yourself. Take short breaks in between shoveling.
- Exhaustion can make the body more susceptible to cold injuries.
- Wear sturdy shoes with rugged soles to help prevent slips and falls.
- Never smoke while shoveling. Tobacco smoke constricts blood vessels just as cold air does; the combination could be dangerous.
- If you become short of breath while shoveling, stop and rest. If you feel pain or tightness in your chest, become dizzy, faint or start sweating heavily, stop immediately and call for help.
- Have a partner monitor your progress and share the workload. If you have a heart attack, your partner can call for help and if trained, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until help arrives.
- Use a sturdy, lightweight shovel to push the snow out of the way. If you must lift the snow, take small scoops. A shovel-full of dry snow can weigh about 4 pounds; wet snow can weigh significantly more.

Warm up before shoveling by walking and stretching your arms and legs for a few minutes. Warm muscles are less likely to be injured and work more efficiently.

If you use a snow blower, keep in mind that pushing a snow blower through heavy, packed snow can present a health risk.

Avoiding Slips and Falls

Winter in Wisconsin can be unpredictable. Snow, sleet and icy roads and walkways can make getting around not only inconvenient, but dangerous. Use these simple precautions to decrease your risk of falling:

- Take it slow. Allow extra time to get places in the winter. Try to avoid carrying heavy packages while walking on ice or snow – it can leave you feeling unbalanced.
- Keep rock salt, sand and a shovel available. Rock salt is a chemical de-icing compound that reduces the risk of slipping.
- Wear appropriate footwear. Winter boots provide more traction than tennis or dress shoes. Carry a cellphone when walking in inclement weather.
- Ask for help. If you have to walk across an icy sidewalk or parking lot, try to find a steady arm to lean on. Most people will gladly help an older person navigate a slippery walkway.
- Continue your exercise regimen indoors, if possible.

Yard Waste and Brush Drop-Off Site

The drop-off site located at the Public Works Facility on Terminal Drive is still open and accepting yard waste and brush. The operating hours of the yard waste/brush drop-off site are 7 a.m.–7 p.m., seven days a week. The site will close on or about December 1, depending upon late season weather conditions.

There are separate dumping areas for yard waste and brush. Please stack your material as close to the back wall as possible to conserve space.

BRUSH & WASTE CHECKLIST

What is accepted:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Thatch
- Non-woody Plants
- Brush must be no larger than 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length

What is not accepted:

- Rocks
- Concrete
- Metal
- Stumps
- Base Root Balls
- Sod
- Dirt
- Lumber

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Introduction to Tech Items

A technology preview event for seniors will be offered by high school students Thursday, Nov. 13 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. Seniors can come to the high school to see and try some technology options, such as computers, Chromebooks, Kindles, iPads and several phones plus talk to the students about the tech item's uses and features. Interested persons should make appointments through Senior Outreach at 838-7117.

Emergency Preparedness

Dane County Emergency Management has assembled starter emergency kits for seniors. These emergency kits are designed to help seniors start building their own personalized emergency kit. They contain a space blanket (similar to what marathon runners use after a race), a small flashlight, a small first aid kit (small enough to be attached to a key chain), and information to help seniors develop a personal emergency plan. While the materials in the kit appear sparse, we are continually reminded that the real value to a senior's emergency kit is personal information.

Emergency kits are designed to be a conversation starter with seniors focusing on personal emergency preparedness. Emergency Management will give a 25-minute presentation in the McFarland Municipal Center Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. Ryan Jensen, an AmeriCorps worker, will be giving this presentation. Attendees will get personal emergency kits and planning handouts. Call Senior Outreach at 838-7117 to let them know you'll be attending this program.

New Senior Meal Site Hours

Beginning in September, the number of serving days for McFarland's senior meal site have been reduced from five days a week to three times a week. This reduction was due in combination of low participation on certain days and an anticipated reduction in Dane County funding. Dining is now available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 11:45 a.m. Meal reservations are due by 10 a.m. the business day before the desired meal.

Are you over age 60 and are tired of eating alone or fixing meals for one to two people? Are your menus the same ones over and over again? Then perhaps you would like to consider attending the senior meal site. The meal program is for every senior, no matter what the income. The meals are prepared by a caterer and brought to McFarland for consumption. It is a well-balanced meal. Typically, seniors who live alone eat meals which tend to be those of convenience — cereal, soup, sandwiches — rather than meals balanced with fruits, vegetables, food rich in anti-oxidants, fiber, and omega-3.

Socialization is also a benefit of the program. Research shows that people who are more connected socially are less depressed and have fewer health problems. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring a neighbor or a friend along.

Home delivered meals are considered essential to many home-bound seniors. They will remain available Monday through Fridays. Whether the senior is home recuperating from surgery or just finding it difficult to leave home any more, the meals are a convenient means for getting good food.

The cost of a meal is on a donation basis — whatever the senior can afford. Call Senior Outreach Services at 838-7117 for more information.

McFarland Senior Outreach Department welcomes Mary Grell as the new nutrition site manager. Mary has been a kitchen and a data entry volunteer for Senior Outreach, so she is very familiar to the department. She is a delightful person, I encourage you to come and meet her.

Extended Vacation Trips Offered

McFarland Senior Outreach, in collaboration with other Dane County senior centers, will be offering several extended trips in 2015. A preview of these trips will be provided Monday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

In addition, brochures of these trips are located in the McFarland Municipal Center or other participating senior centers. Trip details can also be gotten through the trip coordinator, Georgia Ascher at 270-4290 at the Fitchburg Senior Center.

Feb. 13–23, 2015 – 10 days in sunny Florida, including Key West, Everglades National Park, the Gulf Coast shoreline and Clearwater Beach. Cost: \$1,889 plus air.
April 11–18, 2015 – 8 days in the South, including New Orleans, Memphis, Lake Charles. Cost: \$1,339 includes 13 meals.

May 12–21, 2015 – 10 days in Shades of Ireland, including Dublin, Waterford, Blarney, Killarney, Limerick, King's Court, and Cliffs of Mohr. Cost: \$3,549 includes 13 meals and air to/from Madison.

Sept. 30–Oct. 12, 2015 – 12 days seeing six Southwestern National Parks, including Salt Lake City's Temple Square, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Petrified Forest, plus the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Cost: \$3,639 includes 17 meals and air to/from Madison.

Single travelers who want a roommate for the trip, can request one. Double occupancy rates are lower than single ones.



Library Calendar

November 2014–February 2015

November

- Nov. 1 Family Board Game Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., all ages welcome
- Nov. 4 Drop-In Preschool Story Times continue, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under.
- Nov. 12 Adult Book Discussion, 2 p.m., of “Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker” by Jennifer Chiaverini
- Nov. 13 Final Repeat Story Time Thursday at 10 a.m. for ages 5 and under.
- Nov. 18 Final Fall Drop-In Preschool Story Time at 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 20 Third Thursday Evening Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. “Turkey Tales” Registration is required.

December

- Dec. 6 Fourth Annual “Christmas Craft-Palooza!” – All ages are welcome.

January 2015

- Jan. 13 Drop-In Preschool Story Times begin, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under
- Jan. 14 Adult Book Discussion, 2 p.m., title TBA
- Jan. 15 Third Thursday Evening Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. “Sock Monkey Mania” – Registration is required.
- Jan. 22 Repeat Preschool Story Times begin, Thursdays at 10 a.m. (please note earlier time), on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, for ages 5 and under
- Jan. 28 Baby Lapsit Story Times begin, Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. for babies 0–18 months. Limit is one adult lap per baby and registration is required.

February 2015

- Feb. 3 Drop-In Preschool Story Times continue, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under
- Feb. 11 Adult Book Discussion, 2 p.m., title TBA
- Feb. 12 Repeat Preschool Story Times continue, second and fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m.
- Feb. 14 Family Board Game Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – All ages are welcome.
- Feb. 19 Third Thursday Evening Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. – “Chinese New Year Party!” – Registration is required.

Please note: All February program registrations begin Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at the library or by calling Circulation at 838-9030, extension 0.

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