

NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF GILMAN NEWS

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VILLAGE CAUCUS- January 9, 2013 at 7:30p.m. The term for President is up for Election. There is three Trustee Positions open, each for a two year term and another open Trustee position for a one year term.

SIDEWALK CLEANING REMINDER FOR WINTER 2012-2013

This is a reminder that if you have a sidewalk in front of your house, business, or unoccupied lot, you are obligated to clean the sidewalk. You shall keep all sidewalks in good sufficient safe repair and free of any snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish to the full width and extent of the sidewalk. If you fail to clean the sidewalk, the Village will clean the sidewalk at the homeowner's or the businesses expense.

DOG LICENSES

Remember, if you have a dog, you MUST have a license for that animal by January 31, 2012. **If you do not license your dog you could be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution.** For a dog license contact Fran Prasnicki by calling 447-8450.

Gilman Cheese Mile

There is a mile marked out in the Village thanks to Gilman Cheese. It starts in the Village Park by the Bridge and goes through the park south on Park Ridge Road- past the ball diamond across the old bridge into the campground and up 4th Avenue to Main Street then West to 2nd Avenue and south back to the Park.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Taylor County Tourism committee and the Medford Chamber of Commerce purchased door mats which promote shopping at local small businesses. Several have been placed in our community businesses. Support small business, shop local.

Top Ten Reasons to Shop Local

- 10. Local stores are more likely to carry locally produced foods which supports local agriculture.*
- 9. Local business owners contribute to Local Fundraising efforts by clubs and organizations.*
- 8. Local businesses provide a majority of jobs.*
- 7. Local businesses support other local businesses.*
- 6. The business community becomes reflective of this community's unique culture.*
- 5. The sales taxes I pay support this community and county: fixing my roads, maintaining my recreational facilities, . . .*
- 4. Competition and diversity result in fair prices and more choices.*
- 3. Shopping local reduces my carbon footprint.*
- 2. Local business owners invest in the community and have a vested interest in the future of this community.*
- 1. My hometown is more important than a few cents saved on banana.*

SNIEG FEST

Snieg Fest will be February 2, 2013 and buttons are available at the Clerk's Office and other local businesses.

VILLAGE TREES

There are times when wood is available in the Village. You may contact the Public Works to be placed on the list to receive some of the trees that need to be cut down in the Village Parks or other areas of the Village.

BRUSH PILES-Brush Piles cannot accumulate on lawns. You need to take your brush piles/branches to the brush dump site.

CENTENNIAL ~ July 19-20, 2014

The Gilman Centennial will be celebrated on July 19-20, 2014. A logo/motto contest will be advertised and completed by March 2013. Several events including an all school reunion, parade, recognition events fireworks, and much more are planned for this celebration. Please feel free to make suggestions to gilmanclerk@centurytel.net or by contacting Jane DeStaercke.

CROSS CONNECTION

The Village is mandated to have inspections of all village residences and businesses for cross connections. Romig's Hardware will be doing the Residential inspections. The Village is paying for the initial inspection this time. If you do not allow this inspection we will follow the procedures from the DNR on disconnection and that you may be charged for the inspection. Please call the Public Works office for more information. (See Insert)

SEWER/WATER DISCONNECTIONS AND RECONNECTIONS CHARGES

The Village Board would like to remind all Utility Customers that there is a \$30.00 reconnection charge during business hours for turning your water back on when it is shut off and a \$40.00 reconnection charge if after normal business hours. This is in our Public Service Commission Rate File and will be enforced.

SEWER

Please DO NOT flush paper towels, gloves, napkins, tampons, diapers, pads, etc into the sewer system as this causes the system to back up and may back up into your own basement and cause damage to the system. Sewer Use Ordinance ~ **SECTION 5. PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE** ~No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the wastewater collection and treatment system. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under the charge of disorderly conduct.

NEED FOR EMTS~ The Gilman Ambulance is looking for EMTS and First Responders for Western Taylor County. Please give consideration to this great cause and contact Karen Chaplinski at 447-5712 and get more information.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Bags are \$2.50 Carts~ (Quarterly Charge) 95 gallon is \$30.75 60/55 gallon \$27.00 35 gallon is \$23.25

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Village Clerk's Office administers many applications for the Village Board. Applications that you can procure through the Village Clerk's Office are as follows:

Park Applications – This is to reserve the park for private parties, family reunions, ball games, etc. There are park applications in the clerk's office- \$50 deposit per day.

Building Permits – This is for any new buildings and remodeling done over \$2000 in value. Roofing does not require a building permit if the structure of the roof is unchanged. These permits are \$25.00 for the permit and \$1.00 for each \$10,000 worth of work for residential and \$50.00 for permit and \$5.00 for each \$10,000 worth of work for commercial.

CDBG Loan Application – Come into the Clerk's Office for more information and an application for a NO Interest Loan for remodeling of your home.

Voter Registration - This application is required for all new electors who move into the Village or have changed their name or their address since the last election. A change in residency form will be sent to the former municipality.

Absentee Ballot Requests – This would be requested if an elector was unable to come to the Municipal Building on Election Day but still wanted to vote.

CLERK OFFICE HOURS & TREASURER'S HOURS

The Clerk's Office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8a.m. to 4p.m. unless otherwise noted.

FRAN will be in the office on TUESDAYS 10 to Noon and THURSDAYS 1 to 3p.m. all of January 2013 except the following: 1/28/2013 10:00am- Noon, 1/29/2013 10am-Noon and 2pm-3pm. 1/30/2013 2-4pm., and 1/31/2013 10am-Noon and 2-4pm. **Or call for an appointment.**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Clerk's Office	447-8650	Public Works	447-8520	Police (non-emergency)	447-5700
Library	447-5486	Treasurer (Fran's home)	447-8450		
Taylor County Sheriff	748- 2200	For All Emergencies	<u>911</u>		

WEBSITE~ The Village website address is gilmanwi.com. Take a look at it!