

NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF GILMAN NEWS

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6p.m. at the Village Hall. Bring your ideas for our community.

Looking for Members to be on the First Impressions Committee – please contact Marilyn Newman

CENTENNIAL ~ July 19, 2014

The Gilman Centennial will be celebrated on July 19, 2014. Several events are planned for this celebration. Please feel free to make suggestions to gilmanclerk@centurytel.net or by contacting Jane DeStaercke. **The Committee is looking for any contributions of stories, memorabilia, etc. that could contribute to a book about the hundred years of Gilman.**

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7p.m. unless otherwise posted. Posted at the Municipal Building, Gilman Market, and Romig's Hardware Store.

YARD WASTE SITE TO CLOSE

The yard waste site will be closing on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Noon. Last day it will be open until spring of 2013.

BRUSH PILES

Brush Piles cannot accumulate on lawns. You need to take your brush piles and branches to the brush dump site.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village will hold "Trick or Treat" hours on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Please leave a porch light on so families know you are participating in these Halloween Hours.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

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

LIBRARY HOURS- Monday – Wednesday 12Noon to 6p.m. Thursday 2p.m. to 6p.m. and Friday 11a.m. to 7p.m.

What is going on along Main Street? Why the yellow tape, etc? *One of the items of suggested improvements that came from our visitors through the First Impressions program was that we needed to do something to improve our flower planters. We formed a follow-up committee (referred to as the First Impressions Follow-up committee). They reviewed the report, viewed the Village, and made recommendations to the Village Board. One of the recommendations was to cement in the current flower boxes and come up with a new plan for flower containers. After this was discussed at several public meetings and two public Village Board meetings, the Village Board voted to cement in the flower boxes. (actually done 9-19-13). Additionally, they asked the First Impressions follow-up committee to continue looking at ways to have flowers displayed on Main Street. One current idea is to have old chairs with flower pots on them. The final decision has not been made yet, and the Village Board is looking forward to hearing more recommendations from the committee. This committee is also getting a bid for a sound system for Main Street. So the short answer to the two questions: 1. the old flower planters will be cemented in. 2. The old mulch around the Memorial trees was removed, and will be replaced in the spring. If you would like to have a say in the flower display being discussed for Main Street, the First Impressions follow-up committee is looking for additional members and input. Contact Marilyn Newman if you would be willing to help.

On October 19th, a Small Business Seminar is being sponsored. It will be held at the Medford High School from 8.am to 3:30pm. The featured speaker will be Dave Anderson of Famous Dave's Restaurants. There will be breakout sessions for agri business, small business, and tourism with lots of ideas and discussion. The cost is only \$25 for 2 persons which includes breakfast and lunch. Information about the seminar and registration forms are available at the Village Clerk's office, or by e-mailing medfordchamber@tds.net. I think this seminar could be very helpful to the businesses in our community, and I hope that many of you attend. Bill Breneman, President, Village of Gilman

NEW WATER RATES ~ The Village Water Rates will increase by 3% for the third quarter.

CLEAN UP DAY – Tuesday~ October 15, 2013.

Fall Clean Up day will be held on Tuesday, October 15th. **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE ROLL OFF BIN.** Any large items (i.e. tires, sofas, appliances **MUST BE TAKEN** to the bins at the public works building and **paid** for ahead of time. There will be one twenty-yard roll off bin at the public works building on Davlin Street. Please call with any questions.

SIDEWALK CLEANING REMINDER FOR WINTER 2013-14

If you have a sidewalk in front of your house, business, or lot, you are obligated to clean the sidewalk. You shall keep all sidewalks in good sufficient safe repair and free of any snow, ice, or dirt. If you fail to clean the sidewalk, the Village will clean it at the homeowner's expense.

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:

RLF FUNDS- a Small business or an individual can come and fill out a loan application for funds for starting a business or expanding the business. There is an RLF committee. The Committee will review the loan and funding.

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.

WEBSITE~ The Village website address is *gilman.wi.com*. Take a look at it!

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 TUESDAYS 10:30 to 12:30 and THURSDAYS 1 to 3p.m. 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>		

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.

CROSS CONNECTION

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.