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Village of Cleveland Year 2004 Budget

After a public hearing on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, the Village Board adopted the Year 2004 budget listed below. The budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Hall during business hours.

The budget and levy as adopted results in a 0.0 percent change from last year's tax rate of \$6.64/\$1000.

CATEGORY	2003 Budget	2004 Budget	Percentage Change
REVENUES			
Tax Levy	387,334	404,406	4.4%
Other Taxes	63,446	85,577	
Special Assessments	30,975	30,000	
Intergovernmental Revenues	351,027	870,140	
Licenses and Permits	22,135	24,010	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	27,550	26,550	
Public Charges for Services	14,930	7,058	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	3,000	3,000	
Miscellaneous Revenues	33,233	45,668	
Other Financing Sources	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	933,630	1,496,409	60.3%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	205,491	208,400	
Public Safety	236,258	233.571	
Public Works	212,085	207,954	
Health and Human Services	90	90	
Culture, Recreation, and Education	42,900	44,408	
Conservation and Development	13,341	18,112	
Capital Outlay	3,000	541,500	
Debt Service	204,706	199,528	
Changes to Designated Funds	-3,007	96,120	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	914,863	1,549,683	69.4 %

In 2003, the Village paid off two promissory notes for road improvement projects and established a line of credit at Cleveland State Bank.

The 2004 budget includes the acquisition of lakefront property adjacent to Hika Park. The acquisition is to be funded through grants and donations, which are included as part of the Intergovernmental Revenues. The cost of purchase is included as a Capital Outlay item.

Stacy Grunwald, Clerk-Treasurer

Local Offices on Spring Ballot

The following offices are on the ballot at the spring election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004. The term of office is two years and begins on April 14, 2004.



 OFFICE
 INCUMBENT

 Village Trustee
 Chris Jost

 Village Trustee
 Larry Schetter

 Village Trustee
 Gayle Pfeifer

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2003, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Forms are available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, 1150 West Washington Avenue, Cleveland, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cleveland Athletic Club

Elections were held at the November meeting. The new vice president is Ted Behling; secretary is Sandy Stoeckigt, and the two directors are Karen Salm and Mike Stoeckigt.

Our next event is the CAC Scholarship Brat Fry. The Brat Fry is scheduled for February 8, 2004 at the VFW Hall.

As you can see, our busy time of the year has come to an end. We are already looking forward to the next year. There are plenty of things we are doing at the park or planning to do at the park when weather permits.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 2, 2003, 7:20 p.m. at Paulie's Palace and the January meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at Paulie's Palace. If you have any questions or comments or suggestions, please contact one of our officers: Dale Wagner-President, Ted Behling-Vice President, RoseMary Leonhard-Treasurer, Sandy Stoeckigt-Secretary or any CAC participating member. We are always happy to hear from you.

Cleveland Athletic Club

Cleveland Elementary

The school year is now well under way and the first quarter has come to an end. Cleveland has been very fortunate over the last 20 years to have Ann Austreng as our school secretary. Unfortunately for Cleveland School, Ann has decided to retire on December 9 of this year. Anyone who has stopped in Cleveland School has been welcomed by Ann's friendly smile and kind words. Ann has done a lot for the children at Cleveland; either helping them with the bump on the head, or giving them a few special words when they were sad, and always having a special treat whenever a child lost their tooth. Ann's warmth and caring will definitely be missed at Cleveland. If you have a chance, please stop in and wish her well.

We are very happy to this year again partner with the Lakeshore Technical College Police Science program to offer our mentor program. The program allows for students in the police science program to team up with a student at Cleveland to work either work on school work, read, or play. The program really helps both the mentor and the students develop a good relationship; the children really look forward to the time.

The fourth graders at Cleveland have been busy with the WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Competency Examinations) that tests children's knowledge in math, science, social studies, reading and writing.

Upcoming Events

Winter Sing, December 18 at 1 p.m.

Early release, December 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Winter break, December 24 - January 4

As always please feel free to call 693-8242 or email thamm@sheboygan.k12.wi.us if there are any questions.

Ted Hamm, Principal, Cleveland Elementary School

Cleveland Elementary PTA

Let me give you a quick explanation of what the Cleveland Elementary PTA, with the support of our parents, is able to do for the children of our community.

We have one major fund-raiser and that is the Walk-A-Thon. This takes place at the beginning of the school year. The money raised during this event decides how much we can do for the children. Because of the support from our community, this always proves to be a big success. We donate money needed each year for field trips and lyceum programs (such as authors coming to school and showing their crafts, like Mary Tooley - Art in a Suitcase). Money is given to the teachers for use their classrooms. The PTA pays for part of the yearbook in order to keep the students' cost down. We sponsor the school dance for the students, the spring Easter egg hunt, and various other items/ projects that come up during the school year.

We are also busy finding room parents for each class, helping with school pictures and the vision and hearing screenings, putting the yearbook together,

and hearing screenings, putting the yearbook together, shopping and setting up the Holiday Shoppe, book fair, and all the sports clinics held at school.

This year our Holiday Shoppe, along with a bake sale, will be held Friday, December 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gym. This is a great opportunity for students and young children to do their own Christmas shopping. The children should arrive with a list of persons they are shopping for and how much they have to spend. A Santa helper will assist your child in selecting appropriate gifts. The gifts are then wrapped and ready for Christmas. All gift items are \$ 5 and under.

A book fair will be held December 9-23 watch for the times or call the school office and they will let you know. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for people to purchase books. The profit from this fair comes back to the school in free books for the library and classrooms.













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We are still collecting box tops and Campbell soup labels. There is a drop off box at school and at the bank for those of you who have no children in the school but still want to help out. By collecting and redeeming the box tops and labels we are able to receive cash (that goes back to the students) and "extras" (such as supplies) for the classrooms.

If you have any questions, you can call the school and they will direct your questions to the proper contact person.

Again thank you for all your support and remember our children are the future of CLEVELAND!

Cleveland Lions Club News

The Cleveland Lions Club celebrates its 40th year of existence this year and its members are proud to fulfill their motto "We Serve" to our community.

During the past twelve months we have provided \$2,500 towards new bleachers at Memorial Park and \$1,487 for a new roof on the park shelter; \$750 to Cleveland youth baseball; \$300 to Cleveland youth Soccer; \$250 to the Dare Program; \$250 in assistance to a family suffering a house fire; \$250 to the Wisconsin Eye Bank; \$100 to Special Olympics; \$200 to Mission to Mexico (a Lions Program that provides used eyeglasses); \$100 to Juvenile Diabetes Research; \$300 to Leader dogs; and \$1,030 to Wisconsin Lions Foundation, which maintains the Lions Camp at Rosholt, WI. The camp provides handicapped children with outdoor camping experiences.

Our annual fund raising nut sale is now in progress and we have great quality cashews, pecans, and mixed nuts for sale. They are available from all Lion members, as well as at Cleveland State Bank and Paulie's Palace. Your support is very much appreciated.

The strength of any service club is in its members. We extend an invitation to the men and women of the community who have a desire to serve, to join us as members. The club has a monthly board meeting and a monthly membership dinner meeting. If you feel you have an interest, speak to a Lions members or contact Lion Ron Henschel, chair of the membership committee at 693-8942.

Cleveland Senior Citizens Club

You are welcome to join us, monthly meeting date, second Thursday of each month, meeting time: 12:30 p.m. Centerville Town Hall, 1274 W. Washington Avenue, Cleveland.

For more information contact Joan Schmitt, senior club president, 693-8358.

Meetings feature: An organized business meeting

Special speakers to keep us informed: Aging Resource Center staff, legislative representative, special interest speakers

Activities: Sheepshead tournament in spring and fall, summer cookout, Christmas party

Meals are served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Senior dining manager, Linda Frish 693-3295 or 698-1933.

County of Manitowoc, County Clerk

I am pleased to announce that the Manitowoc County Clerk's Department has recently been designated as a "Passport Acceptance Agency." My office is now able to process new passport applications, as well as renew expired passports or assist with numerous other passport services.

Applications are available in our office at the Manitowoc County Courthouse, 1010 S. 8th Street, Manitowoc, Suite 115.

Passport photo services are available at Lloyd's Photo and Video, 1207 Washington Street, Manitowoc and also Walgreen Drug Store, 2702 Calumet Avenue.

Char Peterson, County Clerk

Hello Gardeners!

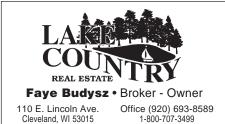
News flash...the report of the demise of Ivan the Terrible (woodchuck) was possibly premature. After the trapping adventures of neighbor, Mr. V., old Ivan turned up digging a subway complex beneath the mother-in-law's garage floor.(Better there then here) Trapper Tom F. to the rescue. He did get a chuck in the live trap and gave him a ride out to the country. (Ivan probably beat Tom back



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to the village.) Personally, I would've gotten Arnold to terminate him, but he was busy in "Caleefornia!" We'll find out come spring....keep your pruners crossed.

A huge thank you goes out to the Thrivent Financial Group of Manitowoc. They very generously donated \$800 to the garden club as a thank you and encouragement toward beautifying the lakeshore area.

Once again we invite you all to join the East Wind Garden Club. You don't need to be a resident of the village to join. If you've ever felt those winds off old Lake Michigan on your face, you qualify to join. We do have an extensive screening process. If you breathe...you're in.

The garden club is very happy to announce the sites of our 2004 garden walk. The walk will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2004. The properties to be featured are the

yards of Bob and Barb Pragalz, 1521 Lakeshore Road, Cleveland; Jeff and Jill Steffenm 848 East Washington Ave., Cleveland; John and Idell Kirsch, 1148 Lakeshore Drive, Cleveland; Orv and Dee Langohr, 14230 Pigeon River Road, Cleveland; James and Debbie Harmelink, W749 Garton Road, Sheboygan; and Victor and Vickie Frauenfeld, 1024 Juniper Street, Cleveland.

We are very excited and grateful that these good folks will share their landscapes with the public. BIG FLASH! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 3, 2004, 1 p.m., at Cleveland Elementary School. The East Wind Garden Club will present Garden Gab with Melinda Myers. Ms. Myers does a Saturday morning public radio show, was host of Wisconsin Lawn and Garden, writes for Birds and Blooms magazine and is currently the host of Great Lakes Gardener on Channel 10. Melinda is also known as the plant doctor. She will talk gardening, answer questions, and sign her latest book, The Ultimate Garden Guide. I believe the book is priced at \$40. Pricey? Maybe, but it should give you month by month details on what should be going on in the garden; very valuable information.

Admission to this afternoon of garden talk will be \$3. Refreshments will be served after her talk so you can compare notes with your neighbor.

Does you Christmas list include a hosta fanatic? Have I got a book for you. It's titled, "The Hosta Handbook," by Mark R. Zilis. It has tons of information on the plant that Grandma used to have. It's full of problem solving, disease detecting, and all around valuable "stuff" for the gardener. You can order by calling Diane Lenz of the Louis Corners Gardens at 894-2905. She needs to order at least five books to keep the cost of shipping and handling down. Now you can really impress your significant other with details on "slug picking"...it grabs me.

Another very useful Christmas gift would be the garden cart. They look like a coaster wagon...only on steroids. Just toss anything you may need in it when you're working in the yard. This saves countless steps; especially when you have a memory like mine.

Well, I do believe that this is all the news for now.

For myself, the East Wind Garden Club, and the ghost of Ivan the Terrible, I'd like to wish you the warmest holiday wishes. (You don't think Ivan will show up to haunt me on Christmas Eve do you?) HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Lynn Fiedler, President, East Wind Garden Club

Consider This

Would you enjoy belonging to a group that allows you to visit with friend or neighbors once a month and also allows you to gain information in a particular area of interest? Then perhaps membership in an HCE Club is for you. HCE, or Home and Community Education is a countywide group that is associated with the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education. In addition to local club meetings that have a study focus, our Manitowoc County HCE offers a spring salad supper/cultural arts show and a fall association dinner meeting.

Concerning Community Projects, HCE is involved with "First Book," a literacy program through which we provide free books to 190 at risk three-five-year olds in Manitowoc County. We work with our local Head Start to accomplish this. We are also involved in Nitrate Testing of Well Water at the County Fair, as well as providing scholarships for area students.

Members receive 10 monthly newsletters. Membership is available as an individual membership as well as a club member. It is open to everyone, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. If you think you might be interested, or have additional questions, feel free to call 693-8031.



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Kathy Cerney-Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many Village residents and businesses of Schnell Plumbing, K & J Collision Repair, and Bonde's for donating to my fund-raising walk at Road America on October 25, 2003 for the American Cancer Society. Your generosity helped me raise \$1,630 and the society received over \$144,000 that day. Every dollar is greatly appreciated and well spent...most of it goes toward research.

Thank you again, Kathy Cerney, 1445 Meadowbrook Drive

Neighborhood Watch

What is happening in your neighborhood? Is there anything that can be done? How can I protect my family and myself? How do I report suspicious activity? Is it safe for me to get involved? Do you have questions like this? Some of these questions and may others can be answered by coming to a neighborhood watch meeting.

Upcoming meetings: December 18, 2003 - CPR recertification

If there are any changes to this schedule, it will be posted on the board at the Village Hall. If you need any information regarding the meetings, please feel free to call the Cleveland Police Department or the Cleveland Village Hall.

As always if it is an emergency, DIAL 911 - an officer or an emergency unit (first responders or fire department) will respond!

Newsletter-General Information

During the last three months, the police department has been involved in several activities in Cleveland and Manitowoc communities. Officer Jost spent time at the Manitowoc County Fair at the Sheriff's Department's booth promoting traffic safety. All of the Manitowoc County village police departments were invited to participate at this event. Officer Jost completed his training for D.A.R.E. which he will begin teaching in the spring of 2004 at Cleveland Elementary. Chief Barber is on a traffic committee for the 2004 PGA event at Whistling Straits. The police department also had a booth at the Manitowoc County Fairgrounds for Crime Prevention Days. The police car was on display along with some of the equipment used by the police department. The police department will also be handing out FREE gunlocks in cooperation with the Child Safe Project. The gunlocks are available during regular business hours at the village hall or the police department. Remember that the best way to avoid firearm accidents is to keep them in a secure location away from children. The police department is also looking at holding a citizens academy in the spring of 2004, watch for further details in upcoming newsletters.

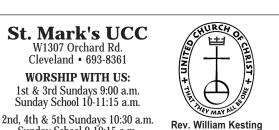
SCHOOL IS OPEN

Remember the speed limit in a school zone is 15 MPH when children are present Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fines double for speeding in a school zone when children are present. Also remember to stop for school bus flashing lights!

ACTIVITY REPORT

The daily activity for the months of August through October 2003: The police department responded to 110 calls for service. Seven car lock-outs, five animal complaints, four 911 calls, nine records requests, three thefts, seven house watches, fifteen agency assists, ten information, five loud noise, two mental health commitments, two child neglect, two damage to prop-

erty, four harassing phone calls, one discharge weapons, one apprehension request, two warrant hits, two family trouble, five ambulance requests, two civil matters, two assaults, three disorderly conducts, five worthless checks, two burglaries, two found property, two suspicious activities, one underage alcohol, one fire, one illegal pass of school bus, and two curfew violations.



Sunday School 9-10:15 a.m. www.stmarksucccleveland.ord

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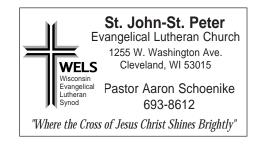
1st & 3rd Sundays 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00-11:10 a.m.













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Also, always, always, always use your return address. This is why; a customer came in the post office recently and purchased a book of stamps. I noticed he was carrying approximately 10 large envelopes (9"x12"). He left, and I continued to wait on other customers. I later discovered the large envelopes in the out-going mail chute, all with one stamp each. The envelopes were to be returned for more postage (12 cents each), because the maximum size envelope for one 37 cent stamp is 6-1/ $8" \times 11-1/2"$. But, with no return address, my only option was to send that mail to the Mail Recovery Center in St. Paul, Minn. It will probably take two weeks for this person to find out what happened with those envelopes.

Postmaster

Cindy Huhn - President's Message

With all the news you have been getting on TV, radio, and in the newspaper about the state budget and other communities budgets, I am sure you are curious as to what is happening in your community. I am proud to report that the tax rate of \$6.64 per thousand from last year for the Village of Cleveland, will be the tax rate for 2004. Due to our staff operating conservatively, we are still able to provide the necessary services our residents are a custom to receiving and set aside funds for future projects. I would like to thank the department managers and village trustees for all their efforts to maintain this tax rate for our residents.

As the year comes to end, there are many people to thank for their contributions to this



community. To the East Wind Garden Club, thank you for all the time and dollars you spend beautifying our community with the many different flower beds, decorations and holiday trimmings. To the Cleveland Lions Club, thank you for your financial support of the youth soccer and baseball programs, and park improvements. To the Cleveland Athletic Club, thank you for providing sporting activities for the community to participate in, scholarship opportunities for our youth, and improving the baseball areas. To the Cleveland Fire Department, for providing volunteer fire and emergency medical services to our community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To the Cleveland Fish & Game, thank you for

providing property for our residents to hunt on, your sponsorship of the hunting safety program, and for providing a safe boat launching area. To the Cleveland Snowhawks Snowmobile Club, thank you for offering the snowmobile safety course for our youth, for scholarship opportunities and local donations, and for providing a safe snowmobile trail system throughout our community. In the September Newsletter, I stated that a community is no better than the activity of each individual resident. I extend my sincere thanks to our residents for financially supporting and volunteering with these organizations. Without you, we would not be the wonderful community we are.

I, along with the village staff and village trustees, would like to extend our greetings to you for a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

2004 PGA Event

In nine months, the PGA tournament will be coming to Whistling Straits in Haven. Our local area and state will be viewed by the world through numerous hours of TV coverage. The PGA officials have compared the size of this event to the "Olympics." We have been informed that PGA will be releasing more information in early 2004.

Currently, Police Chief Tim Barber is serving on the PGA Traffic Committee. His involvement is extremely important, as traffic existing I-43 will have to travel through our community. The safety of our residents is our main concern during this tournament.

Village President Cindy Huhn is serving on a Manitowoc County PGA Community Communications Committee. This committee will be meeting with various media people and trying to keep all county municipalities informed.

We will do our best to relay as much information as possible to our residents in the coming months.





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Public Works

There is free mulch available to village residents. The mulch is located at the west end of Whitetail Lane which goes past the wastewater plant. The mulch is composed of last year's yard waste, which is ground up, piled and decomposed. The yard waste collected this year will be ground up this December and will be available for use next spring. The mulch is very good gardening material and residents are welcome to take it.

Winter parking regulations will be in effect from December first through March 31 to help facilitate snow removal. There is no parking on the village streets between the hours of 1-6 a.m. during this time period. Thanks for your cooperation.

Residents are reminded to clear the snow away from fire hydrants this winter. This small chore could make the difference in saving a life in case there is a fire.

Residents are reminded that waste oil is not picked up by the curb and has not been for the last 2-1/2 years. Waste oil will be accepted during Manitowoc County's Clean Sweep program which will be held on May 15, 2004 at the Manitowoc County Expo Center. Please dispose of your waste oil in an environmentally safe manner.

St. John-St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Food Drive! Show your Christian love by helping those in need. If you know anyone who would appreciate our help, please contact Pastor Aaron Schoenike (693-8612).

Christmas Eve, join us on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. as we join our Sunday School children in celebrating our Savior's birth.

Christmas Day, come celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas morning with a special song service.

New Year's Eve, ring in the New Year by celebrating another year of God's blessings and looking to God for guidance in 2004. Join us for this special worship service at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Winter worship schedule, join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible Study at 8:45 a.m.

Spiritual Care, St. John-St. Peter's has been serving the community since 1860. If you or a family member is in need of spiritual care, please call Pastor Aaron Schoenike (693-8612). He is here to help you.



St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul group in the village is here to help anyone needing assistance with food, utilities, visits, etc. Transactions are confidential. Call Kathy Jost at (920) 693-8751 or Kathy Wagner at (920) 693-8675. If we cannot meet your needs, we may be able to refer you to other agencies.



VFW News

Thanks to all who participated in the poultry raffle. Part of the profit from that and from the brat fry in Sheboygan will be donated to various VFW Christmas causes and to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Also, \$25 of the profit will be donated to Operation Uplink—a free call to home for any serviceman overseas. Certainly a worthwhile venture.

Have a great winter and thanks for supporting the Cleveland VFW. The scouts thank you too, as they continue to have their meetings at the clubhouse.

> See you at the ham dinner in May. United we Stand, Commander



Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the November food drive for the local pantry at the Town of Centerville Hall. This includes the Boy Scouts, their leaders and parents, and everyone who donated for the collection. The Pantry as of this writing received 209 bags of food. Your generosity will make the holiday season better for many families. Thank you!



St. Dominic Catholic School

We currently have students from Cleveland and would welcome more to our school family!

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- Children remain in the same caring environment from Kindergarten through grade 8.
- Students are happy, secure, and challenged to learn to their potential.

St. Dominic School Creed

(recited daily by the students) I am special because God made me. I will do my best with the gifts God gives me. I am unique, no one is like me. I will treat others the way I like to be treated. I am an important part of my school family, church family, and world family. I carry the future in my heart and hands.

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Please call for more information or for a personal tour by Principal Peggy Henseler.

Village of Cleveland Holiday Hours

The Cleveland Village Hall is regularly open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices will be closed as given below for the holidays:

CLOSED:

December 24-25, 2003, Christmas

December 31, 2003 (1/2-day), New Year's Eve—only Clerk's office open all day January 1, 2004, New Year's Day

Tax Collection Hours

First-installment taxes are collected at Village Hall. The Clerk's office will be open the following additional hours to provide you with more flexibility if you wish to pay your 2003 property taxes in person.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 27, 2003 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2003 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2003 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. JANUARY

Saturday, January 31, 2004 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

You are welcome to pay by mail. Receipts will be sent to property owners for all taxes collected through the mail, and all receipts for tax payments postmarked on or before December 31, 2003, will be marked to show this.

Since the Statutory tax payment deadline of January 31 falls on a Saturday in 2004, tax payments made on February 2 will still be considered timely. Postmark is NOT sufficient; we must receive payment by 4:30 p.m. on February 2 or the account will be delinquent and interest will accrue.

2003 LOTTERY CREDIT

You may claim the 2003 lottery credit if, on January 1, 2003, you owned your primary residence, which is defined as either (1) the place where you live most of the time or (2) the home to which you intend to return if you are temporarily away. You can have only one primary residence. Mobile home owners in the Village may also qualify for the lottery credit.

If you received the lottery credit last year and have not changed your primary residence, you do not need to apply for the credit again. The State has dropped the five-year requalification cycle, so there is no need to recertify.

If you acquired your residence after January 1, 2003, AND it was the primary residence of the previous owner on January 1, 2003, you can qualify for the lottery credit. You will need to supply the name of the seller for verification of ownership.

Please contact the clerk-treasurer's office at 693-8181 if you wish to apply for the lottery credit. The lottery credit paperwork can be filed in the Clerk's office until January 31, 2003; after that, it must be filed directly with the State of Wisconsin. You are encouraged to file before you pay your 2003 property taxes.

VILLAGE PLANNING

The Village operates under several plans, including two community-wide land use plans. The first, the Joint Land Use Plan, was created in 2001 with the Town of Centerville and addresses land uses in both municipalities. The second is the Neighborhood Plan, adopted in January 2002. It utilizes the Joint Land Use Plan as a framework, narrowing and refining its vision for each part of the Village.

The Village Board and the Plan Commission start their review of land use proposals, including changes in zoning, construction of new roads and subdivisions, and site plans for new businesses or multi-family housing units, with the Neighborhood Plan and the Joint Land Use Plan. Developers use these plans as part of their analysis for siting new improvements and gauging public support.

In 2004, the Neighborhood Plan will be updated and meeting dates will be posted when they are set. Your input is encouraged. The plan for your neighborhood plays an important role in the type of development and uses that can happen there. Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 693-8181 if you have any questions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!