

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

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HAVA VOTING MACHINE

Help America Vote Act has required that each municipality be equipped with a HAVA compliant voting system. The Village of Fredonia has purchased the Diebold Accu-Vote Touch Screen Voting Station. This machine provides accessibility to the widest population of voters. Voters who are visually-impaired or non-readers, and those with unique accessibility requirements can now vote with independence and privacy. We encourage **all** voters to try this touch screen voting system at the November election. Our poll workers have been trained to use this machine and would be happy to show you how the machine works.

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Any village resident interested in running for the position of village trustee can pick up nomination papers at the Village Hall beginning December 1, 2006. Papers must be returned by the first Tuesday in January for the spring election to be held in April. The Village President and three Trustee positions will be voted on for a two-year term. If you have any questions please call the village hall.

POLLING PLACE AND TIMES

 All Village of Fredonia residents vote at the Fredonia Fire Department meeting room, 201 S. Milwaukee Street. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.


WE'RE ON THE WEB

The Village of Fredonia board minutes can be viewed on-line at: www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/. Then click onto the Village of Fredonia site to keep yourself updated on village issues.

STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION

As of January 1, 2006 all voters in Wisconsin are required to be registered in order to vote. New registration forms have been available to voters on a voluntary basis prior to 2006 and are now mandatory prior to voting as of this year. Many voters have already completed registration, though some forms may have missing information. If you have not completed the new registration form, you may do so on Election Day or at the village hall during normal business hours. Please bring at least one form of identification showing residency in the village for at least 10 days and be prepared to provide your driver's license number if you have one. If you've followed news articles on this process, you know that it has been difficult and we have had to deal with ever-changing mandates, forms and procedures. Village voters have been patient and the election workers are appreciative. We need to get over this hurdle to prevent voter fraud and assure the integrity of our democratic process. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support.

TRICK OR TREAT

 The Village of Fredonia will have "Trick or Treat" on Saturday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Kids should wear reflective clothing and trick or treat in groups. Parents are also encouraged to accompany their children during these hours. Residents wanting to participate in handing out treats should leave their porch light on. Please drive cautiously during these hours!

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



The Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the lot west of the post office. If you are interested in decorating one of the trees in the area please call the village hall and leave your name and phone number. A member of the Parks Committee will then contact you with additional information. Join the fun this Holiday season and help make the entrance to Fredonia **SHINE!**

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Fredonia Water Utility will be flushing hydrants in the village during the weeks of October 9th thru November 10th. Due to this, some discoloration of water and low pressure may occur. The water is completely safe during all stages of the flushing program; however please check the water for discoloration prior to washing any clothes on these dates.



WINTER ORDINANCE REMINDERS

- ◆ Parking is not allowed on village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from December 1st to April 1st. Any vehicle ticketed for winter parking restrictions and not removed will be towed away at the owner's expense.
- ◆ Snow is to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.
- ◆ Snow is not to be shoveled or blown into the street.
- ◆ Discharge from sump pumps may not be directed onto the street from November 1st to May 1st.
- ◆ When shoveling out mailboxes, be sure to shovel a car-length pathway in front of your mailbox to guarantee mail delivery.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Fredonia Fire Department will be holding its annual **Fire Prevention Open House** on Sunday, October 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Fire House, 201 S. Milwaukee Street. The new fire truck, Engine #663 will be on display. There will be EMT and firefighter demonstrations, free giveaways for adults and kids, and fire truck rides. At 11:30 a.m. **FLIGHT FOR LIFE** will land in Fredonia. There will also be information available if you are interested in becoming a Firefighter, EMT or Ambulance Driver or if your teenager is interested in becoming an Explorer.

The Fredonia Firefighter and EMS Association is sponsoring a raffle with top prizes being cuts of beef and pork. Tickets are available for purchase from any department member. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of GPS systems for the ambulance and fire trucks. The GPS systems will provide step by step map directions for the drivers. The raffle winners will be drawn at the Fire Department Open House.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The Bookmobile is a service of the Eastern Shores Library System, making stops at Rosemary School, 311 Fredonia Avenue from 12:35 - 2:30 p.m. and at St. John's Lutheran Church, 824 Fredonia Avenue from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10th and 24th, November 7th and 21st, and December 5th and 19th. If you have any questions concerning the Bookmobile please call Eastern Shores Library System at 920-208-4900, Ext. 15. You can also visit their web site for schedules, programs, etc. at <http://esls.lib.wi.us/> or e-mail them at bkmref@esls.lib.wi.us.



FREDONIA YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE



The Fredonia Youth Baseball Association would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to the coaches, assistant coaches and numerous other volunteers who helped in any way to make this past baseball season successful. **Thanks** to the following organizations and businesses for their contributions to our 2006 season. Your generosity allowed over 250 Fredonia area youth to enjoy a fun summer of ball.

- ◆The Village of Fredonia
- ◆The Town of Fredonia
- ◆The Fredonia Lions Club
- ◆The Fredonia Lioness Club
- ◆Badger Paperboard LLC
- ◆Brouillette Back & Neck Clinic
- ◆Dave Schueller Painting of Belgium, Inc.
- ◆Elite Building Services
- ◆Fredonia Auto Sales
- ◆Midwest Precision Manufacturing
- ◆Neuens Lumber Co. Inc.
- ◆Paape Electric, LLC
- ◆Poth Family Dental
- ◆Port Washington State Bank
- ◆SS Remodeling
- ◆Steffen Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- ◆Supersuds Car Wash
- ◆The Village Market

Also, **THANKS** to Schwai's Flooring for assembling and pulling the Fredonia Youth Baseball League float in the Celebrate Fredonia parade for the past 4 years!

Thanks again to everyone for another great season!

Lucy Janke/Fredonia Youth Baseball Association

DISPOSAL OF ASH

If you are disposing of ash with your regular garbage, be sure to set it out in its own container. Ash tends to retain its heat and can remain a fire hazard for a long time. The garbage truck driver will check the ash and if he detects **ANY** warmth to the material it will be left behind. Ash should be held at least a week before it is set out for pick up.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE



The schedule for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day for garbage and recycling pick-up will be on **Friday** of each of those weeks. Village Code prohibits garbage to be placed curbside more than **24** hours prior to pick-up. Also, the Postmaster has requested that you avoid setting your garbage in front of your mailbox in order to assure mail delivery.

FREDONIA AREA GARDEN CLUB

The Fredonia Area Garden Club has scheduled their meetings and activities for the fall. The theme for the October 23rd meeting is "The Painted Pot" with Jennifer Jacek. On November 18th the club will gather to decorate a village tree for the holidays with breakfast out to follow. Adults are welcome to attend the Garden Club's monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Monday of the month. Membership for individuals is \$10 annually and \$15 per couple. For more information contact Tracy Kunstmann at 692-2941 or Lisa Dohrwardt at 692-9650.

On Saturday, October 14th at 1:30 p.m. Don's Fredonia Greenhouse will hold their last workshop of the season where you can participate in planting spring bulbs in containers. The cost is \$15.00. For more information or to sign up contact Lisa Dohrwardt at 692-9650.

WREATH SALE



Boy Scout Troop #877 will once again hold their Annual Wreath Sale. Order forms will be distributed October 21st and 22nd. Please place your orders before November 17th. Wreaths will be delivered the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. For more information contact Tim Zimmer at 692-6358.

USED TIRES



The annual Ozaukee County Used Tire Collection will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg. Ozaukee County residents can dispose of used tires for a fee. For additional details contact Paul Roback at 284-8288.

OUTDOOR FURNACES PROHIBITED

Per Village Code, it is illegal to construct, install, operate, locate or use an outdoor furnace which is marketed for primary or supplemental heating of, or is used to provide heat to any building or structure or equipment within the Village of Fredonia.

TRUCK PARKING REGULATED



Village Ordinance prohibits vehicles having a gross weight of more than 15,000 pounds to park on the street in any residentially zoned district. The vehicles are allowed to temporarily park for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers or goods and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may promptly be moved in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic. It is also illegal to park the trailer of any commercial or business vehicle on any street within the Village of Fredonia.

HOUSE NUMBERS

Village ordinance requires that each house in the village display their house number. For safety and emergency purposes, please be sure that your house numbers can easily be seen from the road. House numbers are available for purchase at the village hall. The village board will be enforcing this ordinance.



CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

The Village of Fredonia will have curbside collection of leaves with pick-up west of the railroad tracks scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th and 31st and November 14th. Pick-up of leaves east of the railroad tracks will be on Tuesday, October 24th and November 7th and 21st. Be sure to keep leaves away from the catch basins. Village ordinance allows leaves to be raked to the curb up to 72 hours before a scheduled curbside pick-up.

Weather permitting - curbside branch chipping will continue on Mondays. To be included on the weekly curbside brush chipping list you must call the village hall at 692-9125 or the shop at 692-9179 prior to the Monday you want the chipping done.

RUMMAGE SALE/ RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS ORDINANCE

The Village Board has recently adopted an ordinance regulating rummage sales and residential businesses in the village. Village residents are allowed to hold a **rummage sale**, also known as a garage sale or yard sale for a maximum of 7 days or less per year for the sale of personal household possessions. No permit is required for rummage sales. A **residential business** shall be deemed a conditional use and shall require that an application for a conditional use permit be filed with the Village Clerk. A conditional use for a residential business shall be granted by the Plan Commission if they determine that such use shall not have an adverse impact on the residential aesthetics and residential character of the surrounding area. A residential business conditional use permit may be revoked upon a determination by the Plan Commission that the residential business has adversely impacted the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following groups, organizations and businesses who helped to make **CELEBRATE FREDONIA 2006** a success!

- * The Village of Fredonia Parks Committee
- * The Fredonia Lion's Club
- * Fredonia Fire/EMS Association
- * Fredonia Lioness/Lion's Club
- * Middle School Leo Club
- * National Flag Day Foundation
- * Fredonia Garden Club
- * Ozaukee High School Band
- * Fredonia Cub Scout Pack 3877
- * Fredonia Little League
- * Northern Ozaukee Woman's Group
- * Warrior Spirit Squad
- * Boy Scout Troop 877
- * American Legion Post 410
- * Holy Cross 4H
- * Ozaukee County Dairy Promotions
- * American Family Insurance
- * Fredonia Automotive Inc.
- * Neuen's Lumber Company
- * Guy & O'Neill, Inc.
- * Port Washington State Bank
- * The Village Market
- * Mastercraft Builders
- * RE/MAX United Real Estate
- * Fredonia Veterinary Clinic
- * T.P. Concrete
- * Mr. Fritz's
- * Steffen Plumbing & Heating
- * Lundman Development Corp.
- * Deep Down Carpet Cleaning

- * D & M LaPlant Construction
- * D & M LaPlant Emu Farm
- * Dawn Geis Photography
- * Five Pillars Supper Club
- * Fredonia Meadowlark Storage
- * Badger Paperboard LLC
- * Roger Degnitz Insurance
- * Classic Touch Salon & Spa
- * Eernisse Funeral Homes
- * Pretty Paws Pet Grooming
- * Ohana Ambulance Service
- * Rapwood Enterprises
- * Mueller's Sales & Service
- * J.B.J. Companies, Inc.
- * Anderson Automotive
- * Ozaukee Bank
- * Brown Deer Automotive
- * Artistic Touch Salon
- * Brouillette Back & Neck Clinic
- * Fredonia Vision Center
- * J & M Excavating LLC
- * Jay's Sales & Service
- * Kenro-Carlisle Inc.
- * North Shore Tae Kwon Do
- * Sentry Insurance
- * Hair Designers
- * Trionic Inc.
- * Mudroch, Halaska & Dodulik & Smith
- * Fredonia Subway
- * Poth Family Dentistry
- * Fredonia Family Restaurant
- * Schmit Brothers Dodge
- * Autumglo Pet Lodge, Inc.
- * Standard Machine Co., Inc.
- * WCF Investments LLC
- * Sargento Foods
- * Lanser Farms

INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS & RESIDENTS ABOUT SEWER BACKUP INCIDENTS

Sewer backups are an unfortunate but common problem in cities and villages. Although municipal departments make every effort to prevent such incidents, they still may occur. The following information is offered to help property owners and residents understand why backups happen, how they can be prevented, and what steps citizens should take if a sewer backup affects their property. The following questions and answers may be helpful:

What causes a sewer backup?

Sanitary sewer overflows can be caused by a number of factors. They usually involve sewer pipe blockages in either main sewer lines or service laterals (lines between buildings and the main line). Causes may include pipe breaks or cracks due to tree roots, system deterioration, insufficient system capacity due to residential or commercial growth, or construction mishaps. In home and office plumbing systems, the main cause is accumulation of grease, tree roots, hair, or solid materials, such as disposable diapers or sanitary napkins that are too large for wastewater pipes to handle. Such materials may cause major backups in village lines as well as in residents' lateral lines. A frequent cause of water stoppages within the village's system, however, is vandalism. Leaves, sticks, rocks, bricks and trash have been found stuffed down manholes.

How could a sewer backup affect me?

If the backup occurs in a village maintained line, the wastewater will normally overflow out of the lowest possible opening, which is usually the manhole. However, in some homes with basements, or where the lowest level is even with the sewer lines - the overflowing wastewater may exit through the home's lower drains and toilets.

What should I do if sewage backs up into my home?

First, take action to protect people and valuable property:

- Keeping in mind that ceramic plumbing fixtures such as toilets are fragile, quickly close all drain openings with stoppers or plugs. Tub, sink, and floor drains may need additional weights to keep them sealed. A string mop can be used to help plug toilet openings.
- Don't run any water down your drains until the blockage has been cleared.
- A quick check with nearby neighbors will help determine if the backup appears to be in your neighbor's wastewater line, and/or widespread in your neighborhood. In this case, call the Department of Public Works immediately at 692-9179.
- Call a plumber if the problem is in your lateral service line.

What will the Village do about a sewer backup on my property?

- You will be asked questions about the backup timing, location, the property at risk, etc.
- Village personnel will check for blockages in the main line. If found, the blockage will be immediately cleared.
- If the main line is not blocked, you will be advised to call a plumbing or sewer contractor to check your lateral line. Maintenance and repair of the lateral line is the owner's responsibility.
- To minimize the damage and negative health effects, you should arrange for cleanup of the property as soon as possible. There are qualified businesses that specialize in this type of cleanup.
- If the sewer backup onto your property resulted from blockage in the main sewer line, city personnel will explain what the village can immediately do to help take care of the problem.

Is there anything I can do to prevent backup into my home?

- Avoid putting grease down your garbage disposal or household drain. It can solidify, collect debris and accumulate in village lines, or build up in your own system.
- Never flush disposable diapers, sanitary napkins or paper towels down the toilet. They could stop up your drains and may damage your plumbing system.
- If the lateral line in your older home has a jointed pipe system, consider whether the roots of large shrubs or trees near the line could invade and break pipes. It is a good idea to know the location of your lateral line(s).
- If the lowest level of your home is below ground level, such as a basement floor drain, it may one day be affected by a backup. One way to prevent sewage backup through such below ground areas is to install a “back-flow valve” on the lowest drain(s). You can also use a plumber’s test plug to close these drains when not in use.
- For further information about preventative measures, contact a plumber or plumbing supply dealer.

What does the municipality do to prevent this problem?

- Every attempt is made to prevent backups in the public wastewater system before they occur. Sewer lines are specially designed to prevent accumulation and stoppages.
- In addition, we have maintenance crews that are devoted to inspecting and cleaning wastewater lines throughout the village on a regular schedule.
- Degreasing chemicals are also injected into lines in areas that are prone to stoppages, such as those near restaurants, apartments or high density housing developments.
- Even with our maintenance schedule, however, backups are often beyond the village’s control. Most that do occur are confined to the sewage pipeline, rather than backing up into a home.

Will insurance cover any damage to my home or property?

In the majority of cases, a special rider will need to be added to your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policy to cover damages related to sewage backups or water damage. This optional coverage is usually not very expensive, but you must usually request that it be added to your policy. Check with your insurance agent about this policy provision.

As with the majority of municipalities in the country, the village cannot assume financial responsibility for damages resulting from sewage backups, since most stoppages are related to conditions that are beyond the village’s control. That is why it is important that property owners confirm that they are adequately insured - particularly if areas of their home lie below ground level.

Call your insurance agent today to have this coverage added to your policy.

How and where should I report a sewer backup?

In an **EMERGENCY** such as sewer line backup, or if you observe any vandalism associated with the wastewater or sewer lines, contact the Fredonia Water & Sewer Utility during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at **#692-9125** or after hours and on weekends and holidays at **#1-800-510-5869** and they will be paged.