FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome Spring!

It’s a pleasure to have some milder, warmer temperatures as we thaw out from one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent years.

I’m happy to announce that the Village now has police protection 24/7 per resident requests. We were able to accomplish this with two years of balanced budgets and by establishing new savings directives. Our officers, both full and part-time have worked hard to earn a rating of ‘Excellent’ with the McHenry County States Attorney and are proud to serve our community and residents.

As a reminder, our Senior Bus is available every Tuesday departing Village Hall at 9:00 am and returning at approximately 1:30 pm. Gary Norton, our driver is also willing to pick up at individual homes as well. Please call Village Hall at (815) 648-2353 Ext. 10 for more information.

Brush pick-up will be the first and third weeks of May. Please place brush at the curb, not on the street, and our Public Works Staff will dispose of it.

Enjoy the warmth!

Kimmy
OUR POLICE NEWS...

First and foremost, we would like to welcome Officer Howard and Officer Flinton as the newest officers to the department, bringing the staff to eight. The Hebron Police Department is proud to announce that they are now providing 24/7 coverage to the Village!

As the warmer weather approaches it will bring increased traffic, increased pedestrian, increased children (on foot, bikes and scooters), so please be alert!

With the increasing temperatures, please stay hydrated and cool. If you’re traveling with pets, remember to not lock them in a hot car with the windows rolled up.

Chief R. Donlea
Hebron Police Dept.

The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others!

So, please remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle:

1. Recycle empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.
3. Empty recyclables directly into your cart. NO bagged recyclables. Return plastic bags to a local grocer.

You’d be amazed by how big of an impact just following these simple rules can have! Thank you for doing your part!!!
FROM OUR TREASURER

The welcoming of Spring also brings to a close the 2018-19 fiscal year for the Village of Hebron. April 30th is the last day of the fiscal year. That means that April is a pivotal month in the Treasurer’s office. We are in the midst of analyzing the past year and developing the next year’s budget and appropriation. In the State of Illinois it is required that a village pass an appropriation budget that has listed all the expected revenues and a set amount of expenditures by line item that spending cannot exceed. This could also serve as a budget. However, it is the practice of many villages to also have a budget that is more stringent in regard to spending. That is what the Village of Hebron does. We have a budget that all our departments are directed to stay within and we have an appropriation which we cannot legally expend beyond. I know sometimes there is confusion about the two terms so I hope this helps explain the difference and why we do both. The trustees will be reviewing and voting on a new budget and appropriation in April and May.

The good news is that we are within our budget for this past year and we have been able to save back some of the budget to go into capital development for infrastructure needs as identified by the department heads. As always, feedback from the community to the trustees is important to the village so that budgetary goals are in line with community needs. Please continue to give us feedback along the lines of what you think is important to be in the budget. A goal this year continues to be to improve the reporting of village finances. Several strategies are being considered. Please let us know what would help you in regard to financial reporting.

We are continuing to search for grants to augment the revenues for our community. We are on the search for grants to help with infrastructure such as street lighting, sewer and water maintenance, park improvements and senior activities and transportation. If you hear of anything, please give us a call or an email and we will follow through with any leads.

~ Pat Syens, Treasurer

Hi All!

No big news, I just wanted you to know that it has been a pleasure to be back in Hebron again! I am having fun meeting new people and seeing people that I knew from when I worked for the Village before. The staff here is great and I love working with all of them. Thank you all for being so welcoming! HAPPY SPRING!!! ~ Jean Attermeier

VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE HALL HOURS
Monday 1:00pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday 9am—2pm
815-648-2353 EXT. 10
clerk@villageofhebron.org
POLICE NEWS CONTINUED...

OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS
Environmentally Sound Alternatives Available

WOODSTOCK IL - McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) reminds residents of the Public Health Ordinance restrictions regarding the open burning of landscape waste, which is in effect year round. Residents located within municipalities should check with their city or village regarding additional restrictions that may apply. Where there is not a ban or more restrictive ordinance, the County Ordinance must be followed. Open burning of landscape waste is limited to weekend days (Saturdays and Sundays) in April, May, October, and November from dawn to dusk. The burn area must be located a minimum of 100 feet from any habitable structure, and 50 feet from a detached garage, shed, barn, or any other non-habitable structure. No burning is permitted in easements or when the wind speed exceeds 10 mph. Adult supervision is required throughout the duration of the burning, and a water source or fire extinguisher must be available. Only landscape waste generated on the site may be burned. Burning any other materials, such as garbage, paper, cardboard, construction materials or animal waste is prohibited at all times.

MCDH encourages residents to consider alternatives to the open burning of landscape waste, such as mulching, native landscaping, composting, using landscape service companies, or dropping landscape waste off at a composting facility or landscape waste transfer station. Municipal solid waste haulers who provide regular residential waste pickup in McHenry County must offer landscape waste collection service. Residents should contact their municipal solid waste haulers with questions about their service.

Residents may contact the Department of Health or any local law enforcement agency, fire department or fire protection district with a complaint. Agencies who respond to open burning concerns are responsible for a variety of issues, and all responses are prioritized. An immediate response is not always possible. Complete information about the Public Health Ordinance, suggested alternatives, and bonfire permit applications are available on the MCDH website: www.mcdh.info or by calling the Division of Environmental Health at 815-334-4585.
Notes from public works:

STREETS:
Just a reminder that brush pick up by the Village is the 1st and 3rd Mondays in May and October and if there is storm damage. Please contact Prairie Land or purchase the bags and stickers available at Hebron Lumber for any brush to be removed outside this time frame. The Village does not pick up yard waste. Again, Prairie Land will do that for our residents. Prairie Land 847-381-9300.

WATER:
Hydrant flushing will be taking place during the next several months. The Village website will post the dates and there will be signs posted as well. Please remember that if the dial on your water meter is spinning, you have water flowing through. If you have any questions, please contact the Hebron Water Department.

WATER/SEWER BILLING
The new water and sewer rates are: Water Base Fee=$17.90, Sewer Base Fee=$32.83, Water Use Charge per 100 CU. FT.= $1.00 and Sewer Use Charge per 100 CU. FT. = $12.38
Water and Sewer is billed monthly and is due on the first of each month. After the due date, there is a late fee charge of 10% of the balance. For your convenience, you can use E-Pay, drop payment in the drop box located in front of the Village Hall, or pay in person during Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You can mail your payment, but please keep in mind that the mail in the Village goes to Palatine and then returns to Hebron. This can take 3-5 days or longer. The Village is not responsible for the mail. If you do not receive your water and sewer bill by the 15th of the month, please either call or email the water and sewer billing email at wsbilling@villageofhebron.org. Thank you!

SEWER:
Please DO NOT flush any hazardous chemicals Down the sewer! Also, pouring grease down your drains can cause your drains to plug up.

Any questions regarding sewer issues, please call or email the Sewer Department
The Village of Hebron Code Enforcement Officer is working diligently to clean up the look of our Village. We want to set a good impression to the people who visit or drive through our Village. Please be a good neighbor and check out your own property to see if there are any improvements you can make.

If you have any questions please be sure to contact our building inspector, Dick Ackerman at 815-482-4558.

The Consolidated Election will be held Tuesday, April 2. View early voting locations and times, a list of McHenry County polling locations, get an application to vote by mail, register to vote and view a sample ballot at the McHenry County website.

On the Ballot for VILLAGE OF HEBRON:

TRUSTEE Two Year Unexpired Term (Vote for two)
James D. Lange
Patricia C. Peterson

TRUSTEE (Vote for three)
John D. Santoro
Mark Shepherd
Robert Wagner

ALDEN – HEBRON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #19 Proposition To Issue $20,300,000 School Building Bonds Shall the Board of Education of Alden-Hebron Community Consolidated School District Number 19, McHenry County, Illinois, improve the site of and build and equip a middle school/high school building and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of $20,300,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? ___YES ___ NO

The Village of Hebron requires a Raffle License to hold a raffle within the Village. Please refer to the Village website (villageofhebron.org) regarding regulations for raffles and to find an application form (also available at the Village Hall). When the form is completed, please return to the Village Clerk by email at clerk@villageofhebron.org or drop it off at the Village Hall during normal Clerk hours (Mondays 1 pm to 6 pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm).

The raffle must be approved by the Village Board at a meeting, so please make sure that you give yourself plenty of time for processing. Thank you!!!
COMMUNITY NEWS

St. John’s Lutheran Church of Hebron:

Alden-Hebron Elementary School Student Council’s Secret Santa Program. Front row from left: Jacob Gritmacker, Lily Misiek, Jayden Petska, Sadie Dixon, Belle Swenson, Brenda Valdez. Middle row from left: Caleb Linneman, Aldo Carrero, Jason Krumsee, Hayden Smith, Addy Cunningham, Jack Stewart, Isabella Beck, Savannah Dixon, Summer Steele.

RINGS, the high school youth group from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Hebron, met to do their very first Paint & Snack hosted by Shannon Combs. Pictured top left to right: Pastor Debbie Kelly, Rylee Micklevitz, Jessica Myers, Caroline Norton.
The youth meal theme at St. John's Lutheran Church on February 3rd was Soup-R-Bowl Sunday! Delicious soups and salads along with yummy cookies were prepared, served and cleaned up by our youth. All proceeds benefitted the Hebron Public Library.

Back row: Channon Gates, Cyra McKenzie, Faith Higgins, Madison Kastning
Front row: Daisy Leedle, Lily Leedle, Joe Higgins, Ayannah McKenzie, Delaney Gates

Recently St. John's Lutheran Church Confirmation Classes went on a retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI. Pictured from the left is Karen Gritmacker, Madison Kastning, Channon Gates, Jill Meyer, Faith Higgins, and Dawn Higgins.