

# HEBRON NEWS

*Honoring our past, moving toward the future*

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I'd like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year! As we kickoff 2018 and our third newsletter, let's take a look back, then forward, at what's been happening in the Village and what's to come.

Our Village began the new fiscal year in May with a balanced budget ○ We applied for a Senior Bussing Grant and were privileged to be a recipient ○ New businesses in town on Main Street ○ We expanded our base and annexed two properties into Hebron ○ The first employee Personnel Manual was approved in the best interest of staff and the Village ○ A restructuring of the sign ordinance to accommodate extended signage for our downtown businesses ○ Repairs and maintenance of our three Village tornado sirens ○ Additional police coverage throughout the Village ○ The start of repairs to the railing downtown on Main Street ○ Renegotiation of our IEPA Loan for our Sewer Plant ○ New lighting at the Veterans Memorial off of Price Road ○ Road repair and resurfacing to portions of four Village streets ○ New volleyball net and fresh sand at the park off of Price Road ○ Restriping throughout the Village ○ Hebron's first annual Holly Days ○ The Village Christmas Tree and ice skating rink

In the coming year, we will address our water tower, which is in need of maintenance, the last of which happened 25 years ago ○ We are currently working on the 2018/2019 fiscal budget along with 5-year savings and maintenance planning for each department ○ More new business coming to town ○ Additional road and sidewalk maintenance during the Spring, Summer & Fall ○ A new Farmers Market May through October, Saturday's from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Prairie Avenue at Rt. 47 (Main St.) ○ The Municipal Code will be revised where necessary ○ Building and Electrical Codes will be updated

Please let me add, that it is a pleasure and an honor to serve the residents of Hebron. I realize there is much to do as we move forward, however, your thoughts are extremely important. Feel free to call, attend our Village Board meetings, send an e-mail or even attend Coffee with the President on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 9:30 am. Hebron is important!

I'd like to thank everyone who was able to participate in our annual Christmas Decorating Contest and congratulate the 2017 winners:

#### RESIDENTIAL

- 1st Place – 9703 Main Street
- 2nd Place – 11903 Prairie Avenue
- 3rd Place (Tie) – 11902 Prairie Avenue  
and 9710 Woods Lane

#### BUSINESS

- 1st Place – Mary's on Maple

Extended thanks to Grampy's Antiques and Hazel's Diner for sponsoring this year's contest! Here at Village Hall we're looking forward to a productive 2018. Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

*Sincerely,*  
*Kimmy Martinez*

## From your Treasurer



### Dollars and Sense

We are beginning the calendar year preparing for the new fiscal year budget. The fiscal year for our Village is May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. To prepare, we are looking closely at all the Village's revenue and expenses for the past eight months of the current fiscal year and setting goals and determining the needs for each department for the next fiscal year's budget.

The planning involves meeting with all the departments, setting goals to achieve, determining maintenance needs and studying vendor costs for various supplies, materials and services.

The appropriations ordinance and budget will be presented to the Village Board of Trustees for a vote prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. Our revenue and expenses for this fiscal year are on target and within the budgeted limitations in the various categories.

Citizen input is always welcome regarding suggested goals, needed maintenance and for improvement of various services provided by the Village.

Hebron Police would like to advise all residents of a scam which has occurred in neighboring towns to the South of Hebron. Individuals dressed in yellow safety vests have identified themselves as public works and water management personnel. As one individual occupies the residence a second enters the home and steals any visible valuables.

Always request a city identification from anyone claiming to represent the Village before allowing them to enter your residence. If you are uncertain call 911 so that an officer can meet with the individual prior to entering the residence.

Slow down for winter weather. Despite the roads being plowed and salted the extreme temperatures leave even treated roads slippery.

Remember to look for winter parking signs prior to leaving your vehicle parked overnight to be certain that your vehicle is legally parked.

Happy New Year from the Hebron Police Department.

**Chief R. Donlea**

Hebron Police Dept.

**FROM OUR PD**



**REMINDER:** Village Snow Removal ordinance which pertains to residents and businesses alike:

**6B-4-1 SNOW REMOVAL** The person occupying the ground floor of any building, the owner/user of any lot without a structure thereon, and the owner of any vacant building or other premises shall use reasonable efforts to remove the snow and ice accumulating on the abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow or ice cannot be removed the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

**6B-4-2 PENALTY** Any person violating Section 6B-4-1 shall be fined \$25.00 for each offense.

## Winter Word Search Puzzle

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S	N	O	W	M	A	N	Y	C	C	S	T	O	R	M
E	F	W	T	Z	L	S	E	I	R	R	U	L	F	S
S	F	M	L	E	E	L	Y	E	O	Y	Y	D	N	E
E	O	O	M	E	M	I	A	U	M	A	V	O	I	R
K	G	B	S	W	O	P	S	B	L	F	W	G	H	U
A	N	I	H	V	B	P	A	P	W	B	M	N	S	T
L	I	L	O	B	B	E	N	N	L	O	L	I	K	P
F	D	E	V	D	U	R	D	O	Q	U	N	H	I	L
X	I	N	E	D	B	Y	W	W	X	J	P	S	I	U
Z	L	K	L	N	I	E	L	D	T	L	D	I	N	C
F	S	V	V	L	R	K	T	F	I	R	D	F	G	S
T	S	C	R	A	P	E	R	J	W	W	H	I	T	E

BOOTS	SKATING
DRIFT	SKIING
FISHING	SLIDING
FLAKES	SLIPPERY
FLURRIES	SNOWBALL
FUN	SNOWBLOWER
HOCKEY	SNOWMAN
ICY	SNOWMOBILE
PLAY	STORM
PLOW	WHITE
SALT	
SAND	
SCRAPER	
SCULPTURE	
SHOVEL	



# Notes from public works:

**STREETS:** We have had some questions about the way we salt and would like to take the time to explain what salt does to our roads and why.

We salt in a process called spot salting. We only salt intersections, hills, and our 2 most traveled roads (Price and Bigelow) and let the traffic track the salt from spot to spot.

The salt does contribute to potholes and asphalt cracks/road deterioration. Potholes are caused by water seeping into pavement and asphalt cracks. This water expands inside of the pavement when frozen, creating a weak patch. As cars drive over this weak patch, it creates damage and further freeze/thaw cycles extend that damage.

Salt can exacerbate the problem because it keeps water in liquid form at a lower temperature. With salt mixed in, water does not freeze until around 15 degrees. So, water that is infused with salt will continue to go through the freeze/thaw cycle at lower temperatures than pure water.

We also want to remind residents to please keep their sidewalk in front of their business or residents clean and free of ice. If you would like a copy of the ordinance the Village of Hebron code book is on our website. [Villageofhebron.org](http://Villageofhebron.org)

We will be taking our Christmas lights down soon. As the residents are doing the same the village is taking donations of good working Christmas lights for next year's tree lighting and decorations. The more lights we have to put up the better our tree will look. They can be dropped off at Village Hall.

## WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

We want to remind the Residents that the closer they are to the water tower the stronger the treatment is. Thus, if you live close to the water tower you can sometimes smell the Chlorine in the water from time to time. This is a normal and standard process. This winter we also want to remind residents that if we get a cold period that our air temps are below 0 for a number of days that they should keep the water on just a touch to keep their service line from freezing.

Sewer- We just want to remind the residents about flushable and non-flushable again. We starting to receive a lot of "rags" in our collection system. Rags can be defined as Wet wipes, baby wipes, face cleaner wipes, diapers, tampons and ext.

### Water/Sewer Billing

The Due date on the latest bill has changed from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> (Due to feb only having 28 Days)

**BILLS IN JANUARY and from now on moving forward WILL BE DUE ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> of each month**

This is also noted on the water bills.

As per our agreement with the EPA there will be a rate increase stating 2/18  
Sewer rates will go up as follows :

Base 2017 \$29.78 Base 2018 \$31.27

Usage 2017 \$6.43 per 100 Cubic foot / Usage 2018 \$6.75 per 100 Cubic foot

Water Base 2017 \$16.24 / Water Base 2018 \$17.05

Water Usage 2017 \$0.91 per 100 Cubic foot / Water Usage 2018 \$0.96 Per 100 Cubic foot



## SNOW SHOVELING TIPS

The following tips can help keep you safer when you set out to shovel:

- **Warm up.** Warm your muscles before heading out to shovel by doing some light movements, such as bending side to side or walking in place.
- **Push rather than lift.** Pushing the snow with the shovel instead of lifting can help reduce the strain on your body. When lifting snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.
- **Choose your shovel wisely.** Ergonomically-designed shovels can help reduce the amount of bending you have to do.
- **Lighten your load.** Consider using a lighter-weight plastic shovel instead of a metal one to help decrease the weight being lifted.
- **Hit the pause button.** Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. Consider taking a break after 20 to 30 minutes of shoveling, especially when the snow is wet.
- **Consider multiple trips.** Consider shoveling periodically throughout the storm to avoid having to move large amounts of snow at once.
- **Keep up with snowfall.** Try to shovel snow shortly after it falls, when it is lighter and fluffier. The longer snow stays on the ground, the wetter it can become. Wet snow is heavier and harder to move.
- **Wear layers.** Dress in layers and remove them as you get warm to help maintain a comfortable body temperature.
- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling.

A national study<sup>2</sup> found that the most common shoveling-related injuries were to the lower back. Cardiac-related injuries account for only 7% of all injuries, but they were the most serious in nature. If you do not exercise on a regular basis, are middle-aged or older, or have any health conditions, such as heart disease or high blood pressure, you should check with your doctor before doing any strenuous shoveling. Consider using a snow blower or snow removal service as an alternative means of snow removal.



## FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon. 1pm-6pm, Tues. – Thurs. 9am-2pm**

The Village Board holds two meetings a month. They are on the 1st and 3rd Monday's except for September as the first meeting will be on Tuesday Sept. 4th due to the Labor Day Holiday. Meeting schedules can be found on the Village website and posted at the Village Hall and Post Office. All meetings are held at the Village Hall at 7pm. Agendas for each meeting are posted 48 hours before the meeting on the Village website and posted at the Village Hall and Post Office. Please visit [www.villageofhebron.org](http://www.villageofhebron.org) for meeting dates agendas and minutes.





# Village of Hebron Senior Bus

*McHenry County Senior Services Grant approved for the Village*

## When does it begin?

Village President Kimmy Martinez is proud to announce that Tuesday, January 16, 2018 will be the first bus trip under the grant we received from the Senior Services Grant program. It will be available to leave at 10 AM and return by 1:30 PM every Tuesday that weather allows. The first Tuesday we will be going to Woodstock with stops at Aldi and Wal Mart. The general pick up location for the bus is the Village of Hebron Village Hall parking lot at the corner of Prairie and St Albans. If a special pick up is needed in the city limits of Hebron, we will try to accommodate the needs of those who cannot get to the central location. A big thank you to Trustee Sue Ritzert who also serves on the Senior Services Grant Commission and was very supportive and helpful in the grant process.

## Where will we go each week?

This program is flexible as to where we will go each week and what stops we will make. This is the rider's program and will be designed to meet the rider's needs as much as possible. If the majority want to stop for lunch we will try to work out affordable and convenient stops that the bus can easily pull into. Let us know what you want and where you want to go. Please call Pat Syens at 815-353-0602 to give her your information and interests or to ask additional questions. She has tried to make phone calls to everyone who has signed up in the past with a noted interest in this service. We look forward to hearing from you.



The bus will be an Alden-Hebron School District bus with a certified bus driver. A big thank you to Superintendent Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg and Transportation director Cyndi Erckfritz for their cooperation in making this service possible. It is so wonderful to have inter-governmental cooperation to bring our taxpayers needed services.

## Who do I call to sign up or to get more information?

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