

# EPHRAIM NEWS



Village of Ephraim Newsletter

November 2016

## President's Notes . . . . Dr. Michael McCutcheon

It's nearing the time to put another year in the books for Ephraim. What a year it has been! Our Village is no longer a dry one with the passage of two classes of liquor licenses. Thanks to all for making your feelings known about the issue and for turning out to vote. My thanks to our very capable office staff for getting everything in order and issuing all the licenses to those who applied by the first of July as promised. Your Board has extended the moratorium on considering different classes of licenses until January 1, 2018. This was done to gauge the impact of the changes to our Village before considering new classes of licenses.

We, as a nation, have just concluded a most contentious national election. I am proud of our residents as we continue to work together, despite differing opinions, striving towards solutions that will benefit all.


My thanks go out to Steve Sauter for his time spent as a Trustee and to Jane Olson who left us all too soon. I welcome Paul Roppuld to the Board and thank him for assuming the reins of the Community Protection Committee. I also extend a big thanks to Cindy Nelson for agreeing to fill the vacancy left by Jane. She is a fast learner and has worked very hard to get up to speed on the current issues facing the Board. Welcome to both of you.

Your Village continues to be in excellent financial shape.

*Windsor and I extend our wishes to each and every one of you for a joyous holiday season. Have fun and be safe.*



Anderson Marina Fall 2016– Photo Courtesy of Tad Dukehart



***“Autumn begins with a subtle change in the light, with skies a deeper blue, and nights that become suddenly clear and chilled.***

***The season comes full with the first frost, the disappearance of migrant birds, and the harvesting of the season's last crops.”***

***- Glenn Wolff ..”***



## In This Issue...

- The first ever Alcohol Permits were issued in early July.
- Important Streetscape Update - See Back Page
- Ephraim welcomes two new Village Trustees
- Forecast for the Winter Season

# Clerks Corner.... Andrea Collak



**Monday Night Concerts at the Gazebo in Harborside Park**

This has been a very challenging year for us here at the Administrative Office. We have had 4 elections this year and a very significant referendum that has forever changed Ephraim. I want to thank each and every one of you for helping me learn everything I needed to know about the election process and a very special thank you to our election staff: Chief Inspectors Diane Kirkland, Kristine Nelson, Cindy Nelson and Theresa Weborg and our Inspectors Anne Glabe, Norma Hager, Alice Stollenwerk and Dick Van De Ven for all their invaluable help in this process.

An application for a dog license is now available on the Ephraim web-site under Forms and applications. Visit our site at [ephraim-wisconsin.com](http://ephraim-wisconsin.com)

Tax time will soon be here. If you have recently moved please contact us to ensure we have the best address for this important December mailing.

## 2017 Presidential Election

296 Ephraim Registered Voters..... 248 Voted

## Note from the Administrator ...

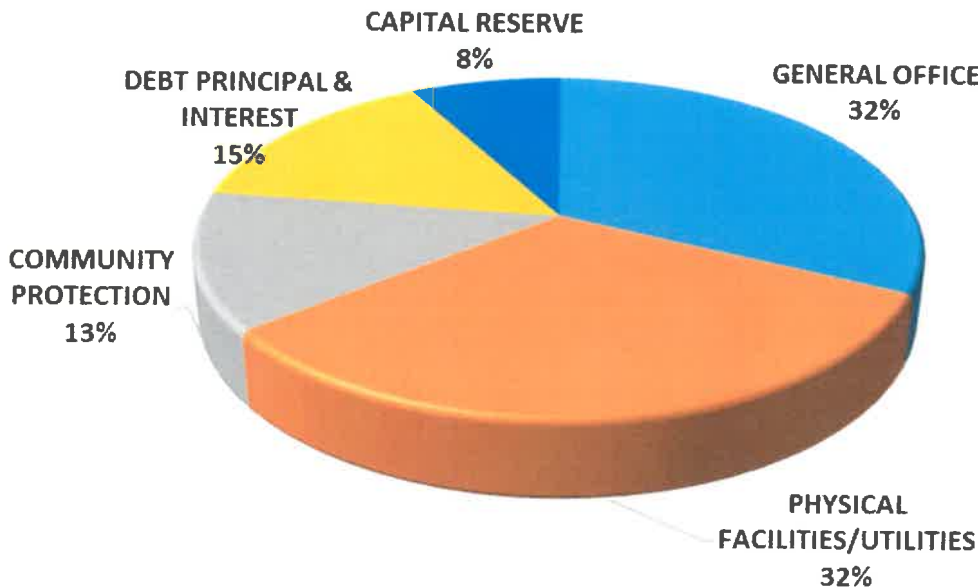
*Brent Bristol*

This past month the 2017 Village of Ephraim budget was approved. The total tax levy for 2017 has increased from \$987,741 to \$991,415 for an increase of 0.4%. The Assessed Value of the village increased by \$245,000. The result is an increase in the village mill rate of \$0.01 per thousand to \$2.86. Again this year department heads, committees, and your village board have done an excellent job in producing a budget that reflects the fiscal responsibility that we have come to expect and appreciate.



### 2017 Budget Summary:

General Office:	.....\$359,216
Physical Facilities:	.....\$360,443
Debt (P&I):	.....\$168,305
Capital Reserve:	.....\$89,701
Community Protection:	.....\$145,781





## FYR BAL 2016

Fyr Bal 2016 took place on June 18th. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day.

Artists, food, musical entertainment and family activities along picturesque Eagle Harbor welcomed the arrival of summer. To move visitors back and forth the trolley visited Ephraim's iconic landmarks, shops, galleries and restaurants.

Our 2016 Fyr Bal Chieftain Walt Fisher set ablaze the first bonfire to chase away the winter witch and the fire-work display was amazing.



### *Ephraim Tid Bits...*

Ephraim was founded in 1853, the population at that time was unknown. However, our population in 2016 is 288.

Ephraim is located at [45°9'23"N 87°10'16"W / 45.15639°N 87.17111°W / 45.15639; -87.17111](#) (45.156509, -87.171047).

According to the [United States Census Bureau](#), the village has a total area of 7.16 square miles (18.54 km<sup>2</sup>), of which, 3.79 square miles (9.82 km<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and 3.37 square miles (8.73 km<sup>2</sup>) is water.

The highest point in the village (at the north end of North Orchard St.) is about 788 feet (240 m) above sea level, or 210 feet (64 m) above the surface of Green Bay.

Climate: The climate in Ephraim is temperate, with warm summers and cold winters. Guess we all knew that!



FYR BAL Chasing the Winter Witch- photo Courtesy of Tad Dukehart

## Ephraim Welcomes 2 New Trustees

The April Election saw a change in the guard with Stephen Sauter retiring from service and Paul Roppuld elected to fill the vacancy. Roppuld's platform is based on continued fiscal financial solvency, conservation of natural resources and accountability.

In May of 2016 Cindy Nelson agreed to complete the term of Jane Olson, and will be up for election in the 2017 spring election. Cindy has provided excellent contributions to the Board meetings and is a former teacher who minds our p's and q's.

Speaking of Jane Olson, Jane departed our community on June 30th of this year. Jane served the Village of Ephraim well as an active member of the Board: June 2009-May 2016 8 years, Personnel Committee 8 years, Library Chair 2009-2016, Community Protection Committee 8 years, Physical Facilities 2006-2011 6 years, Election Inspector 2005-2016 12 years. Jane was honored to be presented a Fyr Bal Chieftain medal designed and fashioned by artist John Balistreri June of 2014, a title bestowed by the residents of the village for her service to the community.

### *Planning a Building or Remodeling Project????*

Don't forget to give Brent a call at the Village Administration Office if you are doing any type of work....he can help you through the entire process! If you have questions give him a call or send him an email.



## Maintenance Department News... Brad Rasmusson

Greetings from the maintenance staff. I would like to take this opportunity to inform our residents about our recycling facility and procedures. The facility is located right next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 10285 Town Line Dr. The recycling facility is open 24/7 365 days a year, which will continue as long as the facility is used correctly,. Please note that we do not accept garbage. The facility is open to recycling generated from properties and businesses within the Village of Ephraim **ONLY**. We now have 10 single stream recycling dumpsters, 4 large capacity, 3 low profile, and 3 large capacity with rear access doors for those not able to use the others. Please look at the Village of Ephraim website for information on what can and can not be recycled. We will also post this information at our facility.

There is a brush dump located behind the pole barn which we have expanded this year, we now have 3 separate areas, one for brush and limbs, one for yard waste, and a fire wood pile which anyone is allowed to take from if interested.

This year we installed traffic control signs at our facility for the safety of our residents and employees on the property. In the winter please allow a couple hours following a snow storm for us to make the facility safe for your use.

New in 2017, on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-noon we will be hosting an electronics recycling event which will include electronics, small appliances and much more. Please look at our website or look at upcoming minutes for future updates including a possible date change,. Brochures detailing what will be accepted will be distributed long before the event and we will post information at the recycling facility when available. Depending on the turnout we might make this an annual event.

Thank you and have a good year,

**Brad Rasmusson**  
**Maintenance Operations Manager**



RECYCLE TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW- SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Glass, tin, aluminum, steel, plastic, paper and cardboard can be commingled into one container. Please rinse all food-containing recyclable materials before placing in the bin. Recyclables must be loose in the container (not bagged).

## Wastewater Plant News ... Russ Salfi - Notice of Posting:

Attention interested parties. A draft of the McMahon Engineers' North Shore Road Freeze Mitigation Feasibility Study can be found on the Village of Ephraim website at [ephrain-wisconsin.com](http://ephrain-wisconsin.com)  
Russ joins the Board and staff in welcoming Andy Lohman to the Wastewater Department Staff.

Russell J. Salfi  
Ephraim Wastewater, Operator In Charge / Manager



## Community Protection Committee... By Paul Roppuld

My Fellow Residents,

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the various village committees whose dedicated service to the common good contributes so much to our quality of life in Ephraim.

And to everyone, may your holidays be filled with peace and joy, and the promise of a healthy and safe new year.

Paul Roppuld - Trustee  
Village of Ephraim



## News from the EFD... Chief Justin MacDonald

As winter approaches we encourage everyone to have their chimneys cleaned and other heating sources professionally checked to ensure they are in proper working condition. We recommend everyone change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors annually and if those units are more than 10 years old to purchase new ones. If you have questions regarding smoke or CO detectors please contact the Fire Department. We will be happy to answer any of your questions.

The Fire Department is in the process of upgrading our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) these are the breathing units we wear when entering a smoke filled or hazardous environment. The units we currently have are becoming obsolete and upgrading will improve the amount of time we can work in a hazardous environment, the new equipment will have a life expectancy of 15 years.

A brief reminder that the burning of brush can only be done when there is at least 2 inches or more of snow cover. To obtain a burning permit contact Chief MacDonald, Assistant Chief Havel or Captain Meyer prior to starting to burn. We will only issue permits on a day to day basis as weather and wind conditions quickly change.

**Please do not wait until the middle of March or later to burn as you may not be able to get a permit.**

If you have any questions regarding the Fire Department please contact us.

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## Are You Ready for Winter?

### Time to get your home and car ready for cold and snow

November 14-18, 2016 is Wisconsin's Winter Awareness Week. Now is the time to get ready before the snow and cold hit. Make sure you have an emergency supply kit in your car – it could save your life. If you slide off into a ditch and are stranded during a storm, food and other items in your kit could help keep you and your family safe until emergency help arrives.

An emergency vehicle kit should contain items such as **flashlight, first aid kit, booster cables, emergency flares, water and snack food along with extra gloves, hats, scarves and blankets.** In addition, make sure you have a shovel and a **bag of sand or kitty litter** to help provide traction if you get stuck.

## **STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE:**

Beginning on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm and continuing into the month of December, the Ephraim Village Board will be having public meetings at the village hall, 9996 Water Street to discuss the proposed cross sections of the streetscape plan. The board has broken the project at this time down to three sections.

- Section 1 - From the Wetlands Preserve to Village Firehouse Marina.
- Section 2 - From the Firehouse Marina to Visitor Information Center.
- Section 3 - From the Visitor Information Center to Anderson Dock.

Discussions on the 30<sup>th</sup> will begin with a focus on Section 1. Meetings will be posted on our village website and in the village posting boxes. Additionally meeting notification will be emailed out to those signed up to receive updates. Meetings will continue in the month of December with the section discussions moving north until all three sections are covered.

If a consensus is reached upon completion of these meetings the board will consider moving forward to the engineering phase of design in early 2017.

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