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VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is a lot happening in our village.

The new Christmas decorations will be up in early December. Thank you to those who have already donated. If you pledged funds and have not paid, please drop off your donation in the payment box at village hall. We are still in need of donations. If you would like to help, make checks payable to Village of Cleveland and please note that it is a donation to the Christmas decoration fund.

The pedestrian bridge at Hika Park has been installed. The former dam impoundment has taken many grant cycles to restore, and the bridge is the latest phase. The village is fortunate to work with Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership for planning and grant assistance to make these safety and aesthetic improvements a reality. Please enjoy the park on the North side of the creek but keep in mind that public parking is on the South side of the creek and there is no parking in the public works garage parking lot. Also, be mindful that there is no public access to the public works garage area and residents' private property to the North and South of the park.

There is ample area to enjoy the beautiful lakefront within the park boundaries.

The water utility recently applied for a water rate increase with the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC takes many factors into account in setting the water rates for the village. The last rate case was completed in 1998 and the total requested was \$61,653. The village board has committed to offsetting the water rate increase through, at minimum, a reduction in the sewer rates. After the loan for the sewer treatment plant was paid, we have been focused on the many maintenance projects that had been deferred because of lack of funds. It has taken the board many years to rebound from the decades-old operating deficits in our water and sewer utilities and we feel strongly about the track we are on for a more secure financial future.

Kathy Stolzmann

Village President

TAX COLLECTION

Taxes can be mailed, left in the drop box, or paid in person during normal business hours:

Monday-Thursday, 10am – 12noon, 12:30pm – 4pm

The Clerk's Office is ALSO OPEN EXTENDED HOURS for your convenience, or by appointment.

Tuesday, December 19

Open 7am – 6pm

Saturday, December 30

Open 9am – 12 noon

Saturday, January 27

Open 9am – 12 noon

Tuesday, January 31

Open 9am – 6pm

The office is CLOSED Monday, December 25.

Make checks payable to VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND. **Do not combine other payments with your tax check.**

Taxes are due January 31. Manitowoc County will charge interest once our books are closed.

Cleveland Athletic Club

At the November 7th monthly meeting, four members were elected for two-year terms to the board of directors. Sandy Stoeckigt was re-elected as vice president, Jodie Arnsmeier was re-elected as secretary, Mike Bruckschen was elected as one director and Steve Leonhard was elected as a second director. These members join Dave Salm – president, Dale Wagner – treasurer and Gina Burkhard – director on the board of directors for 2018. Thank you to outgoing officers Traci Jost and Karen Salm for their hard work and dedication to the board the past two years.

Furthermore, our 26th annual scholarship brat fry/raffle will be held at the VFW Hall on Sunday February 11, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour is from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. featuring reduced beverage prices! Raffle tickets are currently available from all members featuring several great prizes donated by area businesses. Please be generous and support this worthy cause. Last year, with your support we were able to award (7) \$1000.00 scholarships to well deserving area high school seniors bringing the total amount awarded to \$77,500 since 1993. Scholarship applications are currently available at your respective guidance offices. The prerequisite for seniors applying for the scholarships is: reside in the Cleveland Zip Code area (53015), possess a Cleveland telephone exchange (693) or a son or daughter of an active CAC member. Our scholarship selection committee reviews and considers each applicants academic and athletic achievements and their participation in community service work before selecting the winning recipients. The deadline for applying for the 2018 scholarships is Friday, March 23, 2018. For more information please contact Sandy Stoeckigt at (920) 693-8909.

Also, area residents should check out the ice rink for all to use behind the VFW Hall this winter. As one of the largest service organizations (approx. 55 current members) in the Cleveland area, we are always looking for new members to offer their suggestions and ideas for the improvement of our club. The next two meetings will be held Tuesday, December 5th and Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Hickory House.

Police Department

In December 2017, Officer Aaron Katzka will be leaving police work and the Village to get married and start a new life and new career in Minnesota. The Village has benefitted from his services since 2009. Officer Jacob Schweigl, currently a casual-status officer with the Village, has accepted the position full time. All of the staff at Village Hall have been working together on the transition and we are confident there will be no departure from the high level of service received by Cleveland residents and property owners.

Good luck, Aaron, and thank you for your dedication to our community!

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Cleveland Lions Club News

The Cleveland Lions wish to extend a huge “Thank You” to the coaches and assistant coaches for their volunteer efforts in coaching the little league baseball, soccer, and “Wildcat” baseball programs this past season.

Our Lions District 27 B-1 convention was held in Manitowoc on November 10th and 11th. Our club presented checks totaling \$5,350.00 in support of the WI Lions Pride Campaign, WI Lions Foundation, Leader Dog Program, and WI Lions Eye Bank.

The Wisconsin Lions Camp at Rosholt, Wisconsin served 1,452 campers this summer, who were either visually impaired, deaf or hearing impaired, or cognitively disabled at no cost to the camper.

The Cleveland Lions contributed to the “Secret Santa” program for the community, both financially and with helping hands.

We extend our appreciation to the community for supporting our annual “nut sale”. Hopefully many of you enjoyed this fine selection of good quality nuts while also providing financial support for our programs in this community.

As we continue to celebrate the “100th Anniversary of Lionism” (1917-2017) we look forward to planning for the 39th Dairyland Festival to be held Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th 2018.

If you have an interest in joining Lions and making a difference, contact any Lion or specifically Lion Tom Fiedler at (920) 693-8553 or Lion Denise Fritz at (920) 726-4250. We would welcome your participation.

Cleveland State Bank Gifts from the Heart

In the spirit of the holidays, Cleveland State Bank encourages community support for their “Gifts from the Heart” Campaigns at both the Cleveland Office and the Howards Grove Office. Each office will be working in conjunction with respective programs that assist local families who are less fortunate.

Cleveland Office – Cleveland Area

Cleveland Secret Santa will be the recipient of monetary donations made at Cleveland State Bank. The funds will be used to put together food baskets for local families that could use our support. You may bring your monetary donation to either office. Donations that are not need for the 2017 collection will be used to jump start the 2018 Secret Santa Campaign. No gifts will be collected.

Howards Grove Office - Sheboygan County

The Health and Human Services Department of Sheboygan County collects unwrapped gifts and distributes them throughout Sheboygan County. The Howards Grove Office will be collecting items for 2017 until Friday, December 8, 2017. A list of suggestions is available.

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Centerville Creek Restoration and Hika Park Enhancement Nearing Completion

Folks living near Hika Park and Centerville Creek in Cleveland have witnessed many enhancements these last seven years thanks to a five-phase restoration project undertaken by the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and Friends of Hika Bay, and now in its final stage.

This project started in 2009. A local Citizen Advisory Committee formed to fully assess the abandoned millpond area and Hika Park, eventually becoming the Friends of Hika Bay and helping guide the Centerville Creek restoration.

In Phase I, UW-Madison landscape architecture students created designs for Hika Park. UW-Manitowoc biological science students of Drs. Rebecca Abler and Richard Hein began monitoring five creeks in southern Manitowoc County to assess water quality conditions and trends.

This partnership earned the Hika Bay group and LNRP the 2012 Wisconsin Idea Award from UW Colleges and UW-Extension for successively “bringing together the community and the university in the common goal of improving and protecting the water quality in northeastern Wisconsin...providing students with a life-enhancing opportunity to get boots-on-the-ground, in-the-field experience in the biological sciences.”

Phase II, Centerville Creek restoration, included stream re-meandering, invasive species removal, and restoration planting, and included holding public meetings, completing a land survey, engineering designs by Interfluv, and all permitting. Phase III entailed addressing administrative details, which led the Village Board to approve expanding Hika Park from 2.2 to 13.9 acres, and forming an ‘adopt-a-park’ initiative with the local group. Phase IV focused on invasive species trainings and removal, beach cleanups, and additional Hika Shores restoration plantings.

Phase V will complete the pedestrian bridge, connecting the area near the boat landing with the Hika Shores property to the north, and add two interpretive kiosks. One near Hika Shores on the bridge’s north side will inform visitors about Lake Michigan shoreline habitats. The second along Centerville Creek near the viewing platform will feature historical photos and the creek restoration. Stay tuned for a grand opening next spring!



Cleveland Fire Department

As we enter into the cold months and start up our furnaces, I want to remind you to replace the batteries and test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. There should be a smoke detector in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas, so there should be a carbon monoxide detector placed on every floor. If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home, call 911 immediately.

The Cleveland Fire Department is always looking for new members for both the Fire & First Responders. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Tony Meyer at (920) 905-1138. We consist solely of volunteers who spend many hours schooling, drilling, and responding to incidents. It is a great way to give back to your community and protect neighbors and friends.

During the month of November, we had three new applicants. We would like to welcome Jacob Bellmore, Adam Hemb, and Jacob Henschel to the Department!

Thanks and be safe!

Tony Meyer

Centreville Settlement Records another Successful Year

Centreville Settlement will be celebrating the accomplishments for 2017 at the annual old time Holiday Dinner which will be held Sunday December 3 at Kessler's Old World Inn. Social time and Cash Bar at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm Holiday Dinner. All are welcome. The event will include music, food, history and fun. Join in singing German and English Christmas carols, entertainment and sharing memories. \$25 per person. For reservations or questions call Greg.

The 36th anniversary of the group continued with timber frame repair, stone masonry and historic garden. The heritage garden produced a bounty of heirloom tomato, rhubarb, beans, rutabagas and potatoes for farm style lunches during workdays. An Old Time Skills workshop was staged with Pioneer Day---to demonstrate timber framing, shingle making and log peeling.

Tours of the nationally significant project are available on work days by calling in advance to Sarah Lutze at (920) 693-3454.

Plan on joining for 2018 to work with a fascinating set of people with a common goal of historic restoration of rural heritage of the area while having old fashioned fellowship in work ethic, sharing farm style family meals and living through life long learning. Work days are scheduled to begin for 2018 in late March. All are welcome. Persons wishing to be involved in the hands on work with timbers, windows or wood related aspects are encouraged to contact Chris Kuehnel, Project Director at (920) 693-3141.

Go to centrevillesettlement.org or choose Like on the Facebook site to learn more, see photos and learn how you can become involved. Centreville Settlement is a not for profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of the Saxon German culture and the farming community.

Please Keep Hydrants Clear of Snow

Help the firefighters *before* an emergency response—clear the snow away from fire hydrants this winter. This small act improves firefighter safety and could make the difference in saving a life!



VFW Post 8974 News

Season's Greetings from VFW Post 8974.

Our post celebrated Veteran's Day with a noon luncheon at the Wildflower Café on Thursday, November 9, 2017. We decided there were too many events on the weekend calendars for many of us. This year Veteran's Day was Saturday, November 11, 2017. Veterans of the post and their spouses and or significant others were invited. Our post will also celebrate our Christmas Party with a noon dinner at Rupp's on Sunday December 10, 2017. We schedule these events during the day as it makes travelling much easier for many of our post members. At this event we also invite the Ladies Auxiliary to join us for food, fellowship and Christmas Carols.

In December of this year the Cleveland Lions Club will become the charter organization for the Cleveland Cub and Boy Scout troops. We thank the Lions for stepping forward as our post is dwindling in numbers. I want to thank the scout troops for their participation in helping us with our events. We do plan to continue to work with the scouts in selling our buddy poppies if the scouts want to continue to sell them. Have a safe deer hunt if you hunt, a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bryce Larson Cleveland VFW post 8974 commander



Cleveland Clever Clovers 4-H Club

According to the National 4-H Council, “4 H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Kids complete hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids can concentrate on one focus area or they can try a variety of programs throughout their 4 H experience.”

Members of the Cleveland Clever Clovers have been busy the past several months completing hands on projects. Caroline Heckmann received a Merit Award at the Wisconsin State Fair in August for her 5 foot nutcracker. Hands on learning continued with members showing projects in a wide variety of categories at the Manitowoc County Fair. Several projects received Merit and State Fair Awards. Project Central is a county initiative that offers a wide variety of projects for 4-H members to try while receiving guidance from adult mentors.

We are presently taking orders for our Annual Homemade Candy sales until Friday, December 1st. Please see a 4-H member to order.

The Cleveland Clovers 4-H Club meet the 1st Monday of each month @ 5:30 pm @ the Cleveland Fire House. For more information, contact Heidi Belitz @ (920) 693-3435.

Yard Waste Site Closed

The yard waste site CLOSED November 30 and is scheduled to REOPEN Monday, April 2, 2018.

Contact the Village Department of Public Works at (920) 693-8236 and leave a message with your contact information if you have an extensive yard project during the off-season. With sufficient notice, we will try to coordinate access to the site for you or your contractor. Availability of the site will be weather and schedule dependent.

Cleveland Snow Hawks Club “THINK SNOW”



The Cleveland Snow Hawks Club is one of 600+ Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs who create and maintain over 24,000 miles of public snowmobile trails in all 72 Wisconsin counties. As we begin the 2017-2018 snowmobile season the club members would like to thank all the land owners and all who support our club.

If interested in joining our club or see what events we have planned for the season just check us out on our website -<http://clevelandsnowhawks.com>.

LTC's Promising Futures Scholarships help transform lives



At Lakeshore Technical College we are committed to making the dream of a college education a reality for all students on the Lakeshore. That's why we developed three scholarship initiatives that will provide access to an LTC education by removing financial barriers for students in need.

PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships will eliminate financial and other barriers for recent high school graduates with significant financial need. Promise scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors residing in or attending schools within the LTC District and cover the gap between Pell grant awards and LTC tuition.

FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

Adult students who have no ability to fund the costs of tuition, fees and supplies from their family budgets can receive Futures Scholarships ranging from \$500-1,500. These scholarships allow adult students the extra financial support they need to finish their college education.

EMERGENCY GRANTS

Emergency grants serve a critical need for LTC students. Often it is relatively minor and unanticipated car, healthcare or childcare expense which can derail a committed student's educational plan. Emergency Grants provide immediate financial relief for students in crisis.

To learn more about LTC's Promising Futures Scholarships and other scholarships, contact Rhett Bajczyk, Scholarship Specialist, at (920) 693-1852 or scholarships@gotoltc.edu.

LTC Wellness Center



The Wellness Center is an unsupervised fitness center at LTC. The room is equipped with treadmills, ellipticals, a stair machine, exercise bikes, jump ropes, exercise balls, mats, free weights and numerous weight machines.

Wellness Center hours:

Monday through Thursday 7:30 am - 10 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 4 pm

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am - 11 am

Times are subject to change based on classes running.

LTC and the Wellness Center will be closed

December 23, 2017 to January 1, 2018.

Interested village residents must be 18 years old to use the facility, review and sign the policy forms, and complete a brief orientation. The Wellness Center Policy includes guidelines, dress code, and a release of all claims form. Contact the LTC school nurse for more information at (920) 693-1111.

Hello, Gardeners!

It's that time of the year again for gifts for the gardener. From Lee Valley Tool, the Sneeboer Perennial fork, 16 inch T-shaped handle, easy to use while kneeling, get under small perennials and easily pry them up and you won't cut off as many roots, for \$79.50. From Garden Tool Co., again from Sneeboer, the hand hoe, a great tool for cutting weeds just below soil level; stainless steel with a choice of ash or cherry wood handle. 17.5 inches long and 9 ounces in weight.

It's time for a change and we have been working on changing the bed on Dairyland/Washington Avenue. The "Beast" as I call it, is 45 feet long and 12 feet wide and was a whole lot of out of control. So we decided it was time for a redo.

It took a team of 8 (plus 2 helpful hubbies) about 3 and a half hours to clean out and haul away oodles of planted and volunteer foliage. Watch our progress in 2018.

Did you notice the 3 fall displays in October? We hope you enjoyed them. We decided against tromping through the wet ditches to decorate the poles. One could slip and throw out a hip. (how poetic)

As always, we invite you to join our club. Our dues are \$15.00 a year and I feel a real bargain. We try to put on informative programs each time...and we have refreshments. It's a very relaxed atmosphere with sharing gardening knowledge as a goal.

I still think we should have the "tallest weed" contest. No work involved, they just grow where they want anyway...just let it grow.

The East Wind Garden Club would like to thank our community for the support they have given us in 2017.

We would like to wish you love, peace, good health, and joy for 2018.

Merry Christmas! (Get the snow blower ready!)

Lynn Fiedler for the East Wind Garden Club



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December: 9, 23

January: 13, 27

February: 10, 24

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If you have any questions please call

Brandi Bohlman (920) 946-3986 or Pat Sampe (920) 901-2916

Cleveland Secret Santa Group



We want to thank everyone for their continued support of the Cleveland Secret Santa Group. We helped another 12 families in the Village last year. They received eight boxes full of food, a bag full of cleaning supplies, a bag full of paper products and a bag full of gifts.

Our “super shoppers and helpers” have been gathering things for this year. We are again asking for your support this year. I believe we’re on our 10th year!

Please stop in at the Cleveland State Bank and see our display. Monetary donations can be made at the Bank. If you know of a family that could use help this year, please feel free to leave that information at the bank in an envelope addressed to the Cleveland Secret Santa Group.

Thank you again for your support.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Dog Licensing



Dog licenses expire December 31 and must be renewed by the following January 31. All dogs over five months of age must be licensed.

A valid rabies certificate and the fee of \$10 for an unaltered dog or \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog is REQUIRED. You can license at Village Hall in person, through the drop box, or by mail. The certificate will be returned to you, with a copy left on file.

Please do not combine your dog license fee with any other type of payment. Thank you!

Cleveland Fish and Game

Christmas tree pick up will be Saturday January 6. **Please have your tree at the curb by 8:00 am.** Also, please remove all decorations and lights from your tree before placing it at the curb. The trees will be used to provide habitat for our local wildlife.

Winter trap league will start Wednesday, January 17 and run for 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining this league please contact Justin Henschel (920) 946-4243 or just show up at the club house on the 17th. You do not need to have a complete team to participate.

Our club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you’re interested in seeing what our club is about or interested in becoming a member please stop by the club on South Union road and join us for a meeting.



Bonde's Quik Mart

It was so good to see many of you during the month of October. I was able to accompany Bess the Book Bus, Giving Tree Interactive Drumming and Miss Wisconsin to the Cleveland Elementary & N.E.W. Montessori School in early October. What a fun morning! From the look on students' faces (and the hop in their step) I believe all enjoyed themselves as they followed the direction of Mr. Steve on his drum. I was proud of Cleveland when the kids were complimented on the respect they showed to their visitors. During the course of the morning, each student hopped on the Book Bus to pick out their very own book – for keeps! CITGO takes a very strong stand on childhood literacy. It brought Bonde's great pleasure to bring this delightful morning to Cleveland.

The second half of October started the week-long Anniversary event with lots of specials and many items that were available for just 35 cents. At the end of the week, we were able to draw for over 35 different prizes. Congratulations to all the winners.

As an extra special event during our Anniversary week, Miss Wisconsin again visited Cleveland. She spent the morning at LTC Campus speaking to the students and staff. Miss Wisconsin was then at Bonde's for the afternoon, there were samples put out from Bonde's Country Deli and Bakery and Saxon Creamery, a magician, free gadgets and giveaways!

In case you're wondering, our "Spirit Pump" raised over \$1,653 for Cleveland Elementary School. Also, for three months starting October 1, CITGO is sending 1 cent for every gallon pumped at their locations (up to \$8 Million) to qualified organizations for hurricane relief. We are so happy to work with and through CITGO to offer these things to the local community and to those in need.

As I reflect back on a wonderful year, I am so very thankful for this community and for the opportunity to serve. God Bless you and your families as you celebrate the Christmas season.

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

The offices below are to be elected at the Spring Election on
Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

The Trustee term of office is two years and begins on
Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

The Municipal Judge term is four years and begins
May 1, 2018.

OFFICE AND INCUMBENT

Municipal Court Judge/Cheryl A. Kohl

Village Trustee/Robert Fink

Village Trustee/Jacob Holzwart

Village Trustee/Andy Williams

The first day to circulate nomination papers is
Friday, December 1, 2017, and the final day for filing nomination
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in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated October 25, 2017
Stacy Grunwald, Clerk-Treasurer



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UTILITY RATES AND LATE FEE CHANGES

Effective after the December 2017 meter readings, the rules and rates for the water and sewer utilities will be changing. The Village Board has directed that sewer utility rates will decrease to offset a State-required increase in the water utility rates. The impact to most residential bills is designed to be neutral.

The water and sewer utilities are separate entities that share one bill. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) regulates the water utility only, and must approve all changes to operating rules and rates. The sewer utility rules and rates are set by the Village Board, subject to general statutory and administrative code provisions.

This year, the water utility filed its first conventional rate case application since 1998, which was approved by the PSC in November 2017. The approval provides a rate adjustment but also a much-needed update to the water utility's operating rules. One of these rules is the late charge policy.

Late charge policy On average, 15% of the Village's utility accounts are delinquent each month. Under the new policy, the late fee will be 1% of the past due balance, rather than the current policy of a one-time 3% charge. This will reduce the cost to the normally-timely customer with the odd missed payment but increase the fee for those who carry longer-term arrearages or who miss a payment under a payment agreement.

Rates The Village Board has directed staff to present reduced sewer utility rates that will offset the water utility rate change for a majority of customers. We are proposing adjustments to both fixed and volume charges, with a focus on residential customers. The effect on an individual bill will depend upon the meter size and classification, and gallons of usage at that property. These proposed rates will be presented to the Village Board at its December 19, 2017, meeting. Updated rate information will be posted to the Village website afterward.

The next newsletter will include an article on deferred sewer utility maintenance and the impact on rates.

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