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As the new Village Administrator, I would like to introduce myself to you, the residents of Kronenwetter. I was born and raised an Iowan. Being of Dutch and German heritage I believe I will fit in with our Village. My wife (Jacki) is an ER nurse and loves the ER challenge and pace. She also collects antiques along with her gardening during the summer. My oldest daughter (Erika) is the Federal Defender for southern Wisconsin. She told me at 5 years old she would become an attorney. She loves her challenges. My youngest daughter (Shannon) is married and is a senior at UW Oshkosh and plans on becoming a college professor. I should mention that someone in the house is also a cat lover.

My career has been filled with many events that have had its rewards and challenges but one constant has been the people. We have a diverse society but Midwestern people are warm, caring people. They all want to make their living environment better. Hence my job is to help our Village to become the best it can be. You as a resident need to have pride in where you reside and the elected officials need to make the appropriate decisions to make the Village the best it can be.

What is my responsibility in making my living environment better? One of the first things to think about is how does my property look to other people. Is the grass mowed? How do the structures on my property look? Are there any nuisances on my property? The definition of a nuisance is: "offensive to the senses". Does my property need some routine maintenance? Take care of the small things before they become a problem for your neighbors. Take pride in your property.

Kronenwetter is growing and we need to plan for that growth so that everything has its "place" in our community. Good planning makes an attractive community and invites people to reside here. What would you like to see in our Village for businesses, convenience, recreation, and residential areas that would make our community better? I welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions. I am available via telephone at the office, you can stop in to see me or visit us at the Village website. Together, we can make this a great Village!

W. Bruce Bierma
Village Administrator

Spring 2008

March, April, May

WHERE TO VOTE

ALL WARDS VOTE AT:

KRONENWETTER MUNICIPAL CENTER
1582 KRONENWETTER DRIVE
MOSINEE (KRONENWETTER)

POLLING PLACE HOURS

HOURS ARE 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

IMPORTANT ELECTION CALENDAR

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL TO VOTE IN THE 2008 SPRING ELECTION. AFTER THIS DATE, VOTERS MUST REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER OR AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

LAST DAY FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BE SENT TO THEM BY MAIL FOR THE 2008 SPRING ELECTION. AFTER THIS DATE, VOTERS MUST VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008

LAST DAY FOR PERSONS WISHING TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE 2008 SPRING ELECTION TO DO SO IN PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

LAST DAY FOR VOTERS TO CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON FOR THE 2008 SPRING ELECTION. THIS MUST BE DONE AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

2008 SPRING ELECTION. VOTING WILL BE DONE AT THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 01, 2008



VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER TRUSTEE

CANDIDATES

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Charles Soukup

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2007 Property Tax Payments

All second installment 2007 property tax payments are due by **July 31, 2008**. These payments should be made only to the Marathon County Treasurer. Payments may be mailed to the attention of the Treasurer, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403-5568. **DO NOT SUBMIT PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE.**

The Village of Kronenwetter would like to thank River Valley State Bank, locations in Rothschild and Mosinee, for assisting in the tax collection process this year. This customer service was provided to the Village at no charge.

Notice to Dog Owners – 2008 Dog License

The Village requires all residents to license their dogs each year. You must furnish a rabies vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies. Any renewal license issued after March 31, 2008 will be charged a late fee of \$5.00. The base fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00. Any female or male dog is charged \$10.00 base fee. **Effective April 1, 2008, the late fee will be added for each dog licensed.**

MARATHON COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The Marathon County Highway Department will be repaving part of CTH X within the Village this summer. The work will consist of pulverizing the existing pavement, new asphalt, new gravel shoulders, and pavement marking to include a bike lane. The limits of construction will be from Howland Avenue in Weston, to the Bull Junior bridge in the Village of Kronenwetter. Replacement of driveway culverts is not included in the scope of work. Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owner. Anyone with a driveway culvert in this segment of road with questions or concerns should contact Kevin Lang at the Marathon County Highway Department at 261-1800. The project schedule will be posted on the County's website as the project draws near. **www.co.marathon.wi.us**



From left to right: Stuart Schmidt (Crew Lead), Stuart Boesl, Chuck Brooks, Gary Walkowski, Brad Jacobson and Duane Patridge (Part-time/Seasonal).

We would like to extend a special acknowledgment of appreciation to our Public Works Department for all of their tireless efforts during this winter season. This year's snowfall was above average and the staff's response was also above average. The Public Works Department works all hours of the day and night to ensure the safety of our residents taking care of more than 117 miles of road in the Village.

The Public Works Department would also like to remind our residents that with this much snow will also come a very wet spring thaw. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we deal with the drainage issues that the thaw will bring. The Public Works Crew will put forth the same tireless efforts to the drainage issues that they did with the snow and ice removal.

Thank You!!

A special thanks goes out to Lloyd Beckman for his 10 years of service with the Village. Lloyd has worked for the Village of Kronenwetter since June of 1998 as a part-time/seasonal Park Maintenance Technician. Enjoy your retirement Lloyd!

VILLAGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Village is currently seeking applications for summer help (June-August). The ideal applicant will be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license. The Village is also looking for a Park Maintenance Tech for May-October. These positions entail park maintenance and will include duties such as: mowing, painting, planting and general clean up. This position will run from June through August. Please contact Nichole Starr for questions or application material at 693-4200 or stop in to fill out an application.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

Weight limits for the Village of Kronenwetter will be effective on March 10, 2008 on all Village roads as posted. Roads are posted for a maximum weight of eight (8) tons. Weight limits will be lifted as conditions allow.

Lisa Myles, Public Works Director

YARD WASTE SITE

At this time the Village does not have a definitive date set to open the yard waste site. Because of the heavy amount of snowfall this winter and anticipated sloppy conditions upon spring thaw, the Village will open the site when conditions permit. Please contact the Municipal Center to check status or the Village website for updates.

PARTIAL 2008 ROAD CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Completion of the Village's project on Kowalski Road and Old Hwy 51 should be completed by late summer. When completed it will create a 4-lane signalized intersection at Kowalski and Old Hwy 51 with pedestrian access through the intersection.

The work on the Kowalski Road overpass will begin this spring and will cause the overpass to be closed to through traffic for up to 5 months. When rebuilt the bridge will have 4 lanes and pedestrian access. Watch the newsletters for more information on the bridge closing and for further summer construction updates.

KRONENWETTER WATER UTILITY

693-5732 daytime (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

571-2697 emergency (after hours)

LAWN WATERING

Property owners who wish to meter municipal water that is used for lawn watering or other non-sewerage producing outdoor activities, can install a clear water meter parallel to the existing domestic use meter. The cost for a 5/8-inch meter is \$10.00/quarter (\$40.00/yr) of base charge, the cost of water (\$3.59 per 1,000 gallons for the first 15,000 gallons and \$3.43 per 1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons), a \$25.00 permit fee, and the cost of a plumber to connect the meter to the outdoor water faucets. If you have any questions, please call us at the Water Utility office.

HYDRANT FLUSHING (MAY 1ST – MAY 12TH)

Every year each fire hydrant in the water distribution system is flushed. The flushing accomplishes several tasks:

- 1) Each fire hydrant is exercised to check its operational status.
- 2) The pumped water does not flow equally around the distribution system piping due to the piping size and customer demands. The high volume fire hydrant flush helps change over the water.

The flushing is scheduled for 10 days in May, generally as follows:

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| May 12 - 13 | South of Kowalski Rd / East of Tower Rd |
| May 14 - 15 | North of Kowalski Rd / South of Pine Rd / East of I-39 |
| May 16, 19 | North of Pine Road / East of I-39 |
| May 20 - 21 | North of Cedar / West of I-39 and Pine west of Tower |
| May 22 - 23 | South of Cedar / West of I-39 and East of I-39 South of the Municipal Center |

An increase in a mineral content (manganese) in our groundwater supply may produce an issue with color, sediment or odor during the flushing period. Those with sensitive water quality needs (such as medical treatment equipment) should call the office as to the impact of the flushing. As a precaution, avoid doing white laundry the day of flushing in your area!!

WATER SERVICE CURBSTOP BOX

The four-inch metal circle, on top of a pipe, on your front property line is called the curb stop box. At the bottom of the pipe is the curb stop valve. This valve controls the water flow into your home or business. If the top circle is not flush with the ground following the restoration of your lawn,

we will come and raise or lower it. Please call 693-5732 to advise us of any adjustment needs. There is no cost for this service.

While the curb stop is not used regularly, it is the only place to shut off the water to your building outside of the home (located between the street side water meter valve and the water main at the road right-of-way). If the top is buried, the extra time required to locate and open the box could cause unnecessary water damage in your building. *The Village of Kronenwetter shall not be liable for failure to locate and/or gain quick access to the curb stop box and shut off the water in case of a leak on the owner's premises.*

When a property owner contacts Digger's Hotline to locate facilities when any excavating is to be done on their property, the Water Utility will be notified by Diggers and the only thing that will be marked is your curb stop box. The water and sewer lines from the curb stop box to your house will not be marked as they are your personal property. For your information, these lines generally are buried eight to ten feet deep.

SEWER MAINTENANCE

All of the Kronenwetter Water Utility's wastewater is pumped to the Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District (RMMSD) wastewater treatment plant. We must not only abide by the Water Utility's sewer ordinances, but also the RMMSD sewer ordinances. Dumping of automobile oil, gasoline, or other contaminants into the sanitary sewer system, is prohibited.

The municipal sewer system is equipped to handle normal sanitary waste. Sewer backups occasionally occur on a sudden and random basis. Cooking oil and grease should not be dumped down the drain as it can solidify in the cooler, deep sewers. Please do not use your toilet as an ashtray, wastebasket, or garbage disposal. *Please do not flush items such as cloth rags, disposable wipes and cleaning cloths such as the new "Swiffer" type disposable cloths, and plastic/latex products (including plastic tampon applicators and condoms) down the toilet.* These things should go into the wastebasket.

These items can clog pumps and valves in the lift stations creating backups and flooding into your basement. The Water Utility will not provide any compensation to property owners or renters for damage done by sudden and accidental sewer backups. We recommend that you add to your homeowner's insurance policy coverage for this hazard. Some companies offer coverage without additional cost, while others charge a modest fee. We also urge you to install a check valve in your basement floor drain. While this check valve requires periodic cleaning to insure proper working conditions, it can reduce the devastating effects of a sewer backup.

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

Each homeowner is required to reduce the volume of waste going to Wisconsin landfills by recycling discarded household items. Items to recycle include: paper, plastic, glass, cardboard and cans. Recycling is mandatory.

Information on the recycling program is available at the Municipal Center at 1582 Kronenwetter Drive and our website. Recycling containers are available at the Municipal Center if you do not have two recycling bins (one container for paper, the other for most other recyclables).

IF IT IS FOUND THAT HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT RECYCLING, THERE IS THE RISK OF NON-PICKUP OF TRASH, PARTICULARLY IF RECYCLABLES ARE CONSISTENTLY FOUND IN WASTE CONTAINERS. WITH LANDFILL COSTS INCREASING, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO NOT RECYCLE. PLEASE DO YOUR PART. THANK YOU!

Placement of Garbage Carts

Even during winter months, garbage carts must be within 4 ft. to 6 ft. from the end of your driveway towards your home, and 4 ft. from any other object including recycling bins. When placing your garbage cart out on collection day during the winter season, remember that our snowplows may be out cleaning streets and roads and how the placement of your cart will be effected.

**The Municipal Center will be closed for the Holidays on:
Friday, March 21th
Monday, May 26th**

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

A reminder that the Village of Kronenwetter will be spraying this spring for gypsy moth. The Village will be spraying a 267 acre parcel that includes Wianecki Road, Grant Road, Blueberry Lane, Russell Street and the Cedar Road area. Spraying will take place in spring, typically the end of May, early June depending on the hatching cycle.

The treatment method consists of a aerial application of the microbial insecticide Btk. Btk, or "Gypchek, is a viral insecticide specific to gypsy moth caterpillars. For more information on Btk and the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program please visit: www.gypsymoth.wi.gov



APRIL 21-25, 2008 WI Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness

Governor Doyle has declared April 21-25, 2008 as Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. The campaign is to remind people of the dangers associated with tornadoes, thunderstorms, flooding and hail and to encourage citizens to take protective safety measures such as developing a personal preparedness plan and putting together a disaster supply kit.

The statewide tornado drill will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 beginning with a statewide mock tornado watches at 1:00 p.m. The mock tornado warnings will be staggered throughout the state at times designated by the National Weather Service.

In the event there is severe weather reported anywhere in the state, the drill will be postponed until Friday, April 25. For more information on the drill, contact your National Weather Service office.



Online Safety: Harmful Characteristics of the Internet - Part One

The internet is the largest pool of information known to man - a resource for good and evil. Once again, parents have the power and responsibility to protect children from the destructive side of the internet. An often harmful characteristic of our online world is that users often act differently than they would if they were face to face with the person(s) receiving the communication. Below are factors that have harmful and possible long-term consequences for children and families.

Predators: Def.: *"One that victimizes, plunders, or destroys, especially for one's own gain."*

Online Predators on Instant Messaging, social networking sites (MySpace, Facebook, Xanga) and chatrooms may try to gain the trust of children by making promises, sending gifts, or offering attention and affection. This is called "grooming." Predators may talk about inappropriate things, send inappropriate images, and ask for personal information. Predators may be seeking sexual gratification, financial gain, or other criminal behavior at the expense of our children.

Children are drawn to online communication and activity and it's a common place where many find acceptance and understanding. Predators convey the perception of tolerance, caring, and relief of problems – all reinforcement to receptive and vulnerable young people.

Parents need to be wary of unhealthy computer use. Below is a list of warning signs:

- You or your child receives unusual amounts of unsolicited e-mail or pop-ups.
- Your child tries to block the computer screen or quickly closes the window in which he is typing.
- Your child spends an unusual amount of time online, especially in the evenings.
- Your child changes her password and/or will not share it with you
- Your child uses an online account other than her own.
- Your child withdraws from family or friends.
- You discover photos of strangers on your child's computer.
- Your child receives phone calls from strangers.
- Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
- You discover inappropriate images or files on your child's computer.

Parents need to restrict and monitor the posting of personal information such as name, address, phone number, school, and photos. This information can easily give a predator access to a child's location and greatly increase the risk of victimization.

Posting of provocative photos has become popular among girls. Risqué photos or videos send the wrong message and may catch the eye of a predator.

Pornography: Do we have a compelling interest in protecting children from pornography? To answer this question, our culture must understand the facts on pornography.

More than 25 years ago, Dr. Victor Cline identified the progressive nature of pornography addiction. Once addicted, a person's need for pornography escalates both in frequency and in deviancy. The person then grows desensitized to the material, no longer getting a thrill from what was once exciting. Finally, this escalation and desensitization drives many addicts to act out their fantasies on others.¹

At a Senate hearing, medical experts corroborated Cline's early breakthroughs. New technology is allowing doctors to look inside addicts' brains to determine just how damaging pornography is. The witnesses described research showing the similarity of porn addiction to cocaine addiction. Further, because images are stored in the brain and can be recalled at any moment, these experts believe that a porn addiction may be harder to break than a heroin addiction.²

By not calling pornography what it is — highly addictive and destructive material — we are heading for troubled times. Dr. Patrick Carnes, a leading researcher on sex addiction, estimates that 3 to 6 percent of Americans are sexually addicted. Pornography is one of the leading causes of family breakdown.

The Justice Department estimates that nine of 10 children between the ages of 8 and 16 have been exposed to pornography online.³ Software company Symantec found that 47 percent of school-age children receive pornographic spam on a daily basis,⁴ and representatives from the pornography industry told Congress' COPA Commission that as much as 20 to 30 percent of the traffic to some pornographic Web sites are children.⁵

Ralph DiClemente, a behavioral scientist at Emory University, described the danger of this exposure. He said, "[Children] can't just put [porn] into their worldview, because they don't have one."⁵ He went on to explain that pornography becomes a building block in a child's mental and emotional development.

Pornography is not harmless adult entertainment. When it is a filter through which the life is understood, it is a threat to the hearts and minds of families and our children.

As we approach Christmas break, this would be a great time for parents to discuss internet safety with their children and give computer use an extra measure of scrutiny.

¹ Dr. Victor B. Cline, "Pornography's Effects on Adults & Children" (New York: Morality in Media, 1999), p. 5.

² "The Science Behind Pornography Addiction", U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation Web site, (expert witness testimony), <http://commerce.senate.gov/hearings/witnesslist.cfm?id=1343> (18 May 2005).

³ Sex Addiction Q&A, "SexHelp.com, http://www.sexhelp.com/sa_q_and_a.cfm (16 May 2005).

"Is the Internet Bad for Your Marriage? Online Affairs, Pornographic Sites Playing Greater Role in Divorces," *PR Newswire*, 14 November 2002.

⁵ Prepared statement of Attorney General John Ashcroft at National Prosecutors' Symposium on Obscenity, 6 June 2002.

⁴ "Symantec survey reveals more than 80 percent of children using email receive inappropriate spam daily," *Symantec News Release*, 9 June 2003.

⁵ Dean Schabner, "Danger Zone?" *ABCNews.com*, 26 June 2002.



As spring approaches and the snow melts, we will be re-deploying the radar trailer into the community. If you have any concern for speeding, let us know. Call us, e-mail us or stop in.

Any questions regarding anything contained herein should be directed to Chief Dan Joling at 693-4215 ext 24.

policechief@kronenwetter.org

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

PICK UP AFTER YOUR POOCH

As warmer weather comes and residents are out walking their four-legged friends, remember it is required that you pick up after your dog. This includes the dog park area where bags are provided for your pet's waste. For more information please visit the Village website for the complete ordinance. (Sec. 15-38 General Code)

If you know of any property owner who has not received a newsletter and would like one, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for information you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Nichole Starr, Editor of the Village Newsletter.