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Fall 2013

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web: www.kronenwetter.org

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP PROVIDED BY IROW



IROW offers large item pick-up once a month. Carts will be left behind and not emptied if large items, electronics, etc. are put in the cart. The drivers leave a "blue card" on the cart with details why the cart was not emptied. Carts will not be emptied if there is yard waste in the cart. The Kronenwetter Yard Waste Site is located on Martin Road. For further questions and to purchase stickers for large item pick-up, please contact IROW at 715-693-7123.

Below is a short list of special items and disposal prices:

Chair - \$10	Sofa - \$14
Washer - \$25	Dryer - \$25
Refrigerator - \$30	TV under 27" - \$35
TV over 27" - \$50	Tires automobile and small truck - \$8
Toilet - \$10	Vacuum - \$5
Microwave - \$35	Gas grill/LP tank (no propane) - \$8
Full mattress and box spring \$14 - note each size is a different price	

** Pricing posted August 2013 - check with IROW for current pricing.

FALL 2013 GARBAGE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 2nd normal pick-up changed to
Tuesday, September 3rd
Thursday, November 28th normal pick-up changed to
Friday, November 29th
Friday, November 29th normal pick-up changed to
Saturday, November 30th

*Your collection day will return to normal after the holiday week.



FARMERS MARKET

The Village of Kronenwetter Farmers Market is off to a great start in its second year at Sunset Park on Sunday mornings. Things are only getting better as the market enters the fall season.



The Kronenwetter Farmers Market recently began participating in the EBT FoodShare payment program. Thanks to help from the Marathon County Health Department FoodShare participants can purchase locally produced, healthy foods. Village staff will be on hand most market days between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to allow FoodShare participants to take advantage of the program. FoodShare participants can also stop by the Kronenwetter Municipal Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to complete the electronic transfer and receive their tokens.

The Village of Kronenwetter Farmers Market takes place each Sunday at Sunset Park (2390 Terrebonne Drive) through the middle of October from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For any questions about the Farmers Market or to learn how to become a vendor, please call the Village at 715-693-4200.

KRONENWETTER URBAN FOREST ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY By: Thomas I. Meier, Land Management Solutions

Our Firm, Land Management Solutions, LLC of Mosinee has contracted with the Village to undertake an Urban Forest Assessment, with Oak Wilt Disease as the primary emphasis. The assessment is paid for, in part, by an Urban Forestry Grant from the State of Wisconsin. The Disease has hit several neighborhoods very hard and this assessment will help the Village and residents in the preparation and implementation of a management program to address this devastating aspect to your urban forests.

Our personnel have over 12 years of experience with Oak Wilt management and we take this opportunity to assist your Village very seriously. We started our assessment work in mid June and will continue through the middle of August. A final report will be presented to the Village in early September outlining current conditions and management recommendations that will address the problem and reduce the threat of the disease.

We have been intensively surveying infection areas and have found every resident that we have come into contact with to be very friendly, understanding, and helpful. This is a real complement to a community that has been hit very hard by a natural forest disease. We cannot thank you enough for welcoming us and this assessment work into your community.

In the interim between our assessment work and management decisions that will ultimately be made by the Village, we would like to encourage village residents to follow some simple guidelines to manage disease spread:

- ◆ Trimming, pruning or removal of oaks during the period of April 15 through leaf off should not occur
- ◆ If a wound occurs to one of your oaks, paint the wound immediately with an oil base spray paint!
- ◆ If you make firewood, the wood from a tree that died this year will produce the devastating fungus under its bark next spring. Completely encase this wood in plastic to keep the fungus isolated until the middle of next August
- ◆ Please do not allow diseased wood to leave your property and be taken to another location where it will further spread the disease. If you do, ensure that it will be handled properly!

If you have any questions about this project or the guidelines above, feel free to contact us at 715-409-0969.

Thank you again for helping us with this important step in managing your forest resources!

A PRIMER ON “THE REAL HAPPY HOUR”

What if I told you that one simple step can, strengthen our community, and our workforce, improve the balance between work and family, creative positive outcomes for children and teens, prevent a multitude of negative outcomes facing our youth and reduce substance abuse, obesity and other risk factors for children and teens? Would you say “How much?”? What if I said “it does not cost anything” that “anyone can do it”, and “it has benefits for all ages”? Would you say “Impossible!” or perhaps wonder if I was going to start selling you snake oil?



This is the premise behind the “Real Happy Hour” (RHH) campaign that is going on right here in Marathon County, which the Village of Kronenwetter is proud to be a member of their citizen committee.

The Real Happy Hour campaign has two simple goals. The first is to identify how families in Marathon County spend quality time together and to “brand” these moments as a *The Real Happy Hour*. Whether it’s cooking and eating a meal together at home, going on a walk or bike ride to the park, or reading together before bedtime, these moments that families spend together are quality examples to *The Real Happy Hour’s* mission.

The second goal is to move families from identifying “what are” some examples of *The Real Happy Hour*, to answer the question, “How can we do that and where do we start?” This campaign will not only create a network of stories and catalog of ideas, it will also provide links to local resources, free or low cost activities, and family-friendly events in the community which is meant to educate and empower families to create their own Real Happy Hour in Marathon County.

The RHH Task Force has developed a **website (www.therealhappyhour.org)**, social media pages on Facebook and Twitter, and various other marketing and promotional items for our partners and neighbors to use to bring attention to this one simple step we can all take to work toward a healthier community.

ANNUAL BURNING PERMITS

The Village of Kronenwetter issues burning permits that are good for 1 year from the date of issue. Residents can come to the Municipal Center to obtain a burning permit or at either Fire Warden location listed below. Permit holders are now required to contact the DNR to ascertain whether there are any bans or burning restrictions in place.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fire means any fire such as a campfire or cooking fire, not involving the burning of yard waste, located at a single-family or multi-family residence and used for the purpose of recreation and personal enjoyment. If used for this purpose, no permit is necessary and you may burn anytime. The following rules must be followed: burning takes place in a fire pit, someone must be present at the fire site at all times, and fire must be totally extinguished before leaving the area.

Please remember that burn barrels are not allowed in the Village of Kronenwetter. If you wish to burn yard waste you may obtain a burning permit at the Municipal Center or from the following two fire wardens:

Alice Lilla
570 Happy Hollow Road
715-693-2160



Elizabeth Sitko
3374 State Hwy 153 East
715-693-6672

PRIVATE WELL PERMIT RENEWAL DEADLINE APPROACHING

Just a reminder to those homeowners who are in the process of renewing their private wells, the deadline to finish with the renewal process or well abandonment is **OCTOBER 31, 2013**. If you are unsure of the status of your private well, please call the Water Utility office at 715-693-5732. Look for reminder notifications in the mail.



PRIVATE WELLS – GENERAL INFORMATION

All Property owners within Kronenwetter Water Utility boundaries with a private well (it does not matter if it is a drilled well or a point well) are **REQUIRED** to obtain a Private Well Operating Permit from the Kronenwetter Water Utility.

Visit our website at www.kronenwetter.org to view a step by step guide on how to obtain a Private Well Permit.

State and municipal codes require that wells be abandoned if they do not have a valid permit, meet code requirements, or are not in use. All well abandonments must be done by a certified well driller or pump installer. If you abandon your well, you must provide a copy of the abandonment form to the Water Utility office for our files.

The Kronenwetter Water Utility will issue fines if a permit is not obtained or renewed. The fines will appear on the quarterly water bill.

For additional well code information you may contact Drinking Water and Groundwater staff at the DNR Regional Offices throughout the State or your local licensed well driller or pump installer or visit the website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/pubs/DrivenPointWells.pdf>.

4 EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

- **Drop Box:** We have a drop box located outside our building for after-hours payments. Just place payment (check/money order and stub) in an envelope and deposit in the drop box.

- **Automatic:** We offer automatic bill payments from your checking or savings account. ACH forms can be found on our website or call to have one mailed to you.
- **Official Payments:** Official Payments is an online site where you can make credit card utility payments. Please be aware that Official Payments does charge a 3% service fee. To make a payment visit www.Officialpayments.com. You will need to use jurisdiction code 6715.
- **Mail:** Mail payments to Kronenwetter Water Utility (KWU), 1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Utility Department at 715-693-5732.

CLEARWATER METER AVAILABLE

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.

YARD WASTE SITE HOURS

The Yard Waste Site is located at 4496 Martin Road, just west of County Highway J. Allowed are grass clippings, leaves, pine needles and tree branches (6" or less). Tree stumps, painted & treated wood are not allowed. The hours are as follows:

Wednesday	3PM—Dusk*
Saturday	8AM—4PM

*Dusk hours: Sept. 15th to 30th - 6:30 PM, Oct. 1st to 15th - 6:00 PM, Oct. 16th to 31st - 5:30 PM, Nov. 1st to 16th - 5:00PM

The Yard Waste Site will remain open thru November 16th, 2013. (weather permitting). Check www.kronenwetter.org for exact closure date.

Please help the Village maintain a neat appearance and mulch your clippings as you mow or take them to the yard waste site. Thank you for your help.

KRONENWETTER AND AREA VETERANS MEMORIALS

Due to some recent discussions held during a Community Life and Public Safety Committee it was decided to try and showcase some of the Veterans Memorials that have been placed both in Kronenwetter and in other area communities as well. There has been a lot of hard work done by some of our Village residents and others as well, to honor our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to our country.

The first site to mention is the Veterans Memorial at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery located here in the Village of Kronenwetter off of Old Highway 51. This memorial and place of honor was built by the St. Therese Catholic Church and consists of a "Walk of Honor" and individual tiles, which can be purchased and placed in the walk remembering family and friends that have served in the various branches of the military. There are also flagpoles installed for flying the flags of the various branches of service during funerals, special events or veterans' holidays.



As for the burial sites, if the deceased is a veteran, they can be buried on this site at no cost to their family for that of the plot. In addition for another \$500 their spouses can be laid to rest with the service member. Should there be any questions, please stop by St. Therese Catholic Church of 112 W. Kort Street, Schofield, Wisconsin or phone the Parish Office at 715-359-2451 or contact Joe Kelbley at 715-359-3807 for more information regarding this memorial.



Another site that is often overlooked or missed while traveling north on Business 51 is that of the Blue Star Memorial and soon to be the location of the Gold Star site as well. This memorial is located in the Village of Rothschild adjacent to the Village Hall. Here too families can purchase Tribute Stones honoring their family members for their services to our country during times of conflict. Many area businesses and corporations have supported this memorial through their donations and contributions and are also recognized by way of engraved stones embedded in the walkways.

Although the Blue Star was intended to originally honor those veterans serving during World War II, the site now includes and encompasses all conflicts since. Most recently added was an area remembering those serving in Vietnam and the Gulf. In the future once enough funds are gathered, there will also be an area called the Gold Star Memorial. This area will honor and remember the mothers and fathers who have lost their sons or daughters to armed conflicts in which they were called to serve and fight.

We would encourage you to take a few moments and stop by and look at the memorials and reflect on the service many have given to our great nation.

If I Disagree With the Assessment or Classification of my Property, What Can I Do About It? (From the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue website:)

If you disagree with your assessment, Section 70.47, Wis. Stats., grants you the right to appeal. You may also appeal the classification of your property when it affects the assessed value. Classification affects the assessed value of land classified as agricultural, undeveloped, and agricultural forest. There is a local Board of Review for all property assessed by the local assessor. The Tax Appeals Commission reviews manufacturing property assessed by the state assessors. Written or oral notice of your intent to file an objection must be provided to the Board of Review's clerk. Your objection must be filed in writing with the Board of Review. Objection forms are available from the local clerk. Please visit: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/faqs/slf/bor.html> for more information. The filing deadline for objections is Friday, September 6th, 2013 at 4:30 PM.

The Village Assessor, Accurate Appraisals, will be conducting an **"Open Book"** on **August 21st from 12 PM to 7 PM and on August 22nd from 9 AM to 4 PM** at the Municipal Center. Feel free to stop in with any questions regarding your property assessment. If you cannot make it that day, you may call Accurate Appraisals at 1-800-770-3927.

NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the adjourned Board of Review for the Village of Kronenwetter will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2013. (The Board of Review must meet for a minimum of two hours and will meet from 3 PM to 5 PM.) The Board of Review will be held at the Kronenwetter Municipal Center, 1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter, Wisconsin in the Board Room located in the lower level.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

- ◆ No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.
- ◆ After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.
- ◆ No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of the assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board member(s) and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
- ◆ When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
- ◆ No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board or by telephone or object to a valuation, if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec. 73.02 (2a) of Wis. Statutes, which the Assessor requests. The Village of Kronenwetter has an Ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph, which provides exception for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Sec. 19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes.
- ◆ The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone. *Cindra Falkowski, Board of Review Clerk (715) 693-4200 / cindy@kronenwetter.org*

The Village has been very busy so far this year. Some of the major projects worked on are:

The 2012 annual financial audit was completed by Schenck Solutions Accounting Firm. The Village was under budget in spending, adding additional funds to our General Fund. We have to give our Staff a great deal of thanks for their excellent use of Village resources. Each department watched their spending. Again THANK YOU STAFF!!!

We welcomed two new Board members in April, Jim Luedtke and Chris Eiden. Something new was done this year to acquaint new committee and Board members with Village business. Orientation tours and presentations were given by the departments. The Board toured the Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments. Our Committee members also toured the Sewer & Water Department and Park facilities.

Becher Hoppe Associates Inc. was hired for our consultant on establishing the Old Hwy 51 Multi-Use Path. This is the project we were given a \$440,000 grant with 20% in matching funds. Construction on this path should begin in 2015.

Vierbicher has completed our Sewer/Water Master Plan. It goes out 10 - 20 years establishing future plans for water wells and sewer lift stations. A 10-year Water & Sewer Utility Strategic Plan has been established.

The Golden Pond Groundwater/Storm Water Project was revisited. A new way of assessing according to basement elevations and amount of storm water drainage was recommended by the Board and established by our consultants, MSA Professional Services. An informational meeting was held August 29 with an Assessment Hearing on September 5. If everything passes, construction should begin in September 2013.

Several meetings have been held with the Village and Town of Weston concerning rewriting our Zoning Ordinances. Ours is very outdated with many discrepancies. By partnering with them, we can work with a consultant to update the zoning code. By doing so, we can have similar regulations and are saving money by sharing the fees. It should be completed in 2014.

The remodeling of the Public Works Garage is finally finished. During 2012 the exterior was updated and this summer the remodeling of the bathroom area was completed. Our garage was in dire need of repair and instead of building new, we saved a ton of money by updating. You may want to view it at the corner of North Road and County Road X.

The new plow truck for the Public Works Department has been ordered. The crew hopes to have it in operation for the snow plowing season.

The Fire Department is in the process of seeking bids on the chassis for a new tanker truck. We are replacing the 1981 Chevrolet tanker truck. One half of the tanker was budgeted for 2013 and one half will be budgeted for 2014. The chassis will be purchased this year and the body will be purchased in 2014. The new tanker should be operable in 2014.

Scott Construction has completed the sealcoating of several roads and streets in the Village. We have a yearly maintenance program for sealcoating so that we can keep up with maintaining them.

I took office April 16, 2013 and it has been very challenging, but we have an excellent staff and by working together with the Board we can continue to make our community an excellent place to live. If anyone has problems or concerns, please contact our staff or Board. We cannot address something we do not have knowledge of.

Geraldine Kowalski, Village of Kronenwetter President

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE
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Halloween Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Kronenwetter will be from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Thursday, October 31st.

A limited number of free Halloween bags for children to use for trick or treating will be available at the Kronenwetter Municipal Center during the month of October.



Kronenwetter Lion's Club Halloween Party!

Who: Open to children 12 years old and under

When: Thursday, October 31st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Kronenwetter Municipal Center

Cost: Free

Costume contest at 6:30 PM. There will be games, prizes, candy and much more!

This party is sponsored by the Kronenwetter Lion's Club. For further information, please call Kathy at 715-298-3223 or Diane at 715-581-6458.

