



President's POINT OF VIEW To Be Thankful...

As this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the election will have been completed and Thanksgiving Day is around the corner. Hopefully you exercised your right to cast your ballot and, if you are like me, you are thankful for not only the opportunity to do so but find peace with the exit of polarizing advertisements.

As I reflect on those things that we should be thankful for, many things come to mind. Thanks to the village staff for their work each day keeping the community safe and clean. Thanks to Community Enrichment Director Holly and her team for community minded activities like the Pumpkin Walk, the renovation of Verhagen Park, the opening of the Splash Pad, and supporting the Kimberly Recreation Association in their fall festival which had Treaty Park thriving. Thanks to the Fire Department for another terrific open house. Thanks, in particular to Chief Hietpas for his many years of service. We wish him well in retirement and give all support to newly appointed Chief Chad Smith as he continues the great volunteer work of this amazing group.

We are thankful to our two newest team members as Anna Huber joins the team as the Deputy Director of Public Works and Sam Schroeder as our Community Development Director. These two individuals join the village team with unique skill sets and experience that will benefit us greatly, welcome aboard!

We are thankful for progress being made as we rebuild the street and parks facility. This project replaces a cobbled together building which has served the community for more than sixty years. When completed next year, the staff will have a safer and more secure facility to carry out their work. As I have shared in the past, this project does come at a cost to all of us. After years of responsible budget management and making do with the facility, the need could not be "put off" any longer. To fulfill the need, we have secured funding via bonding. The village's long history of responsible fiscal management yielded excellent rates for the borrowing, but we have debt service needs that we will all see when tax bills arrive. The cost initially will be in the neighborhood of a \$1.18 increase to the mill rate. This will bring our tax rate to nearly \$8.25 for this year; we anticipate it decreasing next year as valuations rise throughout the village. These numbers are pretty solid estimates as I write this ahead of our final review and consideration of the budget for 2025. I think it is important to note that the village tax rate was \$9.85 in the 1990's.

We are thankful for the continuing development along the Fox River. New and attractive housing opportunities rising up along North Wilson Street and within the Blue at the Trail development are another added piece of the redevelopment puzzle. It was with great anticipation that we welcomed Festival Foods to the community in late September. The rebirth of this property is a most welcome addition to the village and boy, did the Festival team do it right!

We are thankful and grateful for the continued civility that is truly the fabric of the village. People supporting one another, neighbors be neighborly, a school system that thrives with engaged teachers and staff, students and parents. We are continually blessed with volunteer work throughout the community. Whether it be serving on a committee, a board or commission, adopting a flower bed, serving your place of worship or just taking part of the many opportunities to engage in community activities, we are grateful.

Yes, so much to be thankful for and yet, so much more to be done as we collectively work to keep Kimberly a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Holiday Schedule & Garbage Route Changes

Thanksgiving Holiday

All Village offices and departments will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, November 28th** and **Friday, November 29th** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

> Thanksgiving week EVERYONES garbage day is CHANGING to one day prior to your normal pick-up day.

Christmas Holiday

All Village offices and departments will be **CLOSED** on **Tuesday**, **December 24th** and **Wednesday**, **December 25th**.

Garbage: Tuesday Route on Monday, Wednesday Route on Thursday, and Thursdays Route on Friday. Recycling: Monday and Tuesday remain the same. Wednesday Route on Thursday and Thursday Route on Friday.

New Year's Holiday

All Village offices and departments will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday**, **January 1, 2025. Garbage:** Tuesday remain the same, Wednesday Route on Thursday and Thursday Route on Friday.

Chuck Kuen

STREET DEPARTMENT

Garbage & Recycling Reminders for Winter and the Upcoming Holidays

- The days for **Bulky**, **Non-Metal Collection were changed five years ago to Monday and Wednesday** for the designated week each month. Please reference the 2025 Garbage and Recycling Calendar for the collection dates.
- Polycarts CANNOT be placed in the road or on top of snow piles
- The polycart MUST be placed at ground level either on the terrace or in the driveway. Polycarts which are placed in the road for pick up, during winter months, are subject to be plowed over and damaged. Replacement of damaged carts are the responsibility of the property owner at the cost of \$73.50.
- The Village DOES NOT pick up overflow garbage. Excess garbage generated due to the holidays must be disposed of by the renter or property owner. This can be done by spreading your overflow garbage over a couple of weeks' collection, asking a neighbor if they have room in their polycart, or by hauling the overflow garbage to the landfill.

Weekly Brush Pickup

Brush which is longer than 18" and not more than 4" in diameter MUST be called in by 2:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY for a Thursday pickup.

Winter Driving

- Remember to slow down and drive with extra caution during the winter season. Allow more time for your trips to school, work, and shopping.
- The Village will maintain the street pavement as best they can. This does not mean the pavement will be completely free of snow and ice.
- There will always be situations where snow and/or ice build-up will occur on our streets and intersections especially early in the morning or later in the evening.
- Allow extra room when following other vehicles, approach intersections with extra caution, and assume your vehicle will not stop as fast as it does on dry pavement.
- Remain at least 200ft. behind snow plows and spreaders.



Snow Removal

- Village ordinance 430-10 states that it is unlawful to shovel, blow, or plow snow onto or across Village streets or alleys. Citations will be issued to habitual offenders.
- Salt barrels placed at specific intersections are to be used for emergency use only. These salt barrels are not provided for residents for their own application. Salt for sidewalks and driveways should be purchased at local retail outlets.
- Corner lot owners are asked to keep a path open through the crosswalks, the Village crew will clear the remainder of snow as time permits.
- Anyone with a fire hydrant near his or her property is asked to help keep the snow cleared from around it. This will allow for quick response time if ever the fire department needs to access the hydrant.
- Snow must be cleared from the sidewalks within 24 hours after each snowfall. If ice builds up, it must be removed or treated with a melting agent. It is Village policy to address unshoveled sidewalks only when a complaint has been filed, village officials do not go out looking for sidewalks that need shoveling.

NO FURTHER NOTICE GIVEN

Snow Removal Notice To Property Owners In The Village Of Kimberly

Notice is hereby given to each person who owns, occupies, or controls land that fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk in the Village of Kimberly, Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin. The Village of Kimberly Code of Ordinances Ch. 430 -10, states that sidewalks are to be kept clear of all snow and ice, to a minimum of five (5) feet in width, within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. In the event that ice has formed on any sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk shall be sprinkled with material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping. Furthermore, no person shall in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public street, alley, sidewalk, or public land dedicated to public use. No further written or verbal notice will be given to violators. Failure to comply will result in sidewalks being cleared by the Village and billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour, plus equipment usage and an Administrative Fee of \$25.00. A minimum of one hour will be charged to clear sidewalks.

2025 YARD WASTE PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE!

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Street Department will **ONLY** pick up trees on your garbage day the week of January 14 - 16th. Residents can also drop off at the yard waste site.



COMMUNIT

The Kimberly Community Band is proud to announce, Casey Parker, as the new director.

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Casey is an Appleton native who currently Appleton West High

School. He is a 2017 graduate of UW Stevens Point for Music Education and plays trumpet as his primary instrument.

Casey is looking forward to directing our upcoming Holiday concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. at J.R. Gerritts Middle School, in Kimberly.

Please help us in giving our new director, Casey Parker a "Warm Welcome!"



PARK & REC

Babysitting Certification Class

Are you interested in your child earning money by becoming a certified babysitter or feeling more confident watching younger siblings? If so, this is the class for your child! After completion of this course participants will: Learn first aid, CPR/AED, and what to do if someone is choking. Earn babysitting certification. Gain confidence needed to be an awesome babysitter. Pre-registration is required to attend: https://kimberly.recdesk.com/Community/Program/. **Upcoming program dates:** Dec. 26, 2024 and April 3, 2025.

Shelter Reservations

Planning a celebration in 2025? Shelter reservations are now reservable 11 months in advance. Want to check availability? Scan the QR code or give us a call at (920)788-7507.



Summer Employment

Interested in working for the Village as a seasonal employee in 2025? We will begin accepting applications February 2025, interview applicants in March and send offers of employment in April. All applications will be accepted online with links to all position descriptions and applications posted to the Village's website here: https://www.vokimberly.org/ information/employment-opportunities/

2025 Spring Baseball Registration

- Baseball Registration will open in January 2025.
- Programming includes Thursday morning for Tot Baseball 3 & 4 year olds, Wednesday evening Tee Ball for 5 & 6 year olds, Tuesday evening Pioneer League (machine pitch) for 7 & 8 year olds, and Monday evening Cub League (kid pitch) for 9 & 10 year olds. We will continue to do our best to offer a 12U League in partnership with neighboring programs as registration numbers and partnerships allow.
- Register early to save on program fees! 2025 program registration will offer an additional discounted rate for Kimberly Residents!
- A limited stock of gray baseball pants will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis. Information will be posted to Facebook in early 2025.



Pet (Dog/Cat) CPR & First Aid

Dogs and cats are part of the family and being equipped to deliver first aid to them in an emergency situation is vital. This course will provide you with the basics in CPR and first aid care to help your furry family member in their time of need. Topics include putting together a pet first aid kit or disaster kit, taking your pets vital signs, choking, performing CPR and rescue breathing, head to tail weekly health inspections, and medical response to seizures, hypothermia, heat stroke, shock, bleeding, poisoning, etc. Upon successful completion of the course students will receive a Pro Pet Hero completion card digitally sent directly to your e-mail address, this card will be valid for two years. This is a great class for all pet owners, pet sitters, and those interested in going into the veterinary field. Please note, no live pets will be present in class. All skills will be performed on pet mannequins. Classes open to students 16 years of age and older. Upcoming classes offered February 26th or May 11th from 5PM - 9PM Course fee is \$65, pre-registration is required.

Dog Licenses

2025 dog licenses will be available at Village Clerk's Office by December 15th, 2024. Neutered and Spayed Licenses are \$7.00. Intact Male & Female Licenses are \$12.00. When applying for a dog license, owners must present the current rabies vaccination certificate. Failure to license your dog may result in a \$124.00 citation per dog, issued by FVMPD.

REMINDER keep your pets leashed, Ordinance 180 states it shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Kimberly to own, harbor or keep any animal which has been determined to be a public nuisance or allow the animal to run at large in the Village.

180-6C All dogs, cats or other domestic animals shall be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times when off the premises of its owner.



Want to mail in for your license? Scan the QR Code for the application.

Looking for a creative gift idea?

The Village of Kimberly is introducing a Living Forest within Sunset Park. A donation of \$250 supplies one ball and burlap tree to be planted in Sunset Park

and includes a name of your choice on the Living Forest plaque placed on Shelter #1.

Orders received prior to March 15th each year will be included in the annual planting. Please contact streets@vokimberlywi.gov for more information or to place an order.



See full program details here:



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Open House

Thank you to all who donated to help make the annual open house a great success. Without you we would not be able to put on such a great event.

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Smoke & CO Detector Maintenance

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. While checking the batteries, please inspect the manufacture date – if it is 5-7 years old, you should consider replacing it soon. Many people estimate their detectors are "a couple years old" and we find them to be over 8 years old in many cases. If your detector starts to chirp, it is a sign that something is wrong with it. Usually, the batteries need to be replaced or the detector has reached its service life. Remember, smoke detectors save lives! Civilian fire casualties are anywhere from 35%-69% lower when battery-powered or hard-wired smoke detectors are in good working order.

Do you work shiftwork or have daytime availability?

We are hiring firefighters and EMS members. Members of KF/R can specialize in fire, EMS, or both. No prior training necessary – training provided at no cost to the member.

Do you have a wood burning fireplace?

As the weather shifts, please take the time to have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional. Chimneys are the number one cause of fires involving wood-burning appliances. It is a simple item to maintain, and the consequences of not doing so can be catastrophic. Also remember to never burn scrap wood or softwood in your fireplace or wood stoves.

Winter Fire Hydrant Maintenance

A clearly visible fire hydrant could save your home, or even your life. If a hydrant is buried in snow, firefighters could lose valuable time locating it. You can preform a valuable public service by taking responsibility for maintaining "your" hydrant during the Winter. We would like to offer the following suggestions:

- Know the location of your hydrant.
- Make sure it is shoveled clear after each snowfall (at least 3 feet all around).
- Adapt a hydrant and be proud to make it the best-looking hydrant in your area.

Congratulations to Jim Hietpas on his retirement after 29 years with the Fire Department, serving as Chief for the last 4 years.

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Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions

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(1) When signs have been erected at or reasonably near the corporate limits of the Village of Kimberly, as provided in § 349.13, Wis. Stats., no person shall park any motor vehicle on any street in the Village of Kimberly between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between the dates of December 1 and April 1.

Consideration can be given on limited and case-by-case basis. Any resident requesting special permission may request consideration via the Fox Valley Metro Police Department's website or by scanning the below QR code.





Winter 2024

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Each year, the Village of Kimberly Street and Parks team string thousands of lights throughout Memorial Park bringing a free festive display for all to enjoy. The first night the park is lit is celebrated by our annual "Christmas at the Pond" event. Join us December 1st, 2024 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. for a full line up of activity. The night begins with Monty's Secret Theater presenting Christmas Magic followed by lighting the whole park at 5:00 p.m. The Kimberly High School Chamber Choir will be caroling in the park gazebo right after the lights turn on with a special appearance of Santa Claus riding in on the Kimberly Fire Department Fire Truck around 5:15 p.m. Bring a letter for Santa and place it in our special North Pole mail box at the park, enjoy the Kimberly Public Library Holiday Book Walk, refreshments and festive surprises will be stationed throughout the park provided by our amazing Kimberly community sponsors. For a full list of sponsors and an event map, follow the event on Facebook @ vokimberlywi. Memorial Park will continue to automatically light each evening after the initial lighting event – enjoy a peaceful walk in the park and take in the splendor throughout the month of December.

letters to Santa

Does your child want to hear back from the North Pole this holiday season? Santa's elves are ready to spread Christmas Cheer this season with custom letters to your child. The North Pole is using Google Forms to help ensure we can make the letters extra special. Please

complete all information to receive a letter back from the North Pole, even if your child placed a letter to Santa in the Village of Kimberly Santa Mail mailbox (located in Memorial Park during Christmas at the Pond and at the Municipal Complex in December). One letter per child. Deadline to submit a request is Sunday, December 8th to ensure all letters make it to your mailbox before Christmas! Wishing you a holiday season full of magic and wonder from the Kimberly Park and Rec – aka the North Pole!



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Recycle Properly

Is Santa bringing new electronics to your house this holiday season? When upgrading to the latest gadget—whether it's a smartwatch, cellphone, E-bike, or even the robot vacuum cleaner in your closet—it's easy to overlook what happens when the device reaches the end of its life. But these battery-containing devices can be hazardous if not disposed of properly.

Batteries, especially lithium-ion, pose serious risks. If punctured or improperly disposed of they can cause fires, leak dangerous chemicals, and even explode. So even if your device has served you safely, it will eventually need careful handling.

Ensure your old devices are safely recycled by bringing them to a certified drop-off location, like our Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park located at 1919 Holland Road Appleton, WI 54911.

TREATY PARK ICE RINK

Winter of 2023 was mild! As a result, the Treaty Park ice rink never opened last winter. We will soon see what kind of winter 2024 will bring! It's almost that time of year again – to dust off your ice skates and head on over to the Treaty Park ice rink! The annual process of building the ice rink takes several weeks with ice formation completely up to Mother Nature. The Parks Crew works very hard to get the rink up each year and continues to work hard throughout the skating season to

maintain the ice. Please follow the Village of Kimberly on Facebook or Instagram for ice rink updates throughout the season. If the ice is slushy at the rink, we ask that you refrain from skating until it firms back up. Using the rink when the ice is soft will damage it to the point that it becomes unusable for the rest of the season. Help us make the rink last as long into the winter as possible!





Kimberly Historical Committee

The History Committee partnered with our Kimberly American Legion William Verhagen Post 60 to bring to fruition a permanent veterans display at the Municipal Center. William Verhagen, Post 60's namesake, was the first serviceman from Kimberly to die in WWI.

In addition to the veterans display, there is a new exhibit highlighting

some of the history of the Kimberly High School Band. Take a moment to view the photos and memorabilia. You may see yourself, a family member, or a classmate. "Yay to the colors of red and white..."

Enjoy the displays anytime the Municipal Center is open, and if you are interested in joining our committee, please leave your name and contact information with someone at the library. A committee member will reach out to you.

"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." -Pearl S. Buck



JAMES J. SIEBERS LIBRARY NEWS 515 W. Kimberly Ave. • Phone: 788-7515 • www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org

HOURS: Mon - Fri - 9AM to 6PM Saturday - 9AM to 1PM Sunday Closed

Check Out These Fun Family Programs at the Library!

Hey, Dog Man Fans! Join us for a fun Dog Man Party on December 3 at 3:45-4:30PM to celebrate the release of the new book Big Jim Begins. There will be games, activities, and snacks. Great for elementary ages.

Tween Tuesdays: Students in grades 4 through 8, drop in the library between 3:15 and 4:30 PM on Tuesday, December 3rd and December 10th to sip some cocoa, eat cookies, and make holiday decorations for the library tree. Let's get crafty on January 21st and January 28th.

Just like magic, watch the old year disappear at the **Magic Show with Monty's Magic** Theater on Monday, December 30 at 10:30 AM.

The **Winter Reading Program** slogan is **Get Fired Up for Reading** with fire-breathing book-loving dragons as the theme. Patrons of all ages will complete reading activities on a BINGO card to earn grand prize entries. The program will run January 13-February 15.

Vegetarian Sushi Making-January 14th at 5:30PM. Roll up your sleeves and register for this beginner exploration of vegetarian sushi making. **This program is for teens to attend with their adults.** Registration opens Jan 2nd. Call 920-788-7515 to register.

Interested In Running For Office?

An election will be held in the Village of Kimberly on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to elect three (3) Trustee positions. Candidate paperwork can be picked up in the Clerk's Office or downloaded from elections.wi.gov. Simply select the Candidates tab and the link "Getting on the Ballot." Papers must be submitted to the clerk's office by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Property Tax Payments

The Clerk's Office will be closed December 24th, December 25th & January 1st for the Holidays.

Once again for your convenience, **CAPITAL CREDIT UNION**, Kimberly location ONLY, will collect taxes for the Village of Kimberly until January 31, 2025. ANY RESIDENT, not just members, can pay their taxes at the Capital location in Kimberly. They offer extended hours and easy drive-through access.

Please make sure checks are signed, written out to the Village of Kimberly, and for the correct amount. Credit Card payments accepted through the Outagamie County website.

> The Municipal Complex office hours: Monday-Thursday 8 – 4 • Friday 8 – 3

Beat cabin fever with **story times for preschoolers:** Winter Tales and Crafts on Tuesdays, January 14, 21 & 28 at 9:45 AM; Book Boogie: Stories, Music & Movement on Fridays, January 17, 24, & 31 at 9:45 AM; Family Story Times on Mondays, February 3-March 24 at 9:45 AM. Baby Stay and Play Story Times on Tuesdays, February 4-March 25 at 9:45 AM

Celebrate the release of the next book in the Fourth Wing series at the **Onyx Storm Launch Party**-January 21st from 6-7:30 PM. Register to paint a dragon tote bag and make a Fourth Wing BFF bracelet or keychain. Get selected by a dragon, dragon temporary tattoos, dragon selfies, and a chance to win a copy of Onyx Storm. Registration opens Jan. 6th at 9:00 AM. Call 920-788-7515.

Saturday, February 1 is **Take Your Child to the Library Day.** Enjoy family entertainment at 10AM and activities during our open hours of 9-1. Come discover all your library has to offer!

How can I find out more? Please register to receive the weekly electronic newsletter of the Kimberly Public Library to receive regular updates. Follow the Kimberly Public Library (#kimberlypubliclibrary) on Facebook and Instagram or visit our website: www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org.

Programs subject to change the week of February 17th pending primary election.

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