



Kim-Talk

The Village of Kimberly Newsletter

Fall 2025

Long Term Planning & Strategic Visioning Leads to Policing Changes

Streets, Sewers, and Safety have been the three leading priorities in governance within the Village of Kimberly for decades and remains such today and in the years ahead. Funding each is a priority and a challenge that calls for constant review of processes and costs. This focus led to the forming of a partnership with our neighbors to the north for policing some thirty years ago. The formation of the Fox Valley Metro Police Department (FVMPD) served both communities well in professional policing and fiscal management for more than three decades. We have always been pleased with the professionalism of the policing team.

Being true champions of the team and the work done by the FVMPD does not, in itself negate the need to explore the costs and processes of this department, like all other departments. The Village Board and Administration have done just that. However, the FVMPD is a unique Department, a joint partnership with the Village of Little Chute. Any major modification, capital investment or operational change requires agreement by both Villages. Several factors of the joint partnership discussion were cause for concern: variations in municipal growth boundaries, incompatible visions related to cost share policies, potential inconsistencies in service agreements, and irreconcilable differences related to ownership of shared assets.

The cost analysis was prompted by several reasons such as the introduction of administrative service costs, upcoming facility needs and renovations that had been long overdue, cost sharing policies, municipal growth boundaries and service agreements. The most imminent being evidence storage. Faced with the need to find suitable housing for storage of evidence for several years, the Village Boards have discussed several options in concept: rental space, purchasing storage, and the construction of a new storage facility. The ideal concept building layout for a new 4,800 square foot addition to the Safety Center, offering 1,500 square feet of required storage space to be located in Little Chute came in at an estimate cost in excess of \$1 million. Several cost sharing and ownership factors were yet to be decided; however, it was apparent that the joint partnership agreement drafted thirty years ago likely needed to be revisited and alternatives explored.

While the Village Board has always worked to provide the tools necessary to do the job for all departments, the evidence storage facility cost, and ownership discussion was certainly one worthy of deeper exploration. As part of the Village Board's analysis to find solutions and alternatives, we approached the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department to ask if they might entertain leasing space in their facility to accommodate the need for evidence storage. Most readers would be surprised at the amount of evidence that is required to be cataloged, climate controlled and held for years and years. Outagamie County does not allow other departments to store evidence at their facility. However, one question did remain – would the County be available and open to providing police services to the Village of Kimberly in order to solve many problems related to evidence storage and growing concerns related to the joint partnership.

At the request of the Village Board, Outagamie County Sheriff's Department generated a proposal for police coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, patrolling the Village of Kimberly exclusively. The estimated cost for service was a significant reduction, in excess of \$250,000, compared to the 2025 budget for police service.

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**All Village Offices,
Departments and the James
J. Siebers Memorial Library**
will be closed on **Monday,
September 1st** in observance
of Labor Day. This holiday
will have no effect on garbage
collection. However, recycling
pick up will be one day after
your regularly scheduled
day: Monday's route on
Tuesday, Tuesday's route
on Wednesday, Wednesday's
route on Thursday and
Thursday's route on Friday.



**Trick or Treat hours
in the Village of
Kimberly will be from
5-7pm October 31,
Halloween Day**

The Board then met with the Sheriff's Department to learn specifics regarding processes, coverage and availability of other county services beyond patrol such as K-9 unit, school resource officers, emergency response team, investigation, crime scene analysis, Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group, drone team, bomb squad, internet crimes against children task force, administrative, human resources and finance services. It is important to clarify that with the County proposal the deputies assigned to the Village of Kimberly work ONLY and SPECIFICALLY within the Village boundary. In the listening sessions there seemed to be a misconception that patrol was from other points of the County, this is not accurate.

Further, under the County proposal there will be a Sargent available at the Municipal Complex to serve as a resource for residents and staff. The Village will still fulfill our partnership with the Kimberly Area School District to staff school resource officers for the schools within our municipal boundary. The Outagamie County Sheriff's Department has had many successes serving in this capacity. The Village Board also requested that immediate consideration be given to any FVMPD team member who may want to change organizations to which the County agreed.

Following the Board's initial analysis, Community Listening Sessions were held to help interested parties to understand the proposal from the County and current services provided by FVMPD. Questions were posed and opinions shared. Again, it is important to clarify that with the County proposal the deputies assigned to the Village of Kimberly work ONLY and SPECIFICALLY within the Village boundary. Patrol coverage will increase in the Village. Officers per square mile will increase to 0.87-1.3 officers per square mile, versus the current coverage of 0.46 officers per square mile.

A Village survey was available for the public; of which only 4% of the population of Kimberly completed, or 322 out of 7,656 residents. Of those that responded, most were largely in favor of keeping the partnership. Comments were shared expressing a desire to continue efforts to find a way forward together with our Little Chute partners. We did just that. We explored ways to find cost savings, to address future growth, analyze future capital improvements, modify the cost sharing framework, and establish more oversight of facility planning, operations and budgets.

Over the summer, conversations with our partners in Little Chute centered on the evidence storage needs, updating the current Safety Center located in Little Chute, the potential to revisit the cost share formula to more accurately align miles patrolled as Little Chute grows north and finally an earnest discussion about a recently imposed administrative fee of \$47,000 annually submitted to the Village of Kimberly by Little Chute during a Joint Meeting of the Village Boards in March of 2025. This administrative fee was delivered to the Village Board with no prior discussion and a first in the 30-year partnership. Discussions on these topics unfortunately did not yield compromise nor answers as to what true costs would face the Village of Kimberly over the next 10-20 years.

After weighing the cost, coverage, impacts on employees, and long-term sustainability of the partnership, the Village Board unanimously has given notice to our long-time partners in Little Chute that we will dissolve our joint agreement. The agreement calls for a three-year separation period should either community choose to dissolve and, of course we will honor that. However, we are open to adjusting the termination date in accordance with the needs of our valued neighbors, just as we did when Little Chute chose to dissolve our partnerships for shared custodial work and again with the joint library agreement.

As we solidify the transition timeline and plan, we will communicate it via our website and social media pages. Until such time it will be business as usual with FVMPD.

When the transition takes place there should be no need for anxiety or concern as the plan calls for dedicated officers serving Kimberly and a plethora of nearby support from Sheriff's deputies. It is expected that we will see more patrol due to the smaller footprint to navigate within the Village limits, as well as support staff completing paperwork associated with policing allowing for more uninterrupted patrol time. Residents will be seeing silver patrol vehicles, versus blue patrol vehicles, which will proudly carry the Village of Kimberly designation emblazoned on their side panels. In the proposed County agreement, the Village has access to all of the specialty policing that the County has, from investigators to drone operators to a robust SWAT team. All of these services are included in our agreed upon cost and is nearly \$250,000 below the current cost of police service.

As the Village realizes savings, it is our intention to utilize these funds for priorities that will serve the taxpayers. Two specific needs come to mind: first, earmark funds to "buy down" debt for the new Municipal Services Center building and second, fund a revolving account to assist residents in replacing lead water services (this great idea was one generated from comments from our listening sessions). Discussions will be held regarding the use of available funds with each budget cycle, which the community is always welcome to be a part of during our Open Meetings.

This has been a difficult decision for several reasons. Foremost is the well-being of the current FVMPD team followed closely with concerns for "losing our identity." We believe that in our planning we have considered both and can assure you, this Village Board would NEVER COMPROMISE SAFETY. The Village Board believes we lose nothing in the safety arena and, likely, will gain patrol presence and with it, criminal deterrence. Change for many is never easy and our ears are open to addressing any concerns or questions in order to ease any anxiety amid this pending change.

As we assemble the staff specifically assigned to the Village of Kimberly we will feature them in KimTalk so you can place a name with a face as we welcome these law enforcement professionals into the community as they work to keep Kimberly a great place to live, learn work and play....**SAFELY!**

The Kimberly Village Board ~
President Kuen, Trustees Trentlage, Hammen,
Karner, Hietpas, Hruzek and Gaffney

PARK & REC DEPARTMENT

Sunset Park: Parking Lot Closure – September 8-14, 2025

Please be advised that the parking lot serving the boat launch and lower diamond softball field will be closed to all public access and thru traffic from Monday, September 8, through Sunday, September 14, 2025.

The closure is necessary to complete asphalt resurfacing and repairs. During this time, the boat launch and lower diamond softball field will be inaccessible. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we complete these important improvements.



WELCOME *to your* NEW HOME



Frontida of Kimberly
816 & 820 Schelfhout Ln., Kimberly, WI 54136
Tel: 920-687-9330 | www.FrontidaSeniorLiving.com

Archery Classes:

This instructional archery program for beginning archers, available to anyone 9+, offers skill training by a NASP certified instructor with fundamentals from USA Explore Archery, Archery Trade Association: Explore Bow Hunting, Kids on Target from Whitetails Unlimited, as well as fun games and activities for archery beginners! Hunting and shooting techniques will be covered along with much more! Pre-registration required, classes held Saturday mornings, 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. September 13th – October 4th.

Upcoming Babysitting Certification Class:

After completion of this course, you will learn first aid, CPR/AED, and what to do if someone is choking. Earn a babysitting certification and gain confidence needed to be an awesome babysitter or to spend time home alone. Register for our upcoming class held on October 30, 2025.

Register for all programs online!
[https://Kimberly.recdesk.com/
community/program](https://Kimberly.recdesk.com/community/program)



**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING EVENT**
Saturday, October 18, 2025
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
300 Sunset Park Drive

Check out the event on the
Village of Kimberly
Facebook page for fee vs.
free items and event map!

JAMES J. SIEBERS LIBRARY

515 W. Kimberly Ave. • Phone: 788-7515

www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9–6 / Saturday 9–1

Sunday Closed



A Fresh Look, Familiar Welcome: Big Changes at Kimberly Public Library

The Kimberly Public Library is getting a fresh new look! While we undergo a short construction project in August to install new carpet, paint, and a hearing loop system for improved accessibility, we're also embracing the opportunity to deepen the community's understanding of Kimberly Library's brand—a collection of imagery, relationships, and experiences that reflect who we are and what we stand for.

Our brand is more than a logo or color scheme, and our identity is about more than fresh paint or new carpet. Kimberly Library is a **pillar of the Kimberly area**, rooted in the values Village residents hold dear. We offer enriching, community-focused experiences with lasting impact—at little to no cost to families. While we work hard to ensure that every taxpayer dollar is used wisely, we work even harder to provide opportunities that benefit all—supporting families, nurturing individuals, and bringing people together to weave the fabric of community. Though small in footprint, the library's ripple effect is far-reaching—rooted in one book, one program, one conversation at a time.

As construction begins August 13, we will temporarily shift to modified services starting August 18–26. During this time, limited services will be available in the **Evergreen Room**, including holds pick-up, browsing, checkouts, and a pop-up booksale. Curbside pickup will also be offered for holds and pre-prepared book packs. Because the full construction timeline is still uncertain, the library's hours and services will remain flexible. Please visit our website or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information as the project progresses through late August and into September.

Once we fully reopen, fall will bring a full slate of programming for all ages—from **Family Story Times** and a **Tween Listening Session**, to special events like a **Chai Tasting in celebration of our new Sister Library partnership with Chughtai Public Library in Lahore, Pakistan**, and the always-popular **Pumpkin Walk** at Memorial Park. Whether you're looking to learn something new, meet a neighbor, gain worldly perspectives, or simply enjoy time in a safe, welcoming space, we invite you to make the Kimberly Public Library your third home.

No matter how we grow or change, our mission remains the same: **Bringing people together to inspire a love of reading and lifelong learning**. Whether you're visiting for the first time or the hundredth, we want you to feel right at home at Kimberly Public Library—**rooted at the heart of the community**.

For real-time updates about services and programs, follow us on Facebook or Instagram, visit www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org, or join our weekly email list by sending a request to kim@kimberlypubliclibrary.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Yard Cleanup

Please remember it is against Village ordinance to burn ANY yard waste. You can purchase annual yard waste site stickers at the Village office and use curbside pickup options for leaves and branches.

Department Personnel Updates

- Scott Meixl promoted to Firefighter from Probationary Firefighter.
- Andrey Krisher successfully completed his EMR certification & probationary period.

*Thank you to all the fireworks
sponsors and volunteers.*

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Kimberly Area School District

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Kimberly Fire Department Members & Families
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Ray's Sanitation
Kobussen Buses
Chefo's Pancake House
Fox Valley Metro
PaperFest Group
Spielbauer Fireworks
Brand Image and Apparel
Kimberly Parks and Rec Dept.
Holz's Party Rentals
Members of the Community for all your support

Fire prevention week is
October 5th- 11th.

Please join us for our annual
open house on
Saturday October 4th
to kick the week off.
We look forward to
seeing you there!

STREET DEPARTMENT

Fall Leaf Collection

Leaves will be picked up on
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays

The Street Department will start Leaf Pick Up services when there are enough leaves raked to the street terraces through the Village to keep assigned crews and equipment busy for at least a full day. The starting date will vary from year to year. Leaf collection activities will continue in the Fall as long as weather permits.

Rake leaves to the terrace, not into the street, DO NOT put leaves in bags. Leaves, that are placed in bags or any container – WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Do not rake twigs or branches with the leaves, they will clog and damage the vacuum. Please keep plastic and paper out of the piles. Rake leaves into low piles so children are not hidden from motorist's view.

Pick up will start at the west-end of the Village and move east, completing as soon as possible. It takes about one week to make one round of the entire Village, so please be patient and rake accordingly.

Please be aware that the street sweeper is different from the leaf vacuum. The sweeper only sweeps streets, not piles of leaves.

To keep residents informed of our progress and anticipated route for collection, the Village of Kimberly has created "Leaf Man" which you can follow on Facebook @villageofkimberlywi. Did you know you can still follow "Leaf Man" on Facebook without an account? Go to the Village of Kimberly website www.kimberlywi.gov and click the F icon on the home page.

Kimberly Water Department Customers 2025 Semi Annual Hydrant Flushing

The Kimberly Water Department will be cleaning and flushing water mains from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **beginning September 15th – 18th and September 22nd – 25th.** The flushing will remove most of the natural minerals that have settled in the mains such as iron, a harmless-reddish brown mineral that does discolor the water.

If you observe Water Utility Personnel working in your area, refrain from using water or use as little as possible for 45 minutes to ensure that the water has settled in the mains. This will also help prevent any iron from being drawn into your water piping system.

If you do find that your water has become discolored, refrain from using it for an additional 30 minutes. Then draw off the remaining discolored water through the **COLD WATER FAUCET ONLY.**

Your cooperation during this flushing procedure will benefit all water customers.

Thank you for your help, Kimberly Water Department

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Yard Waste Site Temporary Relocation

The Kimberly yard waste site and metal dumpster have been temporarily relocated to the Sunset Beach Parking Lot at 1010 Fulcer Avenue. The waste oil drop off site is temporarily unavailable, residents interested in disposing of waste oil are encouraged to utilize the free drop off service with the Outagamie County Landfill. The village will post updated signage at the yard waste sites and information to our social media pages informing residents when the site reopens at the original location.

Free Fall Yard Waste

The Village of Kimberly will provide a free fall yard waste pick up **ONLY** on the following day: **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th** for residents **NORTH** of the tracks or **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th** for residents **SOUTH** of the tracks. Yard waste consisting of garden debris, flowers, lawn edgings, and shrub trimmings (not to exceed 18" in length) will be picked up. Yard Waste must be put in lawn and yard waste bags and not exceed 50lbs. Yard waste stickers are not required during the FREE fall yard waste pick up. Once a street has been picked up, they **WILL NOT** return! **NO GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES OR PLASTIC BAGS!**

Brush Collection

The village offers a weekly curbside brush collection service on Thursdays. Simply add your address by using this form <https://forms.gle/S7AY932PAZa3hp7w5>, scanning the QR Code, locating the link on our website homepage, or by calling 920-788-7507. All requests must be submitted before 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays to be scheduled for a Thursday collection the same week. All brush must be 18" or longer, less than 4" in diameter, piled neatly on the terrace with all cut ends facing the same direction, with no root balls.



Recycling Information

Recycling collection for the Village of Kimberly is provided by GFL on these dates:

Sept. 2 -4, 15 - 18, 29 & 30

Oct. 1 & 2, 13 - 16, 27 - 30

Nov. 10 - 13, 24 - 26 & 28

Any questions regarding recycling collection services can be directed to the GFL customer service office by calling 920-687-2631.

Interested in helping on Election Day?

The VOK is looking to add to our Election Inspectors Team! You can check-in voters, help people register to vote, check Photo IDs and process absentee ballots. Training is provided and this is a paid position.

To be a poll worker, you must:

- Be a qualified elector of Outagamie County
- Be able to read and write fluently in the English language
- Not be a candidate for any office to be voted on at the polling place at that election

Please email the Deputy Clerk at eziegert@vokimberlywi.gov for more information.

Don't Get Scammed!

Scammers are very sophisticated these days. Stay one step ahead of them and don't let them fool you into thinking you owe the village money for permits, fines, taxes, etc.

Be suspicious of unusual payment methods and remember that the village would not ask you for a wire transfer or solicit a payment from you over the phone.

Don't click unknown links or download suspicious attachments that appear to come from a village employee, don't give out any personal or banking information, and don't send any money!

The VOK is accepting applications from residents for appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

Water Commission One (1) 3-year term to expire Oct 2028

Applications are available at the Village Clerk's office or you may submit your name, along with your reasons for interest to the Village Clerk, 515 W. Kimberly Ave. Applications will be accepted through September 16th, 2025. To learn more about these boards and commissions and what is all involved, please see the village website.



920-997-9700

Boots
CHIROPRACTIC
& Wellness Center, S.C.

1020 Truman St. Suite B, Kimberly

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 8a-6:30p & Sat: 8-11a



The 34th Annual Fox Cities Marathon will be held on

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025

There will be **"NO PARKING SIGNS"** placed along the route. Runners will enter Kimberly as early as 7:25 a.m. and the last runners will exit Kimberly by about 10:20 a.m.

Please plan alternate routes of travel if you plan on being out early on September 21st.

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Email requests: karla@theinsres.com

Kimberly
Fall Craft Fair
OCTOBER
4th 2025 **Treaty Park**
Maes Ave, Kimberly WI
9am-3pm
Food Trucks!
Classic Car Show!!
Presented by the K.R.A

Sunday at the Amphitheater

The Kimberly Amphitheater Board of Directors expresses their appreciation for the support of the patrons, entertainers, and sponsors with the 27th annual ***Sunday at the Amphitheater*** program.

American Legion Auxiliary
American Legion Post 60
Biese Painting
Boots Chiropractic
& Wellness Center
Butch's Pizza
Carnival Time Popcorn
Casa Riviera
Cathy Hackett
Cheeky Doughnuts
Chefo's Pancake House
Chico's Cafe
Community First
Credit Union

Culver's Frozen Custard
– Darboy – Little Chute –
Grand Chute
East WI Savings Bank
Edward Jones - Jason Berry
Festival Foods
Floors by Roberts
Fox Communities
Credit Union
Goly and Eve
Hallmark Place
Il Bar Coffeehouse & Bistro
Jacob's Meat Market
Kimberly Eye Clinic

Kimberly Mini Mart BP
Kimberly Recreation
Association
Lamers Dairy
Manderfield's
Marcia Trentlage
Marty's Place
MooreSmiles
Old Glory Cafe
Paperfest/KIM COM
Promotions
Peters' Boyz BBQ
Phillips Fund
Robinson's Florist

Roundabout Bar and Grill
Senecal Family Fundraiser
Tanners Grill & Bar
The Insurance Resource
Timber Innovations LLC
Timber Lounge
Timber Tap LLC
Valley Management
Wichmann Fargo
Funeral Home
Wildfire Coffeehouse

Flower Bed Thank You

The Village of Kimberly would like to extend a huge thank you to the following for planting and caring for the flower beds located throughout the community. Your dedication to the beautification is enjoyed by many.

Marne Helms
Sandra Frechett
Lacy Revoir
Craig Robinson
Lisa Bucholz
Karen Siebers
Linsay Turnbow
Anne Van Handel

Sandy Frassetto
Jane Driessen
Pat Van Oss
Catherine Scullion
Tim Wyngaard
Katy Masak
Karen Van Den Bloomer

T-Shirt Sponsor Thank You

The Kimberly Park & Recreation Dept. and the 350 boys and girls participating in our youth baseball, soccer tots, and flag football programs this year would like to THANK the following businesses and organizations for their T-shirt sponsorship in 2025. Your support of our youth is highly commendable and again most appreciated.

American Legion Post 60
Baird-Zuleger Kendall Group
Berken Heating and Cooling
Boots Chiropractic &
Wellness Center
Cheeky Doughnuts
Edward Jones
Fox Communities Credit Union
Kimberly Dental Assoc.
Kimberly Recreation Assoc.

MAC Tools
Mariner Finance
Midwest Restoration
Paperfest
Romenesko Family Dentistry
Small Business Services
Swimtastic Swim School
Tanners Grill & Bar
Theil Insurance Group, LLC
Timber Lounge

Mark your calendar!!
Christmas at the Pond
Memorial Park / 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, November 30, 2025

*More info to follow in Winter Issue,
also follow us on FB for event updates.*

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shape communities throughout
the Fox Cities and beyond**



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Village Offices & Departments

Kimberly Municipal Complex

Village Administrator

Danielle Block

515 W. Kimberly Avenue

788-7500

Clerk Treasurer

Jennifer Weyenberg

dblock@vokimberlywi.gov

788-7500

Assessment Information

Bowmar Appraisal, Inc.

jweyenberg@vokimberlywi.gov

788-7500

Municipal Court Judge

Gerald C. Schumann

bowmar@sbcglobal.net

733-5369

James J. Siebers Memorial Library

Fire Department

kim@kimberlypubliclibrary.org

788-7515

EMERGENCY 911

non-emergency 788-7500 Ext. 120

Street & Parks Department

Director of Public Works

Temporarily Relocated

515 W. Kimberly Avenue

788-7507

Community Enrichment Director

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dblock@vokimberlywi.gov

788-7507

Community Development Director

Holly Femal

hfemal@vokimberlywi.gov

788-7507

Building Inspector

Sam Schroeder

sschroeder@vokimberlywi.gov

788-7507

Sunset Beach Swimming Facility

MSA

spotter@msa-ps.com

608-355-8902

1010 Fulcer Avenue

731-9299

Water Utility

Technicians - 404 N. John Street

920-841-8098

Utility Billing Clerk - 515 W. Kimberly Ave.

788-7500

After Hours Emergency / Water Break

788-7526

Fox Valley Metro Police Department

EMERGENCY 911

200 W. McKinley Ave. Little Chute

788-7505

Web Site: www.fvmpd.org

Village Board Meetings

Monday Nights

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Village President:

Chuck Kuen

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Mike Hruzek

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Marcia Trentlage

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