

ASPHALT PLANT DENIED BY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village of Weston Planning Commission has denied a request by a local paving company to place an asphalt plant along State Highway 29. The denial was the second time the Commission has ruled the plant did not meet the criteria needed to grant a conditional use permit in a manufacturing district (M-1). In May, the Planning Commission ruled against the proposed RC Paver’s asphalt plant, but the Village Board sent the proposal back for further review pending an opinion from the Village’s legal counsel.

“The Village Board wanted to make sure that we were correctly interpreting our zoning ordinance and that everyone was being treated fairly”, said Fred Schuster, Village Trustee.

Village Attorney Richard Weber, who has over 30 years of experience as the principal author of the Village’s zoning code, took a stricter approach in a May 20, 2005 opinion that an asphalt plant is an unclassified use in a manufacturing district under section 94.123 (3) of the zoning ordinance and it was the responsibility of the Planning Commission to determine if the use was permitted. Weber states that the only place an asphalt plant is permitted is in a quarrying operation. In addition, to the legal opinion a task force of Village staff completed a preliminary analysis of the environmental, nuisance and health effects that concluded RC Pavers did not meet the basic criteria.

More than thirty residents from the Brehm subdivision, a neighborhood located directly across from the proposed asphalt plant, signed a petition against the plant citing that its approval would significantly impact their quality of life. Many of the same residents attended both meetings.

“I think this issue was a good exercise in quality of life public policy-making. We had a legitimate land use petition, our staff and attorney did a comprehensive review and we received excellent taxpayer input as to how our decision might affect their lives”, said Trustee Steve Meinel, who chaired both Planning Commission meetings.



The DCE Jazz Ensemble entertains patrons at the Grand Opening of the Weston Farmers’ Market.

FARMER’S MARKET OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL (WET) START

The Village of Weston’s Farmers’ Market debuted on June 4, 2005 with over 400 customers listening to the sounds of the DCE Everest Jazz Ensemble.

“I was very happy with the turnout. In fact, I found myself having to replenish the booth several times”, said Jenny Gustafson of Country Harvest, a natural grains store located in Weston.

The Farmers’ Market features fresh meats, bakery, tea, grains and vegetables (including organics) throughout the month of October. Many of the vendors are familiar to taxpayers including Country Fresh Meats and Helene’s Orchard from Merrill.

The Farmers’ Market also features live entertainment between 9 AM – 11 AM each Saturday morning with styles ranging from bluegrass to children’s musical.

“With the donations from many businesses we have been able to create a unique community gathering place where neighbors can get together and enjoy a cup of coffee”, said Jennifer Higgins, Community Development Director and Market Manager.

Heartland Gazebos, Applied Laser Technologies, Target, Birch Gardens, Scottys and LandArt have all donated to market which is **open between 7:30 – 1 PM each Saturday.**



IT COMES DOWN TO STREETS, TRASH & PROPERTY UPKEEP

The Village has a software program that tracks taxpayer needs & complaints. At every Board meeting we receive a report from our staff on the trending issues in the Village. We use this data to make policy, fix roads and establish programs that make good use of your tax dollars. But after looking at a couple years of this data, I have come to the conclusion that most of our day-to-day dealings with taxpayers come down to a few basic things that we can do to help each other out.

First, it is time for all of us to slow down a little bit in the Village. Speeding continues to be our number one law enforcement issue and quite frankly I am concerned about the safety of our children. Sternberg, Jelinek and Schofield Avenue drivers must simply begin to follow the speed limit.

It is also important for taxpayers without curb and gutter to remember not to fill in your ditches (see article). Many of our street problems are a direct result of our water not having anywhere to go except across the road resulting in damage. Many of you force us into no other alternative but to put curb & gutter in your neighborhood to protect the road. This will cost you about \$100 a linear foot and we hate to burden homeowners with this expense.

Second, trash around our neighborhoods and parks is an increasing problem. The Village provides ample garbage, recycling, yard waste pick-up / drop off and large item drop off for your unwanted items. Please do not dump along roadsides, parks or leave items in your yard. Please remember to follow our liberal accessory vehicle parking ordinance for your recreational toys and trailers. Pick up after your dogs.

Third, please mow your lawns and take care of your property. Please help us by reporting poor property upkeep, vandalism and other forms of property destruction. The Village Board is working diligently to maintain property values and create a quality of life that is second to none in the Marathon County.

All of our issues really come down to the matter of mutual respect for each other. The Village of Weston tries hard to respect your desires to live in a clean and safe community. I am hoping that if we all focus on these three basic areas of irritation, we can make everyone's life a little nicer. Have a great summer!

Vilas Machmueller, Village President

VILLAGE OF WESTON OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

The Village of Weston assessment roll will be open for public inspection at the Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476, Tuesday, July 5th and Wednesday, July 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days.

The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 12th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476. All objections must be filed no later than Friday, July 8th, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. Appearance before the Board of Review will be by appointment only. Appointments can be made with the Village Clerk or Village Assessor by calling 359-6114.

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

June 22nd (Wed) Robinwood Park 6:00 PM

Robinwood, Callon, Brehm, Rural Southeast neighbors will hear a special presentation by DCE Superintendent Kris Gilmore on the new elementary school.

June 30th (Thur) Yellow Banks 6:00 PM

Northwestern, Eau Claire Ave., Sternberg neighbors will discuss sewer & water issues, speed limits, and nuisance problems.

July 7th (Thur) Kennedy Park 6:00 PM

Central Core neighbors will discuss traffic issues relating to DCE High School, property upkeep, and the Schofield Ave. redesign.

July 14th (Thur) Kellyland Park 6:00 PM

Hidden River and River Park neighbors will discuss Ross Avenue traffic issues, pet management issues, deer control and noise issues.

July 20th (Wed) Machmueller Park 6:00 PM

Powers, Sandy Meadows, and River Pines neighbors will discuss the new pedestrian bridge, speeding, and traffic control issues.

July 28th (Thur) Sandhill Park 6:00 PM

Windemere, Crane Meadows, Howland, and Stonegate neighbors will discuss 2006 Camp Phillips remodel, noise issues, and drainage.



PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES NEWS

2005 PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

STREETSCAPE ON WESTON AVENUE AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THREE QUADRANTS OF STH 29/CAMP PHILLIPS ROAD INTERCHANGE - Tillmann Landscape Nursery of Green Bay will be phasing the transfer of maintenance responsibility for the landscaping within street R.O.W.'s in the developments surrounding the STH 29 and Camp Phillips Road interchange. The streets surrounding St. Clare's Hospital, Weston Avenue, Community Center Drive, Barbican Avenue (west ½), and the East Everest Avenue/Camp Phillips Intersection are likely to be accepted by the Village in early June. The remainder of the landscaping work will not become the Village's responsibility until November this year since tree plantings can only be completed in early spring or late fall when the trees are dormant. In most of the areas, the irrigation system is among the final items being completed and will be functional throughout the summer.



STONE RIDGE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION – Merrill Gravel and Construction began the reconstruction of Stone Ridge Drive between Weston Avenue and Ministry Parkway on May 16. The first phase of the work involves sanitary sewer repairs and storm sewer replacement north of Westview Boulevard and the replacement of the westbound concrete pavement on Westview Boulevard. More utility conflicts (gas, electric, telephone, and cable TV) have been encountered than were expected by those companies. Thus far the progress has not been delayed due to the other utilities. The second phase of work will be the area between Westview Boulevard and Weston Avenue. The schedule still calls for the paving to be complete by the middle of September. Streetscape construction will be done as the work on the main project allows.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS – Merrill Gravel and Construction has resumed working on the **VALDRES SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT** (on Von Kanel Street north of STH 29). As of the first week of June, preparations were being made to construct curb & gutter and sidewalks. Installation of gas, electric, telephone, and cable facilities will be

coordinated after the curb is completed. The project will not be complete until mid-July. Final paving will be coordinated with the streetscape project and the construction of the Renaissance Assisted Living Complex in the northwest half of the property. Earth, Inc., has resumed construction on the **CROSS POINTE CORPORATE PARK** (on the south side of Weston Avenue between Camp Phillips Road and Birch Street). This project suffered a setback because the utility trenches for the mains installed in December and January soaked up water and needed to be reconditioned. Reconditioning amounted to removing the wet backfill material and replacing it with dry material all at the contractor's expense. The project is not likely to be ready for underground telephone, gas, and electric installation until middle or late June as a result. This development will also include significant streetscape elements and street lighting. Final paving may still be possible prior to the end of July, but this will also likely be delayed for coordination with other activities. Extension of the utilities to Birch Street for the Cross Pointe project will require a closure of Birch Street to complete. Plans are being finalized for two later season construction projects. Expect the **RECONSTRUCTION OF BIRCH STREET FROM WESTON AVENUE SOUTH ¼ MILE** to begin about mid-July. Likewise, construction in the **FIRST ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WESTON'S BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK** should also be starting about mid-July. More detailed construction schedules will not be known until after the bid openings.

MISCELLANEA – The electrical subcontractor for the **TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT BIRCH STREET AND WESTON AVENUE** will be proceeding with miscellaneous work throughout the summer as materials and equipment are received. The signals are expected to be functional by the end of August. Curb & gutter was to be placed on **RICKYVAL STREET** during the week of June 6. The project should be complete by the end of June. Also during the week of June 6, the final lift of asphalt was to be placed on **QUENTIN STREET** to complete that project. The completion of Quentin Street officially creates the second access to the Sandy Meadow Subdivisions from Kramer Lane. Painting of the **BUSINESS PARK WATER TOWER** was completed on June 6. The new water tower was expected to be put on line about June 20. Right of way acquisition will be getting underway in June for the construction of sidewalks on **BUSINESS 51 BETWEEN JELINEK AND SCHOFIELD AVENUE** in 2006.

SUBDIVISION PROJECTS – Lakeland Enterprises of Rhinelander has partially completed utilities and streets in the **SANDY MEADOW NORTH 3rd**

ADDITION, by Forrest Tappe Builders. The developer obtained approval to begin building in the south ½ of the subdivision on June 2. The Village has determined that a test well site in the Sandy Meadow North 3rd Addition will be suitable for a future public water supply well. Schroeder Trucking and Excavating has been proceeding with utility and street construction in the **ANNABELLE SUDIVISION** (Joe Buska) on Von Kanel Street throughout the month of May. The subdivision is likely to obtain approval for building permits in June. Development agreements were approved on June 6 for the **RIDGEVIEW SUBDIVISION** on Von Kanel, and for the **FOXTAIL SUBDIVISION** on Birch Street. Both projects are by Foresight Development. Work will get underway in both subdivisions during the month of June.

2005 STORM WATER UTILITY PROJECTS – Work on the first phases of this project is nearing completion. The first phases of the project provide improved drainage around the Callon Avenue/Zinser Street intersection, extending east on Schofield Avenue to Enterprise Way. The second phase of the project, which will extend the storm sewer to the Central Wisconsin Auto Auction property on Schofield Avenue, was awarded to J & L Excavating on June 6. Work on the second phase of the project should begin about June 20. The Village should open bids for the ditching and pavement overlay on CUT-OFF ROAD by the end of June. There is nothing new to report with respect to the drainage improvements in the vicinity of Williams Park to eliminate some standing water on **VON KANEL BETWEEN STERNBERG AND SCHOFIELD AVENUE**.

LAWN WATERING

With summer approaching many of us will be watering our lawns daily. Over watering and watering during the middle of the day are the two most common mistakes people make with their lawns. Once a lawn is established it should only be watered once or twice a week. The soil should be moistened to a depth of about 6", which usually means using about an inch of water. The amount of water used on the lawn can be measured by placing a can under the sprinkler. More frequent shallow watering on an established lawn will cause shallow rooting, invite crabgrass invasion, and encourage disease. Early morning is the best time to water, as your lawn has a chance to dry out during the course of the day, also reducing the



likelihood of disease and fungus. Watering during midday is a tremendous waste as up to 70% of the water can be evaporated before it is able to soak into the ground. We ask that all residents be more environmentally responsible and follow these few simple guidelines when watering their lawns this summer to conserve water.

PLEASE, DON'T FILL IN YOUR DITCHLINE !!!

Many residents do not know that a significant portion of their front lawn (up to 16') is village right-of way used to house utilities, store snow and provide for the orderly flow of water. If you live in a neighborhood that does not have curb & gutter, the ditch in front of your house serves a vital purpose – keeping storm water from your house and off the road. If you fill in the ditch to level your lawn you impede water from draining and the Village's only option is to place curb & gutter in front of your house. The average curb & gutter project costs homeowners about \$10,000-\$13,000 and is placed on your property tax bill as a special assessment. So please help us by keeping your ditch sloped and culverts clear. It will save you thousands of dollars.

VILLAGE PLANNING EFFORT NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The Village of Weston is currently working cooperatively with its neighboring communities and Marathon County to complete the Village of Weston's Comprehensive Plan. This planning process began in 2002 and is being conducted in four phases. The four planning phases are 1) Existing Conditions and Issues, 2) Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives, 3) Plan: Policies and Actions and 4) Formal Community Review and Adoption. We are currently nearing the end of Phase 3 – which is drafting policies and actions to help the Village achieve the goals and objectives defined in Phase 2 of the planning process. The three plan documents drafted during the first three phases of the planning process are now in draft form and are available for public review at the Village Municipal Center. A copy of the proposed future land use map for the Village, created by the Village Planning Commission, is also available online.

Public participation is an important part of the planning process. A formal public review period and hearing will be held this fall prior to the Village Board's adoption of the comprehensive plan. Contact Jennifer Higgins, Community Development Director at 359-6114 for more information on how you can be involved in the Village's future.

FOCUS ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

VILLAGE RAW MATERIAL HANDLING FACILITY SAVES THOUSANDS

Five years ago when the Village of Weston was working on a street project, contractors were allowed to haul the raw materials away never to be seen again. But that all changed when Don Smith became the Operations Manager.

“It used to bother me to see all of this material be hauled away because I knew that it was a waste of tax dollars. I knew there must be a better way”, said Smith.

Smith and his street crew convinced Administrator Dean Zuleger to construct a materials handling facility on Village-owned property on Ryan Street. The facility would house reclaimed sand, black dirt, gravel and compost manufactured out of taxpayers lawn waste. In addition, Smith would twice a year crush recycled asphalt reclaimed off of Village road projects to eliminate the need of buying base gravel for new streets.

“Don has saved the Village hundreds of thousands of dollars by reclaiming materials and using them on Village projects. His compost sales to landscaping companies have reduced our raw material purchasing costs”, said Fred Schuster, Village Trustee.

In addition, the Village has been able to provide sand to tenants of the Weston Business & Technology Park for site preparation.

“I can’t tell you the number of times that Don’s reclaimed sand has been the deciding factor in recruiting a business to our park. That extra incentive not only helped the business save some money, but portrayed Weston as a good manager of our resources”, said Dean Zuleger.

Smith manages the facility with efficiency and pride requiring all Village management to justify their request for material use.

“He’s a little protective of his raw material. But he is always one step ahead of us when it comes to trading material for red granite for the Eau Claire River Trail or creating rip rap for our storm water projects. For Don, recycled asphalt is the equivalent of gold”, concluded Keith Donner, Director of Public Works.

FIRE AGREEMENT PASSES FIRST TEST WITH FLYING COLORS

When the re-capper at Southside Tire started on fire in late May, things could have become serious real fast. But thanks to an overwhelming response by Weston, Wausau and Ringle firefighters, the business never had to close their doors and the fire was contained.

The fire represented the first real test of the shared services agreement between Weston and Wausau and emphasized the importance of mutual aid with the response of Ringle.

“Wausau responded with our aerial in wonderful fashion and the incident command of Captain Meilahn (Weston FD) and Captain Leslie (Wausau FD) was seamless. Due to the proximity of the fire, we received excellent support from the Ringle Fire Department. Overall, we had 27 firefighters respond to the fire scene”, said Weston Fire Chief Mike Pierce.

Since the agreement, Chief Pierce has made several personnel moves to improve response including the elevation of two members of the full-time crew to management status and more accountable scheduling of paid on-call staff.

WESTON FD APPLIES FOR SAFER GRANTS

The Village of Weston will apply for federal fire department grants for the addition of three full-time fire fighters. The grant program, known as SAFER, is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

The grants are for five years and pay up to 50% of the salaries and benefits for new firefighters over the five year period with a maximum payout for the five years of \$100,000 per firefighter. The federal portion of the funding works like this: 90% 1st year, 80% 2nd year, 50% third year, 30% 4th year, and 0% the 5th year. Dollar caps for federal funds (per employee) are \$36,000 1st year, 32,000 2nd year, 20,000 3rd year, 12,000 4th year, and 0 in the 5th year.

“We believe that through growth the Village of Weston will be able to absorb the cost of the three firefighters by the end of the grant”, said David Diesen, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

The Village will work with Congressman Dave Obey in the acquisition of the grant.



EVEREST METRO POLICE NEWS

Chief Daniel R. Vergin

Deputy Chief White Retires After 30 Years

We all knew it was coming, but now it's here. After thirty years of service to the citizens of Weston, Deputy Chief Loren White has retired from the police department. Loren began his law enforcement career with the Weston Police Department in 1975. At that time the department had seven officers, including the Chief (Christy Scheel) and a Lieutenant (Art Landowski). Loren moved up in rank to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and deputy chief. Loren's role as the number 2 man on the department was one of quiet perfection. He was able to do many of his duties behind the scenes, seeking no notoriety or accolades. Loren's honesty and integrity are unprecedented, and set a lofty goal for all police officers.

In our 2000 management audit, one of the recommendations was to flatten out the chain of command. With Loren's retirement, we will not be replacing the Deputy Chief position; instead, the Chief, two Captains', and other staff will take on the duties previously done by the Deputy Chief. We are in the process of hiring an additional police officer that will be assigned to the patrol division to help out in our critical need areas.

The patrol captain is determining if we can get better coverage in the communities if we have more officers working 12-hour shifts, instead of the current eight hours. Officers are now responding to over **1,300 calls per month** on average. This makes it difficult for us to give as much attention to concerns over speeding and other traffic matters. The officers continue to average **195 traffic citations and 90 warnings each month**.

Please continue to call the police department at 359-4202 when you have traffic concerns in your neighborhood. We do prioritize patrol areas so that we can concentrate our efforts where they are most needed.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW & IMPROVED
EVEREST METRO POLICE WEBSITE AT
www.EverestMetroPolice.org**

**For information on DARE, Click It,
Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Observer**



Vilas Machmueller, EMPD Chief Dan Vergin, DCE Construction Teacher Chad Pernsteiner stand with members of the Village Crew that tore down the Steppert home and DCE High School students who built the new Habitat for Humanity home.

NEW HABITAT HOME REMOVES THE STIGMA OF EVIL IN COMMUNITY

"Replacing evil for good" is how EMPD Chief Dan Vergin described the placement of a new Habitat for Humanity home at 2216 Ross Avenue – the former homestead of convicted murderer Carl Steppert.

Village mechanics Doug Behnke and Landy Koppa stood with smiles on their face as members of the DCE Construction class help placed the home on its foundation.

"Cleaning up this place was one of the worst things I have ever had to do. It's nice to know that a deserving family will now move in here and close the book on a sad part of the Village's history", said Koppa.

The Village of Weston had rezoned the property and deeded the land over to the Wausau Chapter Habitat for Humanity in 2004. The DCE Everest Construction Class, in cooperation with Wausau Homes, built the ranch home over the course of the school year.

"Every now and then an opportunity comes along that you have to take advantage of in the right way. The DCE students were building a home right down the road at the high school, the Village acquired the land from Marathon County, and the Board of Trustees determined that placing a Habitat home would on the site would strengthen the community", said Village Administrator and habitat for Humanity Board member Dean Zuleger.

You can donate to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity by calling Executive Director John Prange at 848-5042.



TOWN OF WESTON NEWS

PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS

On Tuesday, May 17th, 2005, the Town of Weston Planning Commission held a public hearing to hear public input regarding three separate items, Fences in Subdivisions, Official Town of Weston Road Map and Town of Weston Road Widths. Committee member Mark Thompson reported that as the Town of Weston becomes more urban, either through CSM or Plat, thus resulting in more land divisions, a greater potential of conflict between agricultural and residential use might arise. Mr. Thompson noted the purpose of ordinance 16.04(6)(h) and 16.05(11) is to allow the Town to take into consideration when reviewing CSMs or Plats, the land use of adjacent property and, when necessary, require developers to construct fences around any development to address any conflicts. Planning Committee members also heard public input regarding the adoption of an official Town of Weston Road Map designating major arterioles at Lester Street, the western half of Kersten Road, Kramer Lane, and Gusman Road from HWY 'J' to Kramer Lane for future land use. After much discussion opposing the adoption of the official road map, which would designate major arterials, Town residents asked for a vote of those in favor of and those against the resolution. The vote was recorded as 18 opposed and 3 in favor of the resolution of the Town Map with major arterials designated.



Planning Committee members recommended the Town of Weston Board adopt an official road map without designation of major arterioles. The last item discussed at the public hearing pertained to road widths of the Town of Weston Roads. The Town of Weston Planning Commission recommended to the Town of Weston Board to adopt Ordinance 16.05, which includes designation of major arterioles to be 100-foot wide roads. The Town of Weston Board amended the Ordinance by lining out the reference to the designation of 100-foot roads.



If you have any questions regarding the ordinances, or if you would like to set up an appointment to view the ordinances, please call Clerk/Treasurer, Robin Unrau, at (715) 241- 8209.

COMPLETION OF TOWN SMART GROWTH PLAN

The Town is in the final stages of work to complete the Smart Growth document that we started more than two years ago. There are about thirty-five pages of goals, objectives, policies, strategies, and actions that make up this document. We have been working with a consultant and other adjacent communities in drafting what the planning commission and the Town Board believe the Town of Weston will look like in the next twenty-five years. I hope to receive a draft copy of the final document by the first part of July. If anyone would like to get a copy of this next to final draft call the Town office at 241-8209 and we will notify you when it becomes available.

We will be holding a public hearing on the final Comprehensive Plan some time this fall. The Comprehensive plan will be a guide for the Planning Commission and the Town Board to use in making decisions over the next twenty-five years.

The Plan will be reviewed, amended, and evaluated every few years. After the Public hearing and adoption by the Town Board we will be looking at making sure that our other ordinances and regulations are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.



The question is what do you think the town should or will look like twenty-five years from now? This is a very hard question to answer. We will have more houses and people. There will be more annexations of land to the village of Weston. Traffic will increase and I believe we will see more

need for parks and recreational facilities. We have the parkland dedication ordinance that helps provide for some of the cost associated with developing parks.

Where should they be located, and how soon should they be developed? We will be working closer together with the village in applying for grants and planning for future facilities. I am always looking for people in the town to help in planning, if you are willing and live in the town please give me a call.

Milton Olsen
Town Chairman



AQUATIC CENTER 2005

It's time to visit the Aquatic Center! The Village of Weston

Aquatic Center opened for the season on Friday, June 10th with a Free Community Swim Day and a live remote by 89Q.

Remember the pool is open everyday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. through August and has something to offer for everyone. We have night rentals available, birthday party packages, reduced price tickets and more. Season passes for the Aquatic Center are still available and can now be purchased at the Aquatic Center during normal operating hours.

Swim lesson registration is also taking place at the Aquatic Center. There are three sessions available throughout the summer, with each session running two weeks, with a third week available for make-up lessons. The first session is June 20th through July 1st, the second session is July 11th through July 22nd, and the third session is August 1st through August 12th. Class times are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Registration fees are \$15.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents.

PETROWSKI ADDS BIKE BRIDGE FUNDS TO BUDGET

Representative Jerry Petrowski has been successful in the inclusion of \$600,000 in funds to the State Budget to be used for a bicycle /pedestrian bridge across Highway 29. The bridge will be constructed at Birch Street and will link the north side of the Village with St. Clare's Hospital and the YMCA. Residents on the south side will now be able to walk and bike to the Aquatic Center and the Junior & Senior High. Weston will have to add \$120,000 funds to the project as part of the local match for the project.

"I think it is very important for families to be able to get to schools, parks, and health care facilities in a safe manner. This bridge will provide a nice link to all that the Village of Weston has to offer", said Petrowski.

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Weston resident Mike Schoenherr says a few words at the Dog Park Grand Opening.

WESTON DOG PARK NEWS

The Village of Weston Dog Park has now been open for almost two months and has become a very popular place to visit. Some of the items available at this park are a mowed walking path, small dog training/exercise area, waste disposal station, benches and a pet watering station available at the adjoining Kellyland Park. Additional items will also be added to this park as funds become available and as the summer goes on. Stop in and see what this new park is all about. Thank you once again to everyone who donated to make this park a success.


PARK FACILITIES UPDATE

In the upcoming months there will be some new park facilities available for use in the Weston Park system. The Village has added an additional park shelter to Yellowbanks Park on Northwestern Avenue that will be available for rentals along with adding a drinking fountain on the east side of the park to make water available at this park. Construction has also been taking place at Machmueller Park on Kramer Lane and we have now completed the construction of a park shelter, bathrooms, play structure and swing set.

In addition, work will commence this summer on the Ross Avenue Pedestrian Bridge that will link the River Pines and Sandy Meadow neighborhoods with the Eau Claire River Trail and the DCE Middle School via the Mountain Bay Trail.

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Quality of Life Focus

SUBDIVISIONS MUST POLICE OWN DEEDS & COVENANTS

Homeowners choose a specific location because they like a certain look or the feel of the neighborhood. Many times these aesthetics are governed by a document known as a "Deed Restriction and Covenants" that have been created by the subdivision's developer. These rules regulate architectural look, landscaping, driveway placement, auxiliary buildings, etc. Many of the newer subdivisions have associations that ensure that the overall look of neighborhood remains intact.

It is important for homeowners to know that the Village of Weston does not enforce these neighborhood standards. The Village's responsibility to enforce the community's zoning ordinance, which in the case of building projects, primarily concerns itself with setbacks from other property. Neighborhood covenants are not considered when building permits for fences, sheds, decks, pools and sunrooms are reviewed. The Village strongly encourages all homeowners to check their home purchase documents to see if neighborhood deed restrictions and covenants apply.

EAU CLAIRE RIVER VANDALS TO PERFORM 90 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The three juveniles responsible for the vandalism of the Eau Claire River Trail will spend 30 hours each in park-related community service as restitution for the damage. The Village of Weston and Children's Service Society (CSS) of Wisconsin Restorative Justice Program have reached an agreement in early June that avoids prosecution, but holds the juvenile offenders responsible for their actions.

"This is an excellent way for young people to understand the effects of their actions on the community without permanently damaging their reputation", said Vilas Machmueller, Village President.

The service will be performed throughout the summer of 2005 and will be supervised by CSS.

LANDSCAPING COVERED BY LETTER OF CREDIT

Wow! Look at all the landscaping around the Village. I wonder how much my taxes are going up for that? The answer is nothing. Most of the landscaping around the STH 29 and Camp Phillips interchange is covered by a letter of credit provided by the developer of the land or by a federal highway grant for Weston Avenue. In addition, all plant materials are guaranteed for a year and will be replaced if needed. Schofield Avenue landscaping and lighting project is covered by tax incremental financing (or taxes on new business growth in the area). Renowned Twin Cities landscape architect Damon Farber has designed both projects.

TAPPE TO PUT DAYCARE IN SANDY MEADOWS

John Tappe, principal developer of the Sandy Meadows subdivision, has petition the Village to add a daycare facility to his fast-growing subdivision on the northeast side of Weston. Tappe previously had donated a parcel of land to aid in the development of Vilas E. Machmueller Family Park.

"John and his son Forrest represent a new breed of neighborhood developers. They are not just interested in selling real estate; they want to create a sense of place for their homeowners. A day care would meet a critical need for many young families in Sandy Meadows", said Dean Zuleger.

If you are interested in this daycare project, call Team Tappe at 849-1690 for more information.

VILLAGE WILL WORK WITH BECKER COMMUNICATIONS ON WEBSITE

The Village of Weston has commissioned Becker Communication of Weston to update its website, www.westonwisconsin.org, to make it more user friendly. The website will be constructed on a Cold Fusion@ platform that will allow for easier modification and information updates.



TAXPAYER QUESTION OF THE MONTH / SPRING LARGE ITEM DROP OFF

As pictured above, this year's large items drop off resulted in non-resident use and illegal dumping that will cost the Village of Weston thousands of dollars. Here is the question:

Should the Village continue the large item drop-off at the Village Hall or only provide coupons for Yaeger's Salvage?

- Continue Drop Off w/ Supervision
- Coupons Only

Please respond by calling the Village Administrator at 241-2600 or by sending your reply to 5500 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK ALMOST TO CAPACITY

With the sale of the final fifteen acres, all 172 acres of the original Weston Business & Technology have been sold. The park opened in August of 2001 and is home to 24 businesses that represent 700,000 square feet of construction. Three of these existing businesses plan expansions totaling 89,000 square feet in the next year. Four new businesses are scheduled to construct buildings in the next two years that represents an additional 270,000 square feet. This brings the total to 1,079,000 square feet or \$35,607,000 of tax base to the Village.

In addition, the Village has purchased the 63 acres to the west of the current business park with offers to purchase on 40 acres representing over 500,000 square feet of construction or an additional \$15,000,000 of tax base.

VILLAGE OF WESTON GAINS IDENTITY ON I-39

As part of the I-39 road construction project, the Village of Weston was included on the signage in Rib Mountain that alerts drivers of the STH 29 exit to Green Bay. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation policy is to list the largest community closest to the exit and then the largest community at the end of the highway on exit signs. Weston with a population of close to 14,000 replaces Rothschild on the new signs.

"Up until now our only presence on I-39 is our water tower at the Foremost plant. These new signs help truckers, business people, and tourists trying to find Weston Lanes or our aquatic center", said Vilas Machmueller, Village President.

THREE LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE AWARDS

Weston businesses recently received local, state and national recognition. They are:

J & D Tube Benders was awarded the Marathon County Chamber of Commerce 2005 Small Business of the Year Award in the manufacturing category. Tom and Janet Felch own the cornerstone business of the Weston Business & Technology Park.

Mark Matthiae of Crystal Finishing Systems received an honorable mention as Wisconsin Small Business Person of the Year by the US Small Business Administration. Crystal Finishing Systems just recently announced a new contract with Mercury Marine that will add 150 jobs new jobs.

Ron Serwa and Vortex Tool received the 2004 Woodworking Fair Challengers Award, a prestigious national honor presented for innovative design of tooling in the woodworking industry. Vortex Tool makes routers and cutting tools for woodworking and plastics industry.

AMERICINN OPENS 67 ROOM HOTEL AND SPLASH CENTER

The Americinn Lodge & Suites, owned by Brad and Jessica Kortbein of Tomah, has opened across from the Weston Aspirus Clinic at the intersection of STH 29 and Camp Phillips Road.

The hotel features several suites, a breakfast bar, and a "splash center" complete with a slide, kiddie pool, whirlpool, and arcade. The Kortbeins are now working a mall assisted living center in the Village.

ENFORCEMENT BEGINS ON NUISANCE ISSUES

Strict enforcement will begin on a variety nuisance issues that impact the quality of life within the Village. The Village will now ticket homeowners for not taking care of their remnant dirt piles, abandoned woodpiles, unlicensed cars, and unmowed lawns under Section 50.100 – “Things Prohibited”.

Dirt piles and abandoned woodpiles can become homes to rodents causing a public health issue. Un-lawns may cause an invasive weed problem and will be mowed by the Village at the homeowner's expense. Old cars and trucks leak oil that may find itself in ground or surface water.

In addition, the Village will begin enforcement of the temporary sign ordinance in an effort to improve the overall look of the community. Rummage sale and open house signage should be removed after the event. Signs advertising businesses and other ventures must be permitted. **Please do your part to help keep the Village clean.**

NOISE ORDINANCE BASED ON COMMON SENSE

In a last year's edition of the Focus, the Village made mention that it is the community's desire to begin to “quiet” the Village at 10 PM and commence noise-related activities no earlier than 7 AM. There are two public safety exceptions to this desire: garbage pick-up and snowplowing. Construction should not begin in the Village before 7 AM.

While 10 PM is our quiet time desire, Village parks are open until 11 PM. However, patrons can be cited for disorderly conduct if their behavior warrants.

The Village enforces the noise ordinance under two sections of the Weston Municipal Code. Sharp and sudden loud noises are regulated under Section 50.100. Types of noises regulated are fireworks (illegal in any case), revving of car engines, stereos, etc. Manufacturing noise is regulated under the Village zoning code and related to decibel level measurement.

“It really comes down to respect for your neighbor. We enforce our noise ordinances if we believe that it has produced an environment that has harmed others. Residents and businesses simply need to ask themselves if they are disrupting the neighborhood by their behavior”, said Public Safety Chairman Dave Diesen.

QUALITY OF LIFE HELPS BALANCE GROWTH



For many it is easy to view the Village of Weston as just a large construction site. Realtors and developers tell the Village staff each day that Weston is one of the hot spots in the state. Certainly all of the building is allowing us to expand the tax base and keep the community affordable for you to live. But we know that it is the small quality of life issues that make or break whether we are successful or not.

So we work hard on park & recreation issues, Little things like batting cages, new basketball courts, dog parks and trails/pedestrian bridges are just a some of the new improvements to the community. But we take it further, like our background checks of life-guards or the enforcement of the sportsmanship ordinance.

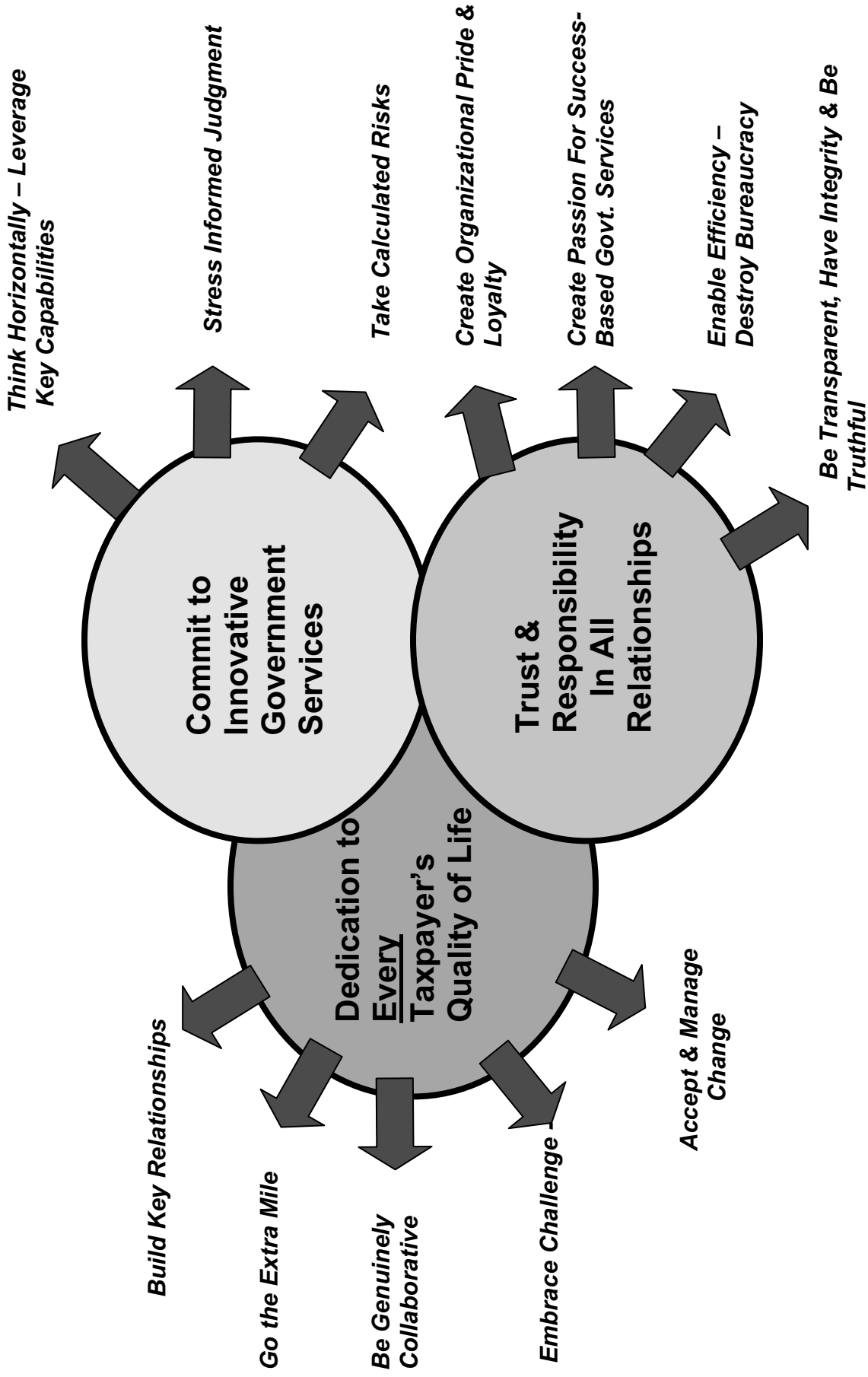
We spend a lot of time on solving your front door issues. Like leaking garbage trucks, speeding, water drainage, and right-of-way issues. Our advocacy for your peace of mind can be seen in the improved relationship between the Callon neighborhood and the DCE School District on how the new elementary school will be designed.

We use our heads when buying equipment. New purchases of an improved sewer vacuum truck (I think you might know what this does) and a street sweeper maximized trade in values to improve our service ability to your home.

But most importantly we spend a lot of time finding out what you think. Our board and committee meetings are the most open in the area. We allow a maximum amount of input to understand how our policy affects your life. The “Taxpayer Question of the Month” and “Neighborhood Meetings” gives us direct feedback on your thoughts about our performance. Even this newsletter gives us the opportunity to keep you informed in a way that is open and honest about projects, personnel and community development.

All of this happens because our Board and staff have adopted a set of core values that govern how we approach government. I have included a copy of the standards for operation on the back page of this insert for your review. We know that we are not perfect (on some days we are far from it), but you can rest assured that each day we give it our best shot to serve your needs

Dean Zuleger, Administrator



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