



# Kim-Talk

The Village of Kimberly Newsletter

July/August 2003

## President's Point of View Ohh, Ahhh.....Thanks for the Show!

Once again, the KRA teamed with the Village of Kimberly and Tanners Grill & Bar to bring the community an awesome fireworks display, and for that I say, THANK YOU. It is an awesome sight to see the community flood Sunset Park to witness the splendor of the bright lights and booming sounds. A special thanks goes out the Legion's color guard for their presentation of the colors, and to the Kimberly Fire Department for mobilizing and being on hand to keep the event safe, both provided a nice welcome to the lower diamond—THANK YOU. Hats off to Fox Valley Metro for moving the traffic safely and quickly after the fireworks display.

Speaking of community spirit; Trustees Marcia Trentlege and Peggy Weber are looking for help in bringing Christmas season alive at the arboretum. Envisioning a scene of yesteryear, Marcia and Peggy are asking for anyone and everyone to "adopt" a portion of the arboretum for decorating and then joining together for an evening or two of song and good fellowship. Please contact Peggy or Marcia to say YES!

Staying in the community spirit, an Ad-Hoc committee has been working on creating new "WELCOME" signs for our community and is at a point where the design is ready, and funding is being sought. The committee has put together a design, which depicts the paper industry roots on which our community was founded. The good folks at Stora-Enso have been gracious in donating actual paper machine materials to make these authentic and impressive. The end result will be outstanding, and we hope that some of you may see fit to help the cause with a donation. If you feel that you or your company could help see this dream become reality, please contact Al Schaefer at 788-7507.

Finally today, a heartfelt Thank You to Pete and Marie Ruys for their donation of funds to create the Sunset Overlook. This deck structure came to life as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Ruys' desire to give back to our community. The setting is overlooking the "tree island" in the Fox River and will be across from shelter one. Thanks Pete and Marie for the many beautiful sunsets that will be viewed from your most generous gift to the Village of Kimberly.

I hope all is well with you and yours as we work our way toward the end of summer, I trust you've dipped your toes in Sunset Beach, and have taken a leisurely stroll through Sunset Park. If not, times a-wasting!! Take care everyone and remember the Village of Kimberly is a great place to live, learn, work, and play.

Chuck Kuen  
Village President

# TRAFFIC CONTROL

Several years ago, the Kimberly Village Board adopted a Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device Program. This program uses a matrix developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, to gauge traffic volumes and accidents to determine the need for traffic controls. This policy has been used several times in the last several years when the Village has received a request for traffic controls.

With the opening of the Heart of the Valley YMCA last fall, there were concerns regarding the traffic volumes at the intersection of Railroad and Kennedy, and smooth traffic flow at the intersection. The Village of Kimberly has conducted research regarding the intersection of Kennedy Avenue and Railroad Street.

The results of the traffic counts completed this spring indicate a slight, but consistent, decrease in the volume of traffic at the intersection of Kennedy/Railroad since last October's traffic counts.

When looking at the situation, we feel there are several possible explanations for the consistent decrease in traffic volumes at that intersection:

1. Visitor volumes to the YMCA facility have decreased since the initial surge of potential new members. The current volume probably represents "normal" traffic volume at that institution.
2. People have found different traffic patterns to avoid the intersection during peak times.

These are hypothesis, and only offer some possible reasons for the traffic decreases.

With that aside, the traffic volumes, when applied to the Uniform Traffic Control Device Matrix, do not justify any more than the existing two-way stop signs.

When staff discussed the situation, along with the concerns of citizens, we feel the complaints are generated by a new high traffic intersection that motorists are not yet accustomed to. We compared this intersection to the intersection of Kimberly Avenue and Washington Street, which experiences much heavier traffic volumes, with the same control devices. While residents are accustomed to waiting at that intersection, they are not accustomed to waiting at Kennedy and Railroad since the new improvements (like the YMCA) have been established in the area.

Also, as with Kimberly Avenue and Washington Street we respectfully suggest traffic volumes will level off as motorist discover quicker routes, and avoid the intersection during the peak traffic times (between 6:30 to 8:00 am and between 3:00 to 5:00 pm)

We feel installing traffic control signals, as some have suggested, will not eliminate traffic congestion, but will increase congestion. We met with Greg Hanson, Traffic Engineer for the City of Appleton at the site to discuss the situation. He concurs with the results and analysis, and feels placing signals at this intersection will cripple traffic. The intention of traffic controls is to organize traffic and facilitate movement not slow down movement and traffic during off peak times.

Based on this research and our existing Uniform Traffic Control Device Policy, the Kimberly Village Board has agreed with staff recommendation that the intersection controls are appropriate for the traffic volumes, and that the devices remain status quo.

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## WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Since 1970, the State of Wisconsin has continually exempted certain special interest groups from paying local property taxes. The most recent action exempted computer equipment from local property taxes. While we cannot argue the cause of these exemptions, we can show you how they have affected you. Keep in mind that the property tax exemptions do not affect state tax revenues (the State Legislator's pot of money) just yours. In other words, their action did not reduce their spending ability, just the local community and schools.



Since 1970, the residential property tax payer's share of local property taxes grew from 50.6% of the bill, to 59.1% in 1980, and 67.6% in 2001. And the trend continues.

And local communities are not in financial trouble, the State of Wisconsin is!

## T-SHIRT SPONSOR THANK YOU

The Kimberly Park & Recreation Department and the 490 boys and girls participating in our youth baseball, youth softball, and tot-sports programs this summer would like to THANK the following businesses and organizations for their T-shirt sponsorship in 2003. Your support of our youth is highly commendable and again most appreciated.

Kimberly Jaycees  
Bouessa Dental  
Boots Chiropractic  
AVON  
Butch's Pizza  
Cabinet Saver  
Tanners Grill & Bar  
Finishing Touch  
JW Travel  
Chimney Guy  
Insurance Resource

Stora Enso  
American Legion  
McDonalds  
Kimberly Dental Assoc.  
Createch  
Shiny Car  
Peerenboom's Bar  
Signs Now  
Reinke Buidlers  
Heart of Valley Golden K  
Kim-Com AODA

Knights of Columbus  
Kimberly Pharmacy  
Boyd Thiel Insurance  
Capital Credit Union  
John's Auto Repair  
Cover-All  
Affinity Health Systems  
J & S Jacks  
Quad Community Crime Stoppers

# Paperfest 2003

## Sunset Park • July 18 - 19 & 20

### MAIN STAGE EVENTS

#### Friday, July 18

5:00 PM K & J Karaoke  
8:30 PM ROAD TRIP

#### Saturday, July 19

12:00 PM Tetra  
4:00 PM The Cool Waters Band  
8:30 PM RPM

#### Sunday, July 20

12:00 Noon Mitch Rivers Band  
4:30 PM VIC FERRARI

### SPORTS EVENTS

- **New** Paperfest 5K Run/Walk
- **New** Adult Kickball Tournament
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Flag Football Tourney
- Softball Tourney
- Volleyball Tourney
- Fishing Tourney
- Soccer (KASA)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Cumulus Car Show on Saturday
- Mad Dog & Merrill Sunday 1:00 – 3:00
- BMX Bike Stunt Shows Sunday – starting at 12:00 Noon

### NEW THIS YEAR

#### Family Fun Tent

Family Stage and activities all under one large tent

### FAMILY STAGE EVENTS

#### Saturday, July 19

11:00 AM USA Martial Arts Demonstrations  
1:00 PM Hypnotist - Mark Starr  
2:00 PM Doug the Jug  
3:00 PM Hypnotist – Mark Starr  
4:00 PM Doug the Jug

#### Sunday, July 20

12:00 PM Cheney and Mills Comedy & Juggling  
1:00 PM Glen Gerard Magician and Illusionist  
2:00 PM Cheney and Mills Comedy & Juggling  
3:00 PM Glen Gerard Magician and Illusionist  
3:30 PM Gymnastics Demos by GYM KIDS  
4:00 PM Fishing Tournament Awards

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

#### NEW Paintball Challenge

Graffiti Fence Painting	Children's Games
Big Wheel Races	Face Painting
Paper Airplane Toss	Hole in One Contest
Kids Sawdust Hunt	Bounce Castle
Balloon Drop	Rock Climbing Wall
Lego Building Area	Toilet Paper Toss
Sumo Wrestling	*Gladiator Joust
Dunk Tank	*Cameron-Caterpillar
*Kiddie Express Train	*Radar Soccer Kick
*Giraffe Moonbouncer	*Giant Slide
*Ironman Obstacle Challenge	

\*Sunday – Family Day  
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
Wristbands \$9.00

# STREET DEPARTMENT

## WEED NOTICE

Pursuant to the Village of Kimberly Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given to each person who owns, occupies, or controls land in the Village of Kimberly, Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin, to destroy all noxious weeds and to cut or remove the accumulation or growth of weeds, grass, brush, or other rank or offensive vegetation which has grown to a height greater than eight (8) inches.

The Village Ordinance has changed in regards to charging for the cutting of noxious weeds. As of March 18, 2002 the Village charges a minimum of one hour to cut noxious weeds or grass 8" or longer. It now costs a resident a minimum of \$75.00 per hour, plus equipment usage.

## REFUSE PICK-UP

- Refuse containers must be no larger than 32 gallons and no smaller than 10 gallons, have tight fitting covers, be larger at the top than at the bottom, have two handles to facilitate dumping and must not weight more than 50 lbs.
- **The Village DOES NOT pick up building materials** (siding, roofing material, windows, dry wall, concrete, dirt, etc.) at any time. Property owners must dispose of these materials at the Outagamie County Landfill located on Holland Road in Little Chute.
- **The Village DOES NOT pick up lead acid type batteries** such as: car batteries or recreational vehicle batteries. These batteries can be brought to the drop off sight located at the Outagamie County Recycling Center on Holland Road in Little Chute.
- Dog duty and cat litter must be wrapped & rolled in newsprint before being set out for garbage pick-up.
- **The Village DOES NOT pick up LP tanks.** The only way that we know how to get rid of LP tanks are to trade them in when you buy a new one or release the remaining gas, remove the valve and take it to the Outagamie County Landfill for a \$5.00 fee

## TREE CARE

- New trees, which will be planted throughout the Village, need care. Please water these trees with Five (5) gallons every 4 to 5 days during dry spells.
- When mowing and trimming around trees, please avoid

hitting the base of the tree. There are quite a few terrace trees with bark torn from the base, due to mowing and trimming too close to the tree. If this occurs too often, there is a good chance the tree will die. When a terrace tree dies, the replacement time could take up to 5 years, due to commitments in other areas of the community.

## YARD WASTE PICKUP

Yard Waste (lawn edgings and weeds) will be picked up on the 3rd Friday of each month from May through October. This material must be placed in a plastic bag with a special Yard Waste Sticker attached. These stickers are available at the Street Department Office and the Village Clerks Office at a cost of \$1.00 per sticker. **No grass clippings** will be picked up at any time.

## REMINDERS

- Grass cutting time is here. Please refrain from blowing grass out into the streets. Grass can clog up storm sewer catch basins, which doesn't allow the street to drain properly. Water that drains from the street and into storm sewers ends up in the river, along with all the grass clippings.
- As of June 1, 2002 the Village implemented a fee for the pick up of large appliances and large metal items. Appliances that have refrigeration coils (freon) in them such as: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers cost \$15.00 for pick up. All other appliances such as: washers/dryers, stoves, water heaters, microwave, and large metal items cost \$10.00 for pick up. Large metal items include: swing sets, clothes line poles, lawn mowers, grills, car parts, snow blowers, cast iron tubs/sinks, and etc. A sticker will need to be purchased at the Street Department or Clerk's office and applied to the item for pick up. If the property owners purchases a sticker prior to 4:30pm on THURSDAY the item will be picked up on Friday of the same week.

## BRUSH PICK UP

Brush which is longer than 6 inches and not more than 4 inches in diameter needs to be called in by 4:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY for a Thursday pick up.

## SUMMER RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded when placing recyclable materials out on windy days, to secure them and prevent them from blowing around the neighborhood. Summer Pick up schedule:

<b>July</b>	14 – 17	28 – 31	<b>September</b>	8 – 11	22 – 25
<b>August</b>	11 – 14	25 – 28	<b>October</b>	6 – 9	20 – 23

## UPCOMING OUTAGAMIE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM LOCATIONS

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Appointment is required - Please call 832-5277**

- FRIDAY, August 15th Greenville Town Hall
- FRIDAY, September 12th Village of Bear Creek – Hwy 76 (WEPCPO Bldg)
- SATURDAY, September 20th Outagamie County Landfill

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE/EVENTS

All Village Offices, Departments, and the James J. Siebers Memorial Library will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** in observance of **Labor Day**. Garbage collection that week will be as follows:

- Monday, September 1 on Tuesday, September 2
- Tuesday, September 2 on Wednesday, September 3
- Wednesday, September 3 on Thursday, September 4
- Thursday, September 4 on Friday, September 5

## FREE TIRE PICK UP

Outagamie County has authorized the Village of Kimberly to collect tires from residential households (NO Business generated tires) during the week of September 15th – 18th at no charge. The Village will not pick up tires at any other time. There is a limit of 4 tires per household, rims are acceptable, but tires cannot be larger than 16" passenger vehicle tires.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Village of Kimberly is accepting application from residents for appointment to the following:

- BOARD OF APPEALS One three-year terms due to expire in July 2006.
- KIM-COM AODA Board one unexpired term due to expire in February 2004

Application 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., By July 25, 2003.

## VILLAGE OF KIMBERLY SAFETY RECORD

The Village of Kimberly has worked diligently on safety for many years. We have spent a great deal of energy making our work environment as safe as possible. Many of these efforts have been through the tremendous cooperation and support of management and staff.

As of June 1, 2003, the Village of Kimberly has operated over two years with no lost time accidents. For those of you who work in an outdoor environment, operating heavy equipment, and conducting very labor-intensive operations, you can appreciate the tremendous accomplishment this safety record represents.

Your public employees have been recognized several times for their accomplishments. From our Wisconsin Award for Municipal Excellence in 1996, to annual awards for Financial Reporting and several Safety Awards from our Mutual Insurance Company. Your staff and elected officials have dedicated a lot of energy to insure our services meet the measurement standards created by the State, and various professional organizations. We have often times publicly recognized our employees for their tremendous work ethic, but now we can add a tremendous safety record to that list of accomplishments.

I would like to thank the Public Works employees, who labor daily in elements from extreme heat, to extreme cold, to help keep our community running smoothly. Our Firefighters, who by their very nature, volunteer for some of the most hazardous duty public employees will ever face. Our Water Department staff, which seamlessly provides the basic commodity of water on a daily basis. Our Custodial Staff, who maintain our facilities in a manner, which exemplifies our community standards. Our Park and Recreation & Library Staff, who provide the activities that make our leisure time so enjoyable. Our Metro Police Officers, who insure our safety 24/7. Our Crossing Guards who provide safe school crossings in all types of weather. Our Central Office Staff, who maintain and manage the fiscal lifeblood of our operations. Our Elected Officials and Board and Commission members, who dedicate their time and efforts to insure that your interests are at the heart of the Village of Kimberly operations.



Safety has been, and will remain, an integral part of our community. It protects our residents, our employees, visitors, and patrons. It ultimately saves tax dollars, and maintains a positive environment for all to enjoy.

Rick J. Hermus,  
Administrator

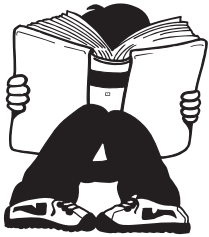
# JAMES J. SIEBERS LIBRARY

Phone: 788-7515  
Address: 515 W. Kimberly Ave.  
E-mail address: [kim@owls.lib.wi.us](mailto:kim@owls.lib.wi.us)  
Web site: <http://www.owls.lib.wi.us/kim-lit/>

**Summer Library Hours:** (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Saturday and Sunday CLOSED

The library's summer reading program is in full swing at both libraries. Entertainment is provided alternately in Kimberly and Little Chute on Wednesdays at 10:30 and 1:30. Remaining programs include:

- July 16 – Movie & popcorn day in Little Chute
  - July 23 – The Juggler With The Yellow Shoes in Kimberly
  - July 30 – Swimming at Doyle Park Pool & Slide in Little Chute
- Programs are provided for participants in the summer reading program for no charge.



Mark your calendars for the joint library used **BOOK SALE** on Tuesday, August 19th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hardcover and trade paperback books will be available for \$.25 each; mass-market paperbacks will be sold for \$.10 each. Miscellaneous items such as videos, books on tape,

software, etc. will be individually priced. The book sale will take place at the Kimberly Municipal Complex in the Evergreen and Willow Rooms on both days.

The Reader's Group will be discussing **Crow Lake** by Mary Lawson on Monday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Chute library. Newcomers are welcome to participate in the book discussion.

# DOES YOUR TREE SEEM STRESSED?

Signs of a stressed tree and what is causing the stress. Because of the unusual spring some of the tree species have been under a lot of stress. The Honey Locust has been infiltrated with bugs and aphids, which has slowed their growth and a few weeks back the Ash trees began losing their leaves, which also slowed their growth.

Please help them by giving them an extra drink of water every few days. It doesn't hurt the tree to give them a nice slow drink (5 gallons) a little more often while they are under stress.

Remember the Village buys and plants trees each year. But in essence they are your trees, in front of your home. When we have to remove any type of tree, young or old, it takes about 5 years before we can replace them. Take pride and help them survive.

## ADOPT A FLOWER BED

The Village of Kimberly is grateful to the following individuals who participated in the **Adopt a Flower Bed** program this summer. Their diligent efforts have greatly enhanced and beautified our community.

- Lloyd Gunther
- Jack Schaefer
- Linda Kuen
- Roger Geurden
- Ken Schultz and Family
- Marcia Trentlage
- Larry Artz (Kimberly American Legion)
- Kelly & Kim Vandehy and family
- Craig Robinson (Robinson's Florist)



## BUILDING INSPECTION INFORMATION Reminder to Swimming Pool Owners

The past few summers has seen an increased number of private storable swimming pools throughout the Village. The Village Code, as it relates to private swimming pools reads: Any outdoor structure containing a body of water in a receptacle having a depth for water at any point greater than two (2) feet located above or below the surface of ground elevation is considered a swimming pool.

These pools cannot be located outside the setback areas as defined; 3 feet side and rear yards and 25 feet front yard, or no closer to the street than your house or garage. All private residential swimming pools whether in ground or above ground having a depth of 24 inches (2 feet) or greater shall be enclosed with an adequate fence at least forty-eight inches (4feet) high above grade to prevent straying into the pool area. A pool dome or pool top capable of supporting one hundred (100) pounds per square foot is an acceptable substitute for fencing.

If you own a pool, please be responsible for the safety of your children and safety of others. Anyone with questions can contact Building Inspector Dave Vander Velden at 788-7500.



# KIMBERLY BULLDOG FOOTBALL

Registration for the Papermaker Gridiron Association tackle football program for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders, begins Monday, July 14 at 7:00 PM and Monday, July 21 at 7:00 PM at the Kimberly Municipal Complex. Information packets will be given out and concerns will be addressed at registration. **It is mandatory for a parent to attend one of the two registration meetings.** Please bring \$ 40.00 for candy bars, which is the fundraiser.



## FLAG FOOTBALL (4TH-5TH-6TH GRADES)

A flag football program for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade participants, which is sponsored by the Kimberly Park & Recreation Department and the Papermaker Gridiron Association, provides skill development and exciting game competition.

Registration information will be mailed to 4th & 5th grade students in August. Participant registration and skills evaluation will be held on **Wednesday, August 20th at 5:30 PM at Gerritts Middle School.**

## WHERE ARE THE KIMBERLY BOUNDARIES?

Since Kimberly is a landlocked community, a committee of six citizens, Marie Ruys, Marv Coenen, Karen Gaffney, Al Schaefer, Peggy Weber, and Marcia Trentlage, met on October 29, 2002 to develop a plan to sign our community. Since then we have met many times to develop the dream, toured several modern sign locations, and visited sign making businesses for ideas and cost quotes.

The dream is to place various **Welcome to Kimberly** signs at East and West Kimberly Avenue, on Cty. Trk. N to the south, just before the bridge in the triangle area, CE and Eisenhower, and CE and 441. Plans have been drawn by Appleton Sign and are on display in the Village Office to be viewed during regular business hours.

Now we need to do the campaign fund raising of \$55,000, the estimated cost, since it will not be included in the Village budget. It will be financed through donations from interested citizens and from various fund raising projects. Tell us what you think? Feel free to call any committee member or Marcia Trentlage, chairperson at 687-8743 to make a contribution or share your ideas about the project.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Remember the evergreen tree in the arboretum on Kimberly Avenue that has been decorated with traditional Christmas lights the past two holiday seasons? Trustees Peggy Weber and Marcia Trentlage had a dream and supported the beginning efforts to start a Kimberly tradition.



Now it's time to take the next step and welcome others to become involved. Are you, your family, or a business willing to "adopt" and develop a section of the Arboretum as a scene that depicts one of the traditional Christmas Carols? Do you have some ideas to share or items you would like to donate to help this project?

Our goal is to fill the arboretum with a variety of holiday scenes and then have a lighting ceremony on the first weekend in December. This ceremony will include the singing of Christmas carols followed by a gathering for light refreshments and fellowship to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Contact Marcia Trentlage at 687-8743 or Peggy Weber at 788-1798 with your thoughts and dreams!

## A Special Thank You

A special THANK YOU to Robinson's Florist,  
for the donation of flowers  
by the sign at the Kimberly Senior Center.

**NEW 9 hole Frisbee golf course!!**  
Now open at the Kimberly High School.

# Village Offices & Departments

Web Site: [www.vokimberly.org](http://www.vokimberly.org)

## Kimberly Municipal Complex

Village Administrator *Rick Hermus*  
Building Inspector/Assessor  
Clerk of Courts  
James J. Siebers Memorial Library  
Fire Department

515 W. Kimberly Avenue  
[rhermus@vokimberly.org](mailto:rhermus@vokimberly.org)

[kweyenberg@vokimberly.org](mailto:kweyenberg@vokimberly.org)

EMERGENCY 911 non-emergency

788-7500  
788-7500  
788-7500  
788-7515  
788-7500 x120

## Street Department

426 W. Kimberly Avenue

788-7507

## Park & Recreation Department

Sunset Beach Swimming Facility  
Sunset Park Lower Diamond  
Sunset Park Upper Diamond

426 W. Kimberly Avenue  
1010 Fulcer Avenue

788-7507  
731-9299  
731-3871  
731-0915

## Water Department

Plant - 404 N. John Street  
Billing - 515 W. Kimberly Avenue

788-7510  
788-7500

## Fox Valley Metro Police Department

Web Site: [www.foxvalleymetro.org](http://www.foxvalleymetro.org)

200 W. McKinley Ave. Little Chute

EMERGENCY 911

788-7505

## Village Board Meetings

1st & 3rd Monday Nights

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

## Committee of the Whole Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday Nights

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Village President:

Chuck Kuen

Village Trustees:

Dave Opsteen

Lee Hammen

Peggy Weber

Mike Hruzek

Marcia Trentlage

Marv Coenen



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