



Kim-Talk

The Village of Kimberly Newsletter

Spring 2023

PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

Writing the "spring" article nearing the end of January seems too optimistic here in snowy and about to turn bitter cold, yet lends itself to looking ahead to warmer days and the rebirth of vegetation which enhances the beauty of our community.

I am hopeful that this finds you well and that over the winter months you may have enjoyed a visit to the ice skating rink or took part in one of the many programs offered through the library. Perhaps you visited the sled hill or meandered the trails through Sunset Park. I know that many of you have journeyed to the east end of the river front as I have fielded numerous inquiries as to the removal of trees, positioning of portable restroom facilities and generally "what's happening?"

Activity on the northeast end of the village is preparing for the next installment of development where the trailers have been parked and where the big blue building used to operate. We are busy installing water and sewer infrastructure ahead of the ground breaking for unique housing. I am hopeful that by the time this reaches you the developer will have revealed their plans. As of this writing, we have seen preliminary plans and have a developer's agreement to build east of Wilson Street toward the community bridge. We are excited with the developer's vision of building our living space in a very community minded manner.

Working in conjunction with this development will be the transformation of the old Shopko building to a vibrant Festival Foods which is targeted to open in the fall of this year. The clearing of trees to allow for beautiful river views mirrors what has been done across the river as well as with the development on the west end of the former mill property. As the development takes shape you will see beautified landscaping and a newly constructed river trail for walking and biking. We will also be building a detention pond as we continue to work in alignment with DNR directives in removing solids from storm water before they reach the treasured Fox River. This pond is designed to accentuate the natural beauty of the river and surrounding area.

As spring arrives and the buds begin to pop, the tulips and other perennials bloom, the village crew will be preparing for annual street maintenance with crack filling, concrete panel replacements and reconstruction of aging roads as we follow our capital improvement plans which are intended to affordably maintain the streets in a methodical manner. With Sunset Drive on the schedule for 2023, we are anxious to see where bids come in for the work. I say anxious because of the significant increases that we are seeing in this inflationary time. Street and sidewalk work will be communicated in advance and the village team and elected officials will be available to answer questions and help

coordinate as projects are finalized. I encourage you to engage when public hearings are announced. These meetings prove to be highly beneficial in our effort to work cooperatively with residents on these types of projects.

The Recreation Department has a robust plan of activities for the coming summer months and springtime is the right time to check these out and plan to participate. The library will continue with a wide variety of things to explore for people of all ages and I encourage you to check them out as well.

My final thought this issue centers on safety. We are blessed here in Kimberly with the services of the Fox Valley Metro Police Department and the volunteer Fire and EMR team. The Fox Valley Metro lives out its commitment to protect and serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The reality is that most of us never really know what they are "up to" and that is a very good thing! The number of calls they respond to grows every year yet the spotlight does not shine upon them and that is due to their organization, training and professionalism. Acts of kindness and heroism are a part of what they do and we are grateful. The FVMPD team is truly engaged with our community and works to give back through various fundraising activities each year and they do so quietly and purposefully—professionals, and we are grateful. The Fire and EMR team drills weekly and responds at all hours of the day and they serve in a volunteer capacity; how blessed are we? This group continues to look for dedicated individuals to join in their effort. I encourage anyone to explore the opportunity to serve. I know the training will be top notch and the experience will be one of friendship building that will last a lifetime. As I read newspapers and watch local news, I am concerned with the what seems to be never ending/ever growing activity which does not align with our values of "community"—that being the treating of one another with dignity and respect. I believe that the strength of maintaining our sense of community is hinged on the public safety leadership and presence throughout the community. I am grateful for their collective leadership and presence as they work with dedication in maintaining Kimberly as a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Enjoy the changing season!
Chuck Kuen, Village President

ALL VILLAGE OFFICES &
DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH



STREET DEPARTMENT

2023 Proposed Projects

STREET PROJECT Sunset Drive - Full reconstruct: Street pavement, sanitary sewer & laterals, storm sewer, water main.

SIDEWALKS to include these streets: S John St. (south of railroad tracks), Thelosen Dr., Highview Ln., Doerfler Dr., and W Kennedy Ave. between S John St. and Doerfler Dr.

COUNTY CE & RAILROAD STREET intersection improvements to include installing an RCUT. This is a county project and more information can be found at <https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-f-m/highway/highway-project-updates/county-ce-railroad-street-kimberly/-fsiteid-1>

Free Spring Tire Pick Up

Wednesday, April 19th - Entire Village

This free tire pick up has been authorized by Outagamie County and the Village will not pick up tires at any other time. There is a limit of 4 tires per household, rims are acceptable, and tires cannot be larger than 18" passenger vehicle tires. (No business generated tires)

Spring Yard Waste Clean Up

Curbside yard waste will be picked up on May 8th, for residents north of tracks and May 15th for residents south of tracks. Garden debris, flowers, lawn edgings, and shrub trimmings (not to exceed 18") in length will be picked up. Material **MUST BE PLACED IN BROWN PAPER LAWN AND YARD WASTE BAGS** and not to exceed 50 lbs. Yard waste stickers are **NOT** required during the spring yard waste clean up. *No Grass Clippings to include thatching from your lawn!*

Branches longer than 18" require a special pickup on Thursdays. Residents must call 788-7507 or email streets@vokimberly.org prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday to schedule a Thursday brush pickup.

The Village also offers its residents a yard waste site which can be accessed 365 days a year between 6 am and 8 pm. An annual permit is required to use this site. The site is monitored by security cameras. Users found violating the rules are subject to applicable enforcement action. For more information visit the Village website at www.vokimberly.org.

Kimberly Water Department Semi Annual Hydrant Flushing

The Kimberly Water Department will be cleaning and flushing water mains from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm beginning **April 17th – 20th and April 24th – April 27th**. 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

ADDITIONAL LARGE BULKY NON-METAL PICK UP IN MAY!

RESIDENTS NORTH OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 8TH & 22ND.
RESIDENTS SOUTH OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH & 24TH.



Volunteer for the 2023
Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup!

Saturday, May 6, 2023 9-11:30 a.m.

Join us for the largest volunteer-led trash cleanup effort in Northeast Wisconsin! More than 70 cleanup locations are coordinated throughout northeast Wisconsin.

FOX-WOLF WATERSHED CLEANUP 2023



COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY 5/20/23

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Times-Villager

FREE LISTING

List your address, time and dates for the weekend sale, plus a 20-word ad/description. Your ad will be posted May 12th on the Community Wide Rummage Sale event page on Facebook. Ad information must be submitted before **Monday, May 8th**. Complete the Google Form to be included in a listing, by community.

It's free advertising for your sale!
<https://forms.gle/tb3YK2yLDMsxTMGY9>

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

BOARD OF APPEALS –

Two (2) three-year terms to expire May 2026

Two (2) alternate member terms to expire May 2026

FIRE COMMISSION –

One (1) five-year term to expire May 2028

JOINT POLICE COMMISSION -

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2026

LIBRARY BOARD –

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2026

PLAN COMMISSION –

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2026

TREE BOARD –

Two (2) three-year terms to expire May 2026

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 March 24, 2023. To learn more about these boards and commissions and what is all involved, please see the village website or our Facebook page.

Spring Election April 4, 2023

The spring election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Voters can view a full listing of races and candidates at myvote.wi.gov.

Absentee voting

If you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day, you can vote by Absentee Ballot (mail or in-person).

Absentee voting by mail:

Applications can be completed online at myvotewi.gov.

Applications may also be requested by emailing jweyenberg@vokimberlywi.gov, calling 788-7500, or stopping in the Clerk's office. A copy of your photo ID must be included with your application for a ballot unless it is already on file. Voters may request to vote by mail for a specific election or all elections within the current calendar year. Indefinitely Confined voters (confined because of age, illness, infirmity or disability) may request absentee ballots be mailed to them indefinitely.

Absentee voting in-person:

In-person absentee voting will be held March 21st-31st. There is no absentee voting hours on the weekends or the Monday before the election.

Voter registration

If you are a new voter, have moved, or changed your name you must register to vote. Village of Kimberly residents may register to vote in the Clerk's office before 5:00 p.m. the Friday before Election Day or by mail 20 days prior to Election Day.

On Election Day, residents may register to vote at the polling place. Be sure to provide proper proof of residence. Polling places are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

JAMES J. SIEBERS LIBRARY NEWS

515 W. Kimberly Ave. • Phone: 788-7515 • www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org

HOURS: Monday - Friday 9-6 and Saturdays 9-1 • Sun Closed

Kimberly Public Library is Fine Free!

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about being fine-free.

What does it mean to be fine free?

It means that the library will not charge a daily fine for items returned past their due date.

Are all items fine free?

Kimberly Public Library's policy applies to all items borrowed from the Kimberly Library.

I have overdue fines on my account. Do I need to pay those?

You are not required to pay overdue fines that existed before the policy was adopted, but you can if you want to. The library can accept voluntary donations at any time. If you have existing fees for lost or damaged items or other miscellaneous fees, those fees are still owed to the library. We are only removing fines for overdue items.

Why is the library going fine free?

We understand that everyone has a lot to keep track of and would like to remove the financial penalty of returning your items late. We want to be sure everyone has access to the library and do not want fines to be a barrier. Financially, fines are less than 1.0% of our annual budget, and collecting fines requires staff time, which costs money.

What if an item still isn't returned after it is overdue?

When the item is 28 days overdue, we'll bill you for the cost of the item. Once an item is returned in good condition, the bill will be removed. If the item is overdue more than 90 days, it will

be sent to collections. Once an item is sent to collections, the replacement fee will not be forgiven if the item is returned.

Can I renew an item before the due date or after it is overdue?

All of our renewal policies have stayed the same. You can still renew items as before and are encouraged to do so you don't accidentally end up being billed for the item after 28 days overdue. Renewals also give the library an accurate accounting of what materials are circulating.

Will the lack of fines impact the availability of popular items?

Studies have shown that removal of fines does not lead to an increase in materials not being returned on time. We are optimistic that library users will be considerate of other users on the holds list and return their items in a timely manner.

What if I use my InfoSoup library card to check out an item at another library in the system?

If you check out an item at a library that does charge fines, you're still responsible for paying any fines to that lending library.

What about old bills for lost or damaged items?

We cannot waive bills on lost or damaged items. We are only removing fines for items returned past the due date.

My card is still blocked. Why can't I use it?

There are many reasons why your card may be showing as blocked or barred. The most common reasons include you have fees over \$5 for lost or damaged items. Please contact Kimberly Public Library for assistance.

Upcoming Winter/ Spring Program Sneak Peek:

Winter Reading Incentive – There's still time to participate in the Winter Reading Program. Take a polar reading plunge by picking up your Reading Monopoly board. Complete reading challenges to earn entry slips for grand prize drawings. It's snow much fun!



KIMBERLY
Public Library

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for a complete listing of ongoing programs available
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIRING

Thank you to **Assistant Chief Dan Malsavage** for 23 years of service and firefighter **Duane Murphy** for 14 years of service. Enjoy your retirement, you both will be missed.

Firefighters for Fireworks Fundraiser

The annual cornhole tournament is planned for March 18th at Tanners. This is our major fundraiser for the annual fireworks held on July 3rd at Sunset Park. We would love to have you join us! Registration starts at 1:00 pm and matches begin at 3 pm.

Want to be “Someone”?

We have 31 volunteers that provide Fire and EMR service to approximately 7,000 Kimberly residents. When someone needs help, we all need “someone” to respond. If interested please apply, interviews are being planned in March for firefighters and EMR responders. You can serve in either, or both roles.

Dryer Safety

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe on the outside of your home is free from snow and is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is in operation.
- Move items that can burn such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing away from the dryer.
- Clothes that come in contact with flammable substances

like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

River Safety

As we approach spring the river currents become stronger due to the dams being open to move the spring thaw. Use caution when kayaking or canoeing on the Fox River. These currents can be very dangerous for even experienced paddlers.

Spring Yard Waste

Village Ordinance 270-8 prohibits burning of leaves, brush, weeds, vegetative debris, and stumps. Purchase a yard waste permit for year-round disposal or follow the Village of Kimberly's Garbage and Recycling Calendar for curbside collection dates.

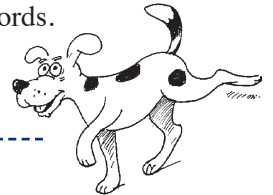
Spring Pond Burns

As recommended by our engineering firm, we plan to do prescribed burns at Memorial, Sunset Park, Emons, and Cedars West ponds this spring. The weather and availability of firefighters are huge factors when doing prescribed burns. Hopefully mother nature is on our side, and we can complete all four ponds by the April 15th deadline.

DOG LICENSES

In accordance with State Statutes and Village Ordinance, dogs must be licensed annually, and must be done so within 30 days of residency in the Village. 2023 dog licenses are now available at the Village Complex. There is a mail-in application below for your convenience. When applying for a dog license, owners must present the current rabies vaccination certificate. Every dog 5 months or older must have a current Rabies shot. Neutered and Spayed Licenses are \$7.00, intact Dog Licenses are \$12.00. Failure to license your dog may result in a \$124.00 citation per dog, issued by FVMPD. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the office so we may update our records.

Licensed dogs have an opportunity to participate in Bark at the Beach and Pooch Patrol. Please call the Park and Recreation Department at (920) 788-7507 for more information.



MAIL IN APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____ Circle one: Male/Female Neutered/Spayed/Intact

Neutered/Spayed Dog: \$7.00 • Intact Dog: \$12.00 • Include a \$5.00 late fee if applying after March 31st

Complete application and mail to: **Village of Kimberly, 515 W Kimberly Ave, Kimberly, WI 54136** or deposit in **Payment Drop Box** located by the west entrance doors. **Include: Check or Money Order** made out to the Village of Kimberly, Current **Rabies Certificate**, **Must** enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, license and paperwork will be mailed back to you.

Only one dog per form, make additional copies if needed. If you have any questions, please call 788-7500.

PARK & REC DEPARTMENT

VOK IS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2023

Come and work for the Village of Kimberly Parks & Recreation Department!
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All applications accepted online, or scan the QR below to apply today!

- Evening Baseball Umpires and Morning Instructors (must be 14+)
- Flag Football Referees (must be 14+)
- Baseball Scorekeepers and Program Assistants (must be 14+)
- Sunset Beach Lifeguards (must be 15+)
- Sunset Beach Concessions Staff (must be 14+)
- Sunset Beach Admissions Staff (must be 14+)
- Seasonal Parks Employees (must be 18+)



Visit <https://www.vokimberly.org/information/employment-opportunities/>

VILLAGE OF KIMBERLY 2023 REC BASEBALL

EVENING LEAGUE PLAY

OPTIONS FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

Monday PM, kid pitch 8–10 year-olds
Tuesday PM, machine pitch 7-8 year-olds
Wednesday PM, tee ball 5-6 year-olds
Thursday PM, kid pitch 11-12 year-olds

THURSDAY MORNING CLASS FOR KIDS AGES 3-4

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DID YOU KNOW?

Kimberly's American Legion William Verhagen Post #60 is celebrating its 100 year anniversary this year! The Post was chartered in 1923 and is named after the first service man from Kimberly to die during WWI. Post #60 continues to be an active service group supporting the Village of Kimberly. Watch for more events celebrating the Post's 100 years of service. For additional information on Post #60 or the American Legion please contact: Bruce M. Siebers, Post 1st Vice Commander Phone: 920-687-0151 Email: bmsiebers@gmail.com

AMERICAN
LEGION

AMPHITHEATER

It's planning season for Kimberly Amphitheater Inc. The Amphitheater Board is proud to announce the 2023 concert series line up already! Check out line-up details at <https://www.vokimberly.org/departments/parks-recreation/kimberly-amphitheater/> as well as additional information on how you can support the Sunday Series in it's 26th season of bringing free family entertainment to Sunset Park in Kimberly! Full concert line up and sponsor recognition to be published in the Summer edition of the KimTalk and on social media.

BE ACTIVE WI CHALLENGE 2023

Join Team Kimberly! Advanced registration is required. Program runs from March 1 – 31st. Participation fee is \$15.00 per person and includes a T-shirt. More information will be emailed once registration is complete.

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BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION CLASS:

Are you interested in earning money by becoming a certified babysitter? Do your parents want you to feel more confident watching younger siblings? Want something fun to do during a day off from school? If so, this is the class for you! After completion of this course you will: Learn first aid, CPR/AED, and what to do if someone is choking. Earn babysitting certification, gain confidence needed to be an awesome babysitter and have fun and meet new people on your day off from school! This class will be held at the Municipal Complex on April 5th, 2023 from 8 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$65.00. Please have your child bring bag lunch

KIDSTAGE:

A legendary tale of Robin Hood and his trusty sidekick, Little John, based on the classic Disney animated tale. When evil Prince John deputizes the Sheriff of Nottingham to collect unreasonable taxes of Sherwood Forest, Robin, Little John and the other merry men wage a lighthearted battle against their evil foes. 4-12 year olds needed! Program runs from April 13th – June 8th, Thursdays from 7 pm – 8 pm Program fee: \$85. Advanced registration required.

**REGISTER FOR
ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE!**

<https://kimberly.recdesk.com/community/home>

*Kimberly Community Band
Spring Concert will be held on
Sunday, April 2nd at 2 pm
at JR Gerritts Middle School*



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733-5369

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788-7515

non-emergency 788-7500 Ext. 120

EMERGENCY 911

Street & Parks Department

Director of Operations

Community Enrichment Director

Building Inspector

Sunset Beach Swimming Facility

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Holly Femal

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Water Utility

Technicians - 404 N. John Street
Utility Billing Clerk - 515 W. Kimberly Ave.
After Hours Emergency / Water Break

920-841-8098

788-7500

788-7526

Fox Valley Metro Police Department

EMERGENCY 911

200 W. McKinley Ave. Little Chute
Web Site: www.fvmpd.org

788-7505

Village Board Meetings

Village President:

Village Trustees:

1st & 3rd Monday Nights

Chuck Kuen

Mike Hruzek

Tom Gaffney

6:00 PM

Lee Hammen

Marcia Trentlage

Council Chambers

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Dave Hietpas



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