



Kim-Talk

The Village of Kimberly Newsletter

Spring 2024

PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

As the Frost Goes Out, The Buildings Will Go Up!

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well and anxious to exit the winter season and enjoy the rebirth of tulips, the budding of trees and the preparation for the next seven months of lawn care. With spring around the corner, we are excited for construction to begin with several projects throughout the community.

As you have likely noticed, demolition and refurbishing of the future Festival Foods site has been under way for several months and we anticipate things ramping up even more as they target a fall opening for which we are mighty eager. Behind the new Festival Foods you will see the first residential properties emerge along Wilson Street as the first phase of Blue at the Trail gets underway. Last fall, the village work of coordinating road and utility installation was completed and in January the Plan Commission reviewed the first proposed buildings and shared their enthusiastic approval.

Work will accelerate with the demolition and rebuilding of the Street and Parks Department building. The team vacated the building in early February to allow for the start of demolition as the project gets moving. I mentioned in my last Kimtalk article that we would keep you posted on this major reinvestment in our community. The project has been a work in progress for more than a year before any shovels reached the site. Careful planning was done by our staff in concert with architectural firm SEH to insure that the 70-year-old building being replaced is built to serve the needs of the community for an additional 75 years. I assure you that the discussions centered on cost and balancing the "want to haves" with the "need to haves" were robust and thoughtful. As I write, we are in the process of gathering bids for the project. While we know that this project will cost near 14.5 million, we are cautiously optimistic in the bid process and eager to select a general

contractor that we will work closely with in driving out cost wherever possible, creating a solid and attractive facility which improves safety, extends the life of our equipment, and provides a much-needed improvement in the workspace for our valued team members. We will be active on Facebook with progress and intend to update along the way in this newsletter forum as well.

Oh, and yes, of course, springtime will generate the growth of orange barrels as street, sewer, and water service work will be underway. Please watch for notices inviting those involved in this year's projects to public hearings ahead of any work in your neighborhoods. Welhouse Drive will receive updated utilities and pavement. Trail construction will be completed on the south side of Kennedy Avenue and west side of Marcella Street from Cobblestone Lane to Kimberly Avenue. Mini storm will be installed on the south side of W. Fourth Street from Anne Street to Marcella Street and N. Sidney Street from Kimberly Avenue to the north end.

Yes, there is always optimism as springtime graces the village. A time of new growth and a time to interact with others, to enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful parks, and to consider participation in recreation programs. Try pickleball at Verhagen Park, do some learning through library offerings, sit quietly along the river or by one of our nature friendly ponds. Yes, let the allergies kick in as we rediscover why Kimberly remains a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Chuck Kuen, Village President

**Village Departments &
Offices will be closed
on Friday, March 29th
(clerk available for election ONLY)**

**The Sunset Park
BUNNY
HOP**

Meet the Easter Bunny!

Enjoy a scavenger hunt!

**Friday, March 22nd, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Scenic Overlook - 200 Sunset Park Drive**

STREET DEPARTMENT

2024 Proposed Projects

STREET PROJECT Welhouse Drive – full reconstruct to include street pavement, sanitary sewer and laterals, storm sewer and water main.

MINI STORM installed on the south side of W. Fourth Street from Anne Street to Marcella Street and N. Sidney Street from Kimberly Avenue to the north end.

MULTI MODEL TRAIL Kennedy Avenue Trail south side of Kennedy Avenue and west side of Marcella Street from Cobblestone Lane to W. Kimberly Avenue.



– Beginning In 2024 – Fee Implemented For Tire Pick Up

Due to changes from Outagamie County, tire pick up is no longer free. All tires beginning with the Wednesday, April 17th collection will require payment of \$15.00 per tire. Tires cannot be larger than 18" passenger tires and rims are acceptable. NO business generated tires are accepted. Payment can be made in person at the Village Complex or by calling 788-7507. When paying with debit/credit card, a processing fee will be applied.

Spring Yard Waste Clean Up

Curbside yard waste will be picked up on May 6th for residents north of tracks and May 13th 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@vokimberlywi.gov 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 15th – 18th and April 22nd – April 25th**. The flushing will remove most of the natural minerals that have settled in the mains such as iron, a harmless-reddish brown mineral that does discolor the water.

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

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

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

Thank you for your help, Kimberly Water Department

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Next Election is April 2, 2024



**There is no primary
election needed on February 20, 2024**

The 2024 Spring & Presidential Preference election will be held from 7:00am to 8:00pm on April 2, 2024. The polling place for all voters on Election Day is the Evergreen Room located at the Municipal Complex, 515 W. Kimberly Ave. Voters can view a full listing of races and candidates at myvote.wi.gov.

You can request an absentee ballot by mail by completing an application online at myvote.wi.gov. You can vote an absentee ballot in-person at our office during the following dates and times: March 19-March 29 (weekdays only, no Saturday or Sunday hours) from 8:00am to 4:00pm

If you are a new voter or if you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, you must register. Village of Kimberly residents may register to vote in the Clerk's office before 5:00pm the Friday before an election or by mail 20 days prior to Election Day. Voters may also register at the polling place. Be sure to bring proper proof of residency.

Curious About Badger Books?

Starting with the April election, the Village will use Badger Books which are electronic poll books. You will no longer be asked to sign a paper poll book and will now check-in and sign your name at any of our 7 stations. To help answer any questions our voters may have, we are hosting a Badger Book Open House on Monday, March 11th from 4:00pm-6:30pm in the Evergreen Room. This is an informal opportunity for all voters to stop by to get familiar with the changes. We will have election officials available to demonstrate the check-in process and explain how it will work on Election Day.



**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING
EVENT**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
300 Sunset Park Road, Kimberly**



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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

BOARD OF APPEALS –

One (1) three-year terms to expire May 2027

FIRE COMMISSION –

One (1) five-year term to expire May 2029

JOINT POLICE COMMISSION –

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2027

LIBRARY BOARD –

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2027

PLAN COMMISSION –

One (1) three-year term to expire May 2027

TREE BOARD –

Two (2) three-year terms to expire May 2027

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 22, 2024. To learn more about these boards and commissions and what is all involved, please see the village website or our Facebook page.

COMMUNITY-WIDE

RUMMAGE SALE



SCAN ME

MAY 18TH 2024

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP!

Interested in advertising your sale for free?

Check out the sale sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/pwqXcR532JNvbfZDA>.

All sales to be posted on the Community

Wide Rummage Sale event page on

Facebook the week of the Rummage Weekend.

Last date to place an ad or alter an ad is May 13th.

Full ad with updated link and QR attached if you want to use that instead of text.



JAMES J. SIEBERS LIBRARY NEWS

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

HOURS: Monday - Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-1 • Sunday Closed

Announcements:

Please Note Fee Changes at the Kimberly Public

Library: Copies are now 25 cents per black and white copy and 50 cents per color copy.

Closed Dates: The Kimberly Public Library is open 9-6 Monday through Friday and 9-1 on Saturdays. The library will be closed on the following dates: Friday, March 29, Friday April 19, Saturday April 20, Saturday, May 25, and Monday, May 27.

What's Happening at the Library?

Kimberly Public Library partners with other Fox City libraries to host Fox Cities Book Festival every year! The purpose of the Fox Cities Reads is to select an author and title that encourages people in our community to read, think, talk, listen and grow together. The Fox Cities Community Read is organized by the Fox Cities Book Festival in partnership with Appleton Public Library, Kaukauna Public Library, Kimberly Public Library, Little Chute Public Library, Menasha Public Library and Neenah Public Library.

Infinite Country by Patricia Engel is the 18th selection for Fox Cities Reads. It tells the story of a Colombian family's journey through immigration and their struggles to define home and maintain family connections. We encourage you to read the book with your community and join us for an event with the author. Author, Patricia Engel, was born to

Colombian parents and has won several literary awards for her novels and short stories.

Fox Cities Book Festival is one of 62 organizations nationwide selected to receive a 2023-2024 NEA Big Read grant in the amount of \$20,000. An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience.

Fox Cities Book Festival planners are taking themes off the page and using creative programming to navigate difficult topics, explore new perspectives, and strengthen bonds between neighbors. A traveling exhibit from the Wisconsin Humanities Council just completed its stop in Kimberly, but it can still be viewed at Kaukauna Library during the month of February and Menasha in March. Book discussions will pop up throughout the Fox Cities this spring. In February, people are invited to explore Latino culture through an art experience at Trout Art Museum hosted by local Latino artist, Irineo Medina. RSVP for the art experience by visiting the Trout Museum's website. Menasha Public Library hosts "Poetry After Dark", led by Brenda Cardenas, on March 21. Finally, author Patricia Engel will make an appearance at the Appleton PAC on Friday, April 5, with an opening act performed by Latino storyteller Caroline Quiroga. Stay up to date on all the details at foxcitiesbookfestival.org or find out more at your local library.

How Can I Find Out More?

Please register to receive the weekly electronic newsletter of the Kimberly Public Library to receive regular updates. Follow the Kimberly Public Library (@kimberlypubliclibrary) on facebook and Instagram or visit our website: www.kimberlypubliclibrary.org.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters For Fireworks

The annual cornhole tournament is planned for Saturday, March 16th at Tanners. This is a very fun event and is our major fundraiser each year. We would love to have you join us!

Outdoor and Refuse Burning

Village ordinance 270-8 (B) Outdoor and Refuse Burning states: General prohibition on outdoor burning and refuse burning. Open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning is prohibited in the Village of Kimberly unless the burning is specifically permitted by this section. This includes burning yard waste in the spring.

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. 2024 dog licenses are now available at the Village Complex. 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. Late fee applied after March 31st.

Reminder Of Ordinances In Place For Dog Owners

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

Village Ordinance 180-10 Animal feces – The owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property unless such matter is immediately removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge.

Keep up the Great Work!

The number of false alarms from dead batteries or smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that have reached their service life have been trending down thanks to you! Keep up the great work replacing your batteries in spring and fall and checking the age of your detectors. Batteries and new detectors are very inexpensive for something you rely on for your life safety.

Welcome New Department Members

Welcome Firefighter Cole Vrechek and Firefighter/EMR Jacob Toeppler!



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Spring Soccer Registration

**River Surge FC
(formerly KASA)**

**Now accepting
spring registration.**

**For more information please
visit: <https://riversurgefc.org>**

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**Kimberly Community Band
Spring Concert will be held on
Sunday, April 7th
at 2pm at JR Gerritts MS**

PARK & REC DEPARTMENT

We Are Hiring

The Village of Kimberly is accepting applications for seasonal positions including umpires, scorekeepers, concession/cashier positions, and lifeguards. Full position descriptions with updated wages and applications are posted on the Village of Kimberly website at <https://www.vokimberly.org/information/employment-opportunities/>. Applications will only be accepted electronically and will remain open until positions are filled. The Park and Recreation Department plans to accept applications mid February – early March with potential interviews scheduled late March into early April. Questions can be directed to the Street and Parks Department at streets@vokimberlywi.gov or by calling 920-788-7507.



Adopt-A-Spot 2024

There are several locations around the village that are dependent on green thumbs and committed volunteers to keep them welcoming and beautiful. The East and West entrances to Sunset Park, the Sunset Legion planting area, Centennial Park, Stonegate Park, Verhagen Park, Roosevelt Park, the Triangle Area entrance, Eisenhower Drive's Papermaker Mile, Kimberly Avenue's planter boxes, and Memorial Park North all were made beautiful through the hard work of caring volunteers. If you've ever considered adopting a spot before – we do have a couple "spots" that are looking for volunteers for the 2024 planting and maintenance season! The village funds the purchase of plants for these areas and assists as much as possible with watering and delivering mulch/wood chips. Adopting a spot involves planting, weeding, and maintaining throughout the growing season for the enjoyment of all who see these high traffic locations throughout the village. Any interested parties are strongly encouraged to reach out to Holly Femal, Community Enrichment Director, at hfemal@vokimberlywi.gov.

PROGRAMS

Kimberly Recreation Baseball registration is now open! The recreation department offers programming for participants ages 3 – 13. Early bird pricing ends February 29th and registration closes March 31st. Register today for a summer of fun in Kimberly Parks!

Kidstage:

Parts for all ages! 5-12 year olds needed! Join us for weekly acting classes where everyone will be cast in the classic musical, **Matilda**! Classes will take place every Thursday from 7 – 8 PM in the Evergreen Room and runs from April 4 – May 30. Program fee : \$85.00

We Have Moved

Kimberly Street and Parks has temporarily moved but how to contact us remains the same! You can still find us at streets@vokimberlywi.gov to reach out for any street or parks related information or by phone at 920-788-7507. If you would like in-person support, please visit us at the Municipal Complex – 515 W. Kimberly Avenue with the same office hours of Monday – Thursday 8-4 and Fridays 8-3. Our amazing staff are still available to assist with your 2024 Yard Waste Site Permit renewal and purchases, shelter reservations, program questions, building permit inquiries, questions about refuse collection and so much more. Follow us on Facebook for construction updates or visit our project page at <https://www.vokimberly.org/departments/street-department/street-parks-facility-project/>.

Verhagen Park Needs Your Help

The Parks Department is currently fundraising to support Verhagen Park's new playground! New equipment is scheduled for installation in August 2024. The Village is investing over \$90,000 in new equipment but has a fundraising goal of \$75,000 to support poured in place surfacing to be installed underneath the equipment. Every dollar helps and all donations will be acknowledged with a donor sign at the front of the park. Help us to make Verhagen Park's playground something special for Kimberly kids! For more information, including what the playground will look like and a donation link, visit our website at <https://www.vokimberly.org/departments/parks-recreation/verhagen-park-playground-fundraiser/>

Babysitting Certification Class:

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, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$65.00. Please have your child bring a bag lunch.

We Want You!

If you love live music on a summer's night, perhaps the Amphitheater Board is just the group for you! The Sunday at the Amphitheater board of directors is actively recruiting additional members to join the board. Interested parties are encouraged to email hfemal@vokimberly.com for more information and for consideration by the board of directors.

WATER RATES & UTILITY FEE FAQ'S

WATER RATES Effective April 1, 2019 (PSC Docket 2870-WR-106)

General Service - Metered - Quarterly Service Charge

	Public Fire			Public Fire	
	<u>Meter</u>	<u>Protection</u>		<u>Meter</u>	<u>Protection</u>
5/8 inch meter	\$18.00	\$16.50	3 inch meter	\$126.00	\$246.00
3/4 inch meter	\$18.00	\$16.50	4 inch meter	\$198.00	\$411.00
1 inch meter	\$30.00	\$42.00	6 inch meter	\$396.00	\$819.00
1 1/4 inch meter	\$42.00	\$60.00	8 inch meter	\$525.00	\$1,311.00
1 1/2 inch meter	\$51.00	\$90.00	10 inch meter	\$714.00	\$1,965.00
inch meter	\$78.00	\$132.00	12 inch meter	\$930.00	\$2,622.00

Volume Charges

First	48,000	# gallons used each quarter	\$3.82 per 1,000 gallons
Next	150,000	# gallons used each quarter	\$3.68 per 1,000 gallons
Over	198,000	# gallons used each quarter	\$3.36 per 1,000 gallons

SEWER RATES Effective January 1, 2021

Sewer User's Fee:	\$8.25	per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption.
	\$7.75	Summer reduced rate for residential customers only (6 mo.) - per 1,000 gal of metered water consumption.
Quarterly Fee:	\$28.25	per meter in addition to the Sewer User's Fee.

STORM WATER RATES Effective January 1, 2024

To calculate the Storm Water quarterly charge, multiply your ERU by the appropriate rate below.

User's Fee	\$31.56	per ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) on impervious surfaces.
Single Home	1.0	ERU
Duplex, per side	0.75	ERU
Other	1.0	ERU of each 3,350 square feet of impervious surfaces.

TARF (Transportation Assessment Replacement Fee) Effective January 1, 2021

1 DAU (Developed Area Units) = 1 ERU (Equivalent Runoff Units)

To calculate the TARF charge, multiply your DAU by the appropriate rate below.

Rates for	Quarterly	Yearly
Residential	\$9.375 per DAU	\$37.50 per DAU
Muti-Family	\$16.25 per DAU	\$65.00 per DAU
Non-Residential	\$16.25 per DAU	\$65.00 per DAU
Undeveloped	\$9.375 per DAU	\$37.50 per DAU
Annual Cap	\$625.00 per DAU	\$2,500.00 per DAU

<u>Example of Base Bill for Residential Customer:</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>Previous</u>
Water Base (WTRSB):	\$18.00	\$18.00
Sewer Base (SWSCH):	\$28.25	\$28.25
Storm Water – 1 ERU (STORM):	\$31.56	\$31.25
Public Fire (PUB FIRE):	\$16.50	\$16.50
TARF-1 DAU (TARF)	\$9.38	\$9.38
Total:	\$103.69	\$103.38

Storm rate increase of \$0.31 on base bill per quarter

Please note that rates are prorated to begin January 1, 2024

Storm Water Fee

- What is the purpose of the Storm Water Fee?** The purpose of the storm water fee is to construct the storm water utility system infrastructure within the Village.
- How is the Storm Water Fee calculated?** The storm water fee is an amount multiplied by the equivalent runoff units (ERUs). The ERU on a property is determined by ordinance and the Village Engineer. A typical single family residential property is 1 ERU.
- Why are ERUs used to calculate the fee?** ERUs are a measure of impervious area on a property—hard surfaces such as roof tops, driveways, and parking lots. The impervious surface contributes to the amount of storm water runoff from a property. The greater the runoff, the greater the need to manage the water through the storm water pipes and pond systems.
- What is the 2024 Storm Water Fee?** The Storm Water Fee is \$126.24 per ERU per year.
- When was the last increase in the Storm Water Fee?** Before the 2024 increase of 1%, the annual fee was adjusted on January 1, 2021, when it was increased for the first time since 2007 from \$110.00 to \$125.00.
- Will this rate be adjusted every year?** Storm water expenditures will be closely monitored against storm water fee revenues. In the future, the Village Board will determine if the rate needs to be adjusted.
- How is the Storm Water Fee billed?** The fee is included in the quarterly installments on the water utility bill.
- Does the fee increase cover special assessments for mini-storm lateral construction or replacements?** No, the Storm Water Fee does not eliminate special assessments for mini-storm lateral construction or replacement.

REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE!

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

NEW ROOM RENTAL RATES IN 2024

<https://www.vokimberly.org/resources/fee-schedule>



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Village Board Meetings

Village President:

Village Trustees:

1st & 3rd Monday Nights

Chuck Kuen

Mike Hruzek

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6:00 PM

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