

# VILLAGE VIEWS

Village of Greendale Newsletter January 2021



## COVID-19 Vaccine Information

We all want to go back to living “normal lives”- whatever that may be post-pandemic. That is why Wisconsin is working to get the COVID-19 vaccine to residents as equitably, quickly, and safely as possible.

**How do I know if Covid-19 vaccine is safe?**

ALL Covid -19 vaccines were tested in clinical trials involving to make sure they meet safety standards and protect adults of different races, ages, and ethnicities.

Protect Yourself, Your Coworkers, Your Patients, Your Family, and Your Community

Public Health

The infographic features a blue header with the question, an orange body with text and icons of a scientist and a checklist, and a blue footer with the slogan and logo.

Currently, vaccine supply is limited and the vaccines are being offered to healthcare providers and long-term care residents. As vaccine supply increases,

recommendations for who can get vaccinated will change. The recommendations will be communicated to you through State media briefings, press releases, our website, and social media.

Vaccines take a very small inactive part of a virus, like COVID-19, and teach your body how to respond before you come in contact with the virus in real life. The current vaccines available will need two doses for full protection and it will take several weeks for the body to build full immunity (protection). Think of it like a training course for your immune system. For some people, this may be the first vaccine you will have received in a while- maybe since childhood- so you need to know that the vaccine will likely cause you to have a sore arm and potentially a fever. This is a normal part of getting vaccinated and means your immune system is learning what to do.

Even after you are vaccinated, you will still need to practice good pandemic behavior while we build community immunity (when enough people in a population are vaccinated so that the virus can no longer spread, also called “herd immunity”). Community immunity will take months to reach and to make it easier for the vaccine to do its job in the future, we need to reduce the spread of COVID-19 today. We must continue to wear a mask, physically distance, and practice good hand hygiene. For up-to-date information regarding the vaccine, visit [dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm)

## COVID-19 Exposure Notification App

Wisconsin has released a new mobile app to assist in notifying

contacts of people who’ve tested positive for COVID-19. The app/setting is completely voluntary, but the more people who use it, the more effective it will be. Once activated, your phone exchanges anonymous signals with other phones that are near it for at least 15 minutes. If somebody who has the app/setting enabled tests positive, they can then send an anonymous alert using the app to those other phones. For more information, visit [dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/notification.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/notification.htm)

## COVID-19 Testing Options

Testing for COVID-19 is also one of several key strategies in this pandemic. By utilizing the strategies together, they can help us suppress the virus. If you are feeling sick, even mild cold symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID-19, it is important that you get tested. There are a few types of COVID-19 tests available and these tests are available at community testing sites, hospitals and health centers, and some pharmacies. To see what testing options are available in our area, call your healthcare provider or visit [testupmke.com](https://testupmke.com).

## Important Election Dates

### Spring Primary Election: February 16th

#### Polls are open 7am to 8pm

- In Person Absentee voting will begin on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will go till February 12<sup>th</sup>. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4pm at Village Hall.
- Last day to register by mail or online is January 27<sup>th</sup> for the February Primary election, otherwise you will need to register in the Clerk’s office at Village Hall, or you can register on election day at your polling place.

### Spring General Election: April 6th

#### Polls are open 7am to 8pm

- In Person Absentee voting begins on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will go till April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4pm at Village Hall.
- Last day to register by mail or online is March 17<sup>th</sup> for the Spring General election, otherwise you will need to register in the Clerk’s office at Village Hall, or you can register on election day at your polling place.

*If you would like to request an absentee ballot for either of these elections please use [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov). At [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what’s on your ballot, request an absentee ballot and check provisional ballot status. Also, if your driver’s license is up to date this is the quickest and easiest way to register or make name or address changes.*

## VILLAGE BOARD CORNER



### 2021 Capital Projects

The 2021 Budget included the replacement of the Hose Tower roof and funding of improvements at the Safety Center, including items such as replacing carpeting, flooring, etc. Many

of these items are original to when the Building was built in 1998.

The Budget also included over \$1,000,000 for the Street Rehabilitation Program. The Village will be bidding out the following streets for rehabilitation in 2021: Millshire Road, Thornridge Lane, a portion of Parkview Road and Enfield Avenue (as an alternate). Once the Board approves the bids the dates for construction will be set. Check future newsletters for more information.

### Southridge Mall

There has been lots of information in the news lately regarding Southridge Mall and a potential foreclosure. The Village Board has held multiple meetings in closed session due to the numerous TIF Districts and Redevelopment Agreements that are in place in and around Southridge Mall. The Board is reviewing and discussing different options in regards to the future of the Mall. The Community Development Authority has also been meeting to discuss a possible blighting of the Boston Store property, which has sat vacant for a number of years.

Please know that the Village Board is working hard on this issue to protect this valuable asset in the Village. Stay tuned for future updates.

## DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Health Survey

The Greendale Health Department is asking to hear from YOU! 2021 marks the start of a new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and we want our programs to reflect what the community wants. To determine focus areas, we need to hear your voice through our Community Health Survey. To take the short survey, please visit [bit.ly/37A7cwN](https://bit.ly/37A7cwN) or follow the link from our website or social media pages. If technology is a barrier for you, call 414-423-2110 and ask for Kinsey to participate in the survey over the phone, or stop by the library to fill out a hard copy. The survey will take less than 10 minutes and we hope to hear from as many people as possible. Thank you!

### Reminders from the Fire Department

- Over the last several weeks we have had two house fires that started in chimneys. If you have a fireplace that you use regularly please make sure to have it inspected annually to keep up with any cleaning, maintenance or repairs that may be needed to ensure the chimney is safe to use.
- After a snowfall please make sure to remove any snow or ice from nearby fire hydrants. Clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

### Dementia Friendly America

The Village of Greendale has been invited to join Dementia Friendly America®, which is a national collaborative on a mission to foster communities that are equipped to support people with dementia and their family and friend care partners by working to become “dementia friendly.”

Over the past several years, a Greendale Dementia Friendly committee worked to raise awareness and education on dementia, took the steps to become a certified Music and Memory community, expanded caregiver support groups, and provided free community memory screenings.

The group's current and future goals include forging more cross-sector partnerships that encourage participation of individuals with dementia and their care partners in community groups, activities, and initiatives, expanding the group's educational sessions, crafting a communication plan to increase awareness of existing resources, holding a forum for community professionals, and developing a resource booklet for the community. The Dementia Friendly work group is an integral part of SAGE (Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone), under the auspices of the Greendale Public Health Department. For more information on this work group, please call 423-2110.

### Snow Emergency / Night Parking

Call the Police Department (423-2121) in the event you have an overnight guest and need to park on the street overnight. Permission is granted on a limited basis. For an extended visit where you need to park on the road longer, a night parking permit can be purchased at the Police Department for \$26.40 per month / \$42.24 per quarter or \$132 per year.

Village ordinance prohibits vehicles from being parked on street between 3:00 and 6:00am.



### Snow and Ice Reminders

- **Snow and ice removal.** Any person occupying any real estate shall keep any walk which abuts or is adjacent to the real estate clear of snow and shall remove any snow within 12 hours after a snowfall. Icy sidewalks shall be made safe by such person for pedestrian travel. Snow removal or plowing activities by the Village shall not relieve any person of the duty of complying with this section. Persons engaged in snow removal from sidewalks or driveways shall not push, plow or blow snow onto or across Village roads. If any person fails to comply with this section, the Village may cause the necessary work to be done and the cost thereof shall be a lien against the property and shall be inserted in the tax roll as a special charge against the property. Unoccupied real estate shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

During a snow removal operation, the Village of Greendale has 7 large plow trucks with wings to clear our main and secondary streets. These trucks are divided into 4 sections, **East** (Everything east of Loomis, but not including the M section north of Grange), **Central** (Everything south of Grange between 76<sup>th</sup> street and Loomis), **West** (Everything west of 76<sup>th</sup>), **North** (Grange Ave and everything north including both sections of the M and Edgerton from 60<sup>th</sup> to 68th). The Village of Greendale also has 5 small plow trucks for our tighter, more, narrower streets. (A & B sections, C & D sections, and E section). The Village of Greendale, has 2 sidewalk machines that will remove the snow from any village sidewalk that does not abut private property.

The Village of Greendale has 62 miles of road and the trucks are divided accordingly to make snow and ice removal the most efficient. The Village of Greendale operators concentrate on our mains, secondary streets, and hills first, followed by all side streets. Our main streets are where we use a majority of salt because these are the streets most traveled, the village side streets will see spot salted. (stop signs, small hills, and curves). This is done to conserve our salt, and make sure we have enough salt for the whole winter.

During large snow falls the village might have to plow the streets more than once, this is for public safety and less stress on village equipment. Please understand our goal is safe travel for all motorist and emergency vehicles. Any questions or concerns on snow removal this year please contact Public Works at 414-423-2133 or email RDamask@Greendale.org.

### Winter Driving

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
  - Drive slowly – everything takes longer on snow-covered roads.
  - The normal dry pavement following distance of 3 to 4 seconds should be increased to 8 to 10 seconds.
- Stay home – if you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you drive well in snow, not everyone else can.

### Move Over / Slow Down

- It's the law in Wisconsin.
- One of the most dangerous places for emergency response and maintenance personnel is along the side of the road.
- If you see a vehicle on the side of the road with its emer-

gency lights flashing, you are required to move out of the lane closest to the vehicle, if possible.

If a safe lane change is not possible, you are required to slow your vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for traffic conditions, and drive at the reduced speed until completely past the vehicle.

### Community Alliance's Fresh Look for the New Year

Community Alliance is coming into 2021 with a fresh new logo. The logo captures the Coalition's themes of communication and connection.

Community Alliance is creating new connections by seeking community members and organizational representatives to join our Steering Committee and Action Teams. The Steering Committee is responsible for employing capacity building efforts to sustain the Coalition, providing input and reviewing grant budget plans, promoting the work of the Coalition, and recruiting members and key community partners. Action Teams are responsible for planning and carrying out activities in the community. The work of the Coalition aims to:

- To prevent substance misuse, especially in youth.
- Link individuals and families to addiction treatment and recovery resources.

Raise awareness and reduce the social stigma around addiction in our communities. This is a great opportunity to be a community leader and champion for prevention! Contact Madeline Kornbeck, Coalition Coordinator, at mkornbeck@greendale.org to learn more about joining the Community Alliance and other ways to support our work!

### Library Programs

- **Monday Activity Bags (Kindergarten through 5th Grade) Mondays @ 9am & 3pm starting January 18th**  
Pick up a Curbside Craft Bag in the library entryway, while supplies last, one per child.
- **Thursday Preschool Virtual Storytime Thursdays @ 10am on Facebook starting January 21st**  
Join us for weekly storytimes on GPL's Facebook page. Storytime videos are posted at 10 am every Thursday, but you can watch them anytime! Videos of past storytimes will be kept on Facebook until the end of March.
- **Children's PenPal Program 'Mailbox' located in the library near the front desk**  
Would your child like to receive a note from one of the GPL staff? Would you like to help your child strengthen his/her printing or handwriting skills in a fun, practical way? If so, then the Library Pen Pals is the perfect program for your child. Here's how it works: Send us a note in the mail, book drop, or drop it off at the library. Some suggestions include the title of a favorite book, food, toy, or activity. Be sure to include your child's first and last name (printed neatly), age, and return address. If your child doesn't have legible writing skills, adults are welcome to help. We will send your child a note back. Our first correspondence to our Pen Pals will also include a coloring page, stickers, and a bookmark.
- **Teen and Adult Virtual Trivia** started back up again in January! It will occur again in mid-February and mid-March, watch the Library's facebook page for details!

Are you getting the Library's monthly email newsletter for up-to-date information and announcements delivered directly to your inbox? If not, visit the Library website to subscribe.



## VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## WHO DO I CALL?

- **Missed garbage or recycling?** Contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133
- **Sanitary sewer backed up? Flooded Street?** During normal business hours contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133, for after hours please contact the Police non-emergency line at 423-2121 and someone from Public Works will be contacted for assistance.
- **Pothole, sidewalk issue, general street maintenance, downed Village tree?** Contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133, any emergency issues after hours may be reported to the Police Department non-emergency line at 423-2121.
- **Rummage sale permit?** Contact the Village Hall at 423-2100
- **Questions on fences, sheds, pools, additions/alterations to buildings/Permits?** Contact the Department of Inspection Services at Village Hall 423-2100

## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

- **Village Hall: 6500 Northway**  
Phone: 423-2100  
*Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm*
- **Police Department: 5911 W. Grange,**  
Phone: 423-2121 (non-emergency)
- **Fire Department: 5911 W. Grange**  
Phone: 423-2131 (non-emergency)
- **Public Library, 5647 Broad Street**  
Phone: 423-2136  
*Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 am to 8 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm, Sundays 1 pm to 4 pm (Labor Day through Memorial Day)*
- **Department of Public Works, 6351 Industrial Loop**  
Phone: 423-2133  
*Refuse & Recycling Center Hours: Monday—Friday 7 am to 3 pm, Saturday 9 am to 1 pm December through March) & 8 am to 4 pm (April through November)*
- **Health Department, 5650 Parking Street**  
Phone: 423-2110  
*Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm*
- **Park & Recreation, 5647 Broad Street**  
Phone: 423-2790  
*Hours: Monday—Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm*

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