

VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Benton Newsletter

March 2024

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Spring is here and there's a great deal happening in our village. No doubt everyone has noticed the utility location flags and the survey crew working on main street. The Department of Transportation is "mapping" our main street in preparation for re-paving it in 2028. The re-paving of state highway 11 is a major undertaking. Each village, town, and city will need to be mapped so that once the mill and overlay work begins, they can move quickly.

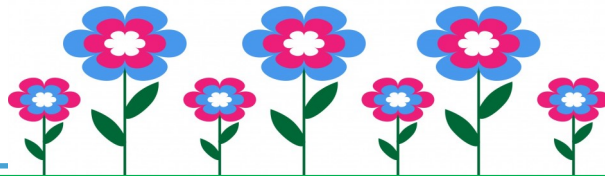
Work on the grant funded installation of fiber optic cable was scheduled to start in late summer of 2023. I recently spoke to Mark Harvey, the president of CS Technologies. He tells me that the completion of other projects pushed the installation of Benton's fiber optic cable into this year. The small utility building they will use is ready for installation. It will be located near the old water tower next to pump station number one. Mark states that they anticipate installing this building and begin laying the fiber optic cable in September.

And, everyone is eager for the ground breaking of the new Community Center. We are waiting for the final approval of our USDA loan. Once approved, along with the \$1.5 million we have raised from current and former Benton residents, we will be able to move forward with the bidding process. If you have been considering a donation to honor an extraordinary woman in your life, a paver to cement your family's name in this historic project, or a remaining naming right, NOW is the time to act.

Visit <https://bentonwi.us/benton-library-museum-community-center/> to learn more, or contact Michelle Savatski at (608) 778-5794.

Be sure to check out the calendar on the village website for information on brush pick-up, burn days, village meetings, etc.

Happy early Spring
Scott Cruse



BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (BPL) NEWS AND NOTICES:

www.bentonpubliclibrary.wordpress.com

As in the past, the summer library program (SLP) here in Benton will have 2 parts:

SUMMER READING LOG - simply read—anywhere, anytime—plus visit the BPL 3 times between June 10 and July 20, track your reading on your reading log and earn prizes.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS AT BPL - reading and activities at the library for children 2 years old and older, **June 11 to July 16. * ADVENTURE BEGINS: Tuesdays 10-10:45 am.**

Call if you have questions 608-759-2665

LIBRARY HOURS: MON 1-8 pm, TUE-THU 1-6 pm, FRI 9 am-noon, SAT 9 am-2 pm , SUN -closed

IMPORTANT DATES:

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 2nd

On the Ballot

Presidential Preference

Court of Appeals Judge District 4 >> **JoAnne Kloppenburg**

County Supervisor District 16>>**Rita R. Buchholz**

Benton Village Trustee (3) >> **Cal Robbins, John Perkins, Chuck Wartner**

Benton School District School Board Member (2) >> **Amanda Williams, Angela Teasdale-Davis**

2 State referendum questions. **Visit MyVote.wi.gov for more information.**

Supervised Burn Days - March 31st through April 14th

Fires should not be started before 7 AM Sunday, March 31st, and must be completely extinguished by 5 PM Sunday, April 14th. Please only burn brush, leaves and garden waste.

Brush Pick-up - April 8th through April 12th

Place brush to the curb no later than 7 AM Monday, April 8th. No branches greater than 4" in diameter or longer than 8'. Place larger end of branches toward the street. Bundle or box small twigs. Do not pile leaves and brush together, this can make pick-up difficult. No whole trees; pick-up is meant for seasonal pruning and yard cleanup.

Leaf & Garden Pick-up - April 8th through April 12th

Place to curb no later than 7 AM Monday, April 8th. **BAG YOUR LEAVES.** Separate leaves and garden waste. Place in area between the sidewalk and curb. Do not rake leaves into the street.

Hydrant Flushing - April 29th through May 3rd

Flushing of the water distribution system helps remove the accumulation of mineral deposits (usually iron and manganese) from water mains. This may cause discolored water, which may be drawn into homes and businesses if water is used during or immediately following flushing operations in the neighborhood. If customers experience discolored water during this time, it can be cleared by opening the cold, hard water taps nearest to the water meter to full flow until the water runs clear. If discoloration persists, contact the Village Office. Washing clothes in discolored water may cause laundry stains. Customers should not use discolored water for drinking or cooking.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING LAUNDRY DURING THESE TIMES DUE TO RISK OF RUST.

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW!

Dog Licensing

Any dog older than 5 months old that is being kept within the Village of Benton must be licensed. The fee for this license is \$20.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. This fee includes a \$15.00 late fee that is assessed for any dogs licensed after April 1st. Please refer to Wisconsin Statutes §174.05(1) through 174.07, which outline the requirements and fees for owning a dog in the state of Wisconsin.

Park Shelter House Rental

The shelter houses at Village Park on Main Street and Swift Park near the football field are available for rent during regular park hours, 6 AM to 10 PM. Both facilities have restrooms, along with other amenities. Please stop by the Village Office or call 608-759-3721 to inquire about availability for your next gathering!

Garbage and Recycling Pick-up: Memorial Day

Memorial Day garbage and recycling pick-up will be on Tuesday, May 28th.

Benton Fire Department

Annual Dance Fundraiser - Saturday, April 6th from 8 PM to Midnight at Lawrence's Pub, entertainment by Meatplow. \$5.00 donation appreciated.



Benton Community Fund

a charitable endowment for the Benton area

What a difference can be made when people rally together around a common cause. Our community is well known for this and continues the good work for current and future generations. The Benton Community Fund was established in 2011 and has distributed more than \$182,000 to non-profits that benefit our small town. It is our donors who continue to make a difference here at home.



Memorials

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| Jean Hartzell | Lee Driscoll | John Brandt | Tom Schaffner | Bill Darrow |
| Dixie Paquette | Carla Brink | Jean Ann Sysko | Pat Seng | Bob Murray |
| Sue Murray | Ernest Mowry | Kay Mowry | Buck Aurit | Wm. Fritz |
| Pat Bell | Marc Rath | Leo Scanlan | Oliver Gray | Katherine Gray |
| Stella McDermott | Jerry Swift | Doc Lovell | Leila Brink | Vernon Brink |
| Paul Runde | Chuck O'Neil | Virginia French | Nancy Keener | Mary Kay Lawrence |
| Bob Dess | Don Cherry | Ruth Cherry | Dick Redfearn | Dave Glindinning |
| Verlea Glindinning | Jimmy Redfearn | Brooks Tiedemann | Dick Bastian | Roy Reed |
| Norine Vasey | Kurt Martell | James Richardson | Jim Sysko | Josh Sysko |
| Dale Farrey | Harry Lawrence | The Jack Peart Family | Bob Herbst | Lee Bennett |
| Sally Bennett | Leroy Fritz | Bernice Fritz | Janet McCabe | Elaine Swift |
| Tidden Smythe | Grace Smythe | Harold Rosseter | Delores Rosseter | Theda Curwen |
| Bill Curwen | Larry Cherrey | Lynn Lawrence | Al Kluge | Mike Alexander |
| Jack Alexander | Pauline Alexander | Rosemary Burkholder | Spike Murray | Charlotte Murray |
| Rosie Keleher | | Rebecca Lawrence Houtakker | | |

Honors

Mick & Judy Vaughn
 Eric & Nikkie Mowry Anniversary
 Bryan & Stacy Addie Anniversary
 Lois Bastian

Gary & Sherri Timmerman 50th Anniversary
 Abby & Jake Freund Anniversary
 Sara & Andy Schilling Anniversary

Thanks to the following donors since our last update:

Bill & Mary Mowry	Tom & Abbie Behrens	Jeff White	Scott Cruse & Mary Bergs	Rick & Lisa Lawrence
Dave & Sharon Driscoll	Jean O'Neill	Kyle Kern	Gary & Marlene McCrea	Gary & Patti McCauley
Bill & Mary Foltz	Ken & Danette Brink	Dave Weber	Dan & Tammy Aurit	Sarh Monson Photography
Pat Spillane	Sandra Scanlan	Mike McCrea	Joe & Carol Persons	Lawrence Cook
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Bill & Grenith Cherry	Brian & Cyndi Harker	Jennifer Lewis	Ambrose & Lois Rupp	Dennis Dawson
Tom & Melinda Perkins	Hollis & Joanne Bausman	Deb Kleppe	Dick & Patti Beau	Jeanne Steffen
Ken & Sharon Farrey	Lynn French	Bob & Jill Knight	Jeff & Michelle Savatski	Jim & Gayle Wolf
Carol Alexander	Lois Bastian	Vicki Farrey	Skip & Mary Lawrence	JoAnn Overton
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Bob Dare	Chad Paquette	Connie Hay	Susan Farrey	Jean Kunkel
Michael Droessler	Mark & Sylvia Cruse	Randy Curwen	Pam Tranel	Doc Paquette
Jeff & Cindy Thumser	Dale & Connie Baughman	Pam Driscoll	John & Pam Hillary	Kathy Lacke
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Jim & Leslie Beau	Anonymous	Harold Ensch	Steve Rosseter	Christie Curwen
Bernarr & Ardice Aurit	Brian & Deb Mook	Casey Knight	Bill & Melissa Keleher	Jon & Jodi Kluge
Linda Alexander	Roland Leibold		Ed & Ruth Terzynski	Tim & Crystal Robbins

I am pleased to show my support of the Benton Community Fund

Please accept this pledge or donation of \$ _____

Special Projects Fund (immediate needs)

Endowment Fund

Your Name _____ E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This donation made in memory or honor of: _____

Please make your check payable to "**Benton Community Fund**"

Donations can also be made securely online via the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin website at cfsw.org.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Benton Community Fund Processing
 PO Box 8125
 Janesville, WI 53547

All donations to the Benton Community Fund are tax deductible.

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