

VILLAGE OF UTICA

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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SNOW REMOVAL

Light snowfalls with no significant snow generally will require sanding at intersections. Snowfalls of 2-3" without much wind will result in clearing the arterial streets (D, 1st, 4th Street from D to Centennial Ave, Indiana and Nebraska streets).

Following a snowfall of greater than 4" the arterials will be cleared first then work on the other streets will begin. The first plowing of the year will start on the north side of the tracks. After that it will alternate with the south side to be plowed first. Tickets will be issued to vehicles that are blocking snow removal or have not been moved within 24 hours. **Please make an effort to get all of your vehicles off of the streets so they can be plowed.**

NEW ORDINANCE

House numbers large enough to be read from the street are now required by village ordinance. This will make it easier for emergency responders to locate residences

PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Enforcement of codes regarding public nuisance properties and unlicensed/inoperable vehicles will begin in January. Tickets will be written to property owners for failure to clean up their property or taking care of vehicles.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are mandatory for all dogs within the city limits. The fee for intact animals is \$10. The fee for neutered pets is \$5.

Residences having more than 3 dogs must obtain a kennel permit. If your unlicensed pet is found running at large, it will be picked up and transported to an animal shelter. You will be assessed a minimum of \$50 or more to retrieve your pet as well as the cost of current license fee.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Phase two of the water project is nearly complete. There are just a few finishing touches left to do. Thank you for your patience with this project.

GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED

The Village has been awarded a CDBG block grant of \$146,250. Utica will match that with \$78,000. The grant will be used to replace the sidewalk on 1st Street between D & E Streets and replace part of the street in that block which will improve drainage in that area. The project must be completed in 2 years. Contracts are being readied at this time and work will begin as soon as all the details are settled.

**VILLAGE BOARD APPOINTMENTS
FOR 2017-18**

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PUBLIC WORKS Larry Barth – Garry Dittmar

BUSINESS AND FINANCE Don Olson Gary Ehlers

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Jim Swanson

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Garry Dittmar

PLANNING COMMISSION Gary Ehlers

CLERK/TREASURER – Rebecca Sandman

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MAINTENANCE/SAFETY COORDINATOR
Dale Kallif

ZONING INSPECTOR Dale Kalliff

STREET SUPERINTENDENT Denny Graham of Olsson Associates – Engineer

ENGINEER Olsson Associates

ATTORNEY Michael Mullally, Kent Rauert

DOCTOR Trisha Sams, MD

BANK – First Bank of Utica – Utica

BOARD OF HEALTH/SAFETY Chairman Olson, Sgt. Michael Vance, Kathy Calder

PUBLIC WORKS Barth, Dittmar

**ECONMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
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Simmerman, Jerry Springer, Lynn Hoops,
Harold Luebbe, Board of Adjustment Member
Andy Fehlhafer, Village Board Member Gary
Ehlers

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Springer, Donna Richards, Ann Kosek, Ron
Tomes

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Norris Public Power District is offering a new program for customers to round up their electric bill for collection to be used in a grant offer. Non-profit organizations can apply for grants through Norris for Betterment. Schools and civic groups have received awards for playground equipment and other improvements. Contact Norris Public Power for further information. Let's get some groups to go for it!

. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED in receiving their water/sewer bill by email, please contact the clerk's office and sign up. Credit or debit payments are accepted, too. There is a link on the website for credit payments. Save yourself some time and make your life a little easier. Sign up now. The Village Clerk is ready to help you get enrolled.