

Village of Random Lake

News, Reminders & Notes
December 2023

Village Hall will be closed January 1st for the holiday

Village President:
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Clerk/Treasurer:
Stephanie Waala

**Dept. of Public Works
Director:**
Peter Lederer

**Burr Oak, Bob
McDermott Lakeview,
Kircher, Bertram, & Jacoby
Park Hours :**
6am - 11 pm

**Bob McDermott Lakeview
Park Fees:**

- * Boat Launch Resident - \$5
- * Boat Launch Non-resident - \$8
- * Car Parking Resident - Free
- * Car Parking Non-resident - \$8

Proof of residency must be shown in order to receive resident rates.

UPDATES FOR DECEMBER- JANUARY:

STREET LIGHTS OUT - When out and about in the village if you notice street lights out please contact WE Energies as they maintain these lights.

<https://www.we-energies.com/services/streetlight>

DEADLINE TO RUN FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE POSITIONS - Reminder that the deadline to submit your paperwork to appear on the April 2024 ballot for the three Village Trustee positions is Tuesday, January 2nd at 5 pm. Packets available at village hall or at <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/local-candidates>

ANNUAL CALENDAR - For the 2024 calendar year there are many different village service dates that should be remembered. To help with that we have created a calendar and included it in with this billing. If you need an additional copy they will be available on the village website.

ICE RINK - The ice rink is up, but is currently not open to the public. Please stay off the ice if there are signs posted. The ice may not always be solid due to weather and temperatures which then results in the damage to the liner. If no signs are posted, please enjoy and have a good winter.

TAX BILLS:

First installment due
January 31, 2024, payable to

Village of Random Lake

Second installment due
July 31, 2024, payable to

Sheboygan County Treasurer

Snow removal, what you should and should not do

One of the great features of the village is the capability to walk all around it, no matter the weather. When it comes to winter where snow or ice accumulates on the sidewalks the owner or occupant of a property shall be in charge of clearing snow and ice on the sidewalks that abuts their property. No matter the amount of snow/ice, within 24 hours of the time the snow ceases to accumulate it shall be removed. If ice has formed on the sidewalk, it shall be sprinkled with material to accelerate melting and preventing slipping.

Depositing in or across any street is prohibited. All snow that is removed from your sidewalks and/or driveways shall remain on your property. When it is deposited in the road it becomes a driving hazard. When it is deposited on your neighbor's property it is unkindly and unneighborly.

When sidewalks are not cleared within the 24 hours, or the village has received complaints, this is declared a nuisance. The property owner will be contacted, if unreachable or unwilling to comply then the DPW will clear the sidewalk and the property owner will be charged for time and service.

“TRUSTEE TIDBITS”

by Trustee Jeff Schultz

As you may have noticed by now, Bertram Fiber has been hard at work installing a new fiber optics network in the village. This network gives the residents of Random Lake new high-speed internet options.

I know there have been many comments and questions floating around the community, so I wanted to give an up-to-date summary of what I found out.

Bertram has completed the construction of the buried fiber infrastructure. The only part left would be to have the drops from the R.O.W. to the home/business done. To date, about 200 homes/businesses have drops placed/scheduled to be placed.

The village partnered with Bertram Fiber to build a cutting-edge fiber network for all of the Random Lake residents and help attract new businesses, which brings new employment opportunities to our area. Bertram and the village were awarded a grant that brings fiber to the village. The grant funding covers fiber to every home and business in the village. As with all things government-related, there is a small window of opportunity for the grant funds. If residents want fiber brought to their home for no cost to the home/business owner, they must do that by Oct 31, 2024. After that, the grant window will close, and the home/business owner must pay for the fiber to be brought from the R.O.W. to their home/business. This potentially will cost thousands of dollars.

Residents and businesses have 3 options until Oct 31, 2024.

- 1) **Do nothing.** Instead of connecting your residence or business to the new fiber optics network now at no charge, it could cost a few thousand dollars to connect to fiber service after the program ends in October 2024 for you or the future property owner.
- 2) **Install a fiber line up to the outside of your building and sign up for a monthly service plan.** Call Bertram to install a fiber line from the main network to a box on the outside of your home or building at no charge. If you sign up for a monthly service plan, Bertram will also bring the line inside and run it up to 25 feet away to a router (supplied by you) at no charge.
- 3) **Install a fiber line up to the outside of your building and not sign up for a monthly service plan.** Call Bertram to install a fiber line from the main network to a box on the outside of your home or building at no charge. At a future date you or the future property owner will be able to connect to the service if they choose to.

On a personal note, my wife and I both require an extremely fast and reliable internet connection for work and our new Bertram Fiber service has easily exceeded our expectations. It has provided my family with the fastest internet and streaming speeds I've found in the area. Also, it's much cheaper than what I had been paying before for an inferior service.

Additional details and pricing can be found online at <https://gobertram.com/fibertothome/>

To take advantage of getting fiber connected to your building at no charge, you will need to contact Bertram Fiber at 920- 351-1023 to schedule your installation soon. Please remember to call ahead of Oct 31, 2024 to ensure installation can be scheduled before the deadline.

Become a poll worker!!!!

The Village of Random Lake encourages all private citizens to vote and to become involved in the election process.

One of the most rewarding ways to do this is to become an Election Day poll worker (or “Election Inspector” as the position is formally called). The Chief Election Inspector is in charge of the polling place, and has additional training requirements.

Citizen involvement is essential to conduct open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin. For high school students this a great way to introduce them to the voting process as they soon will be eligible to vote.

Who can be a poll worker?

- Resident of Sheboygan County
 - Chief Inspector must be a village resident
- Anyone not on the ballot
- Over the age of 18
 - 16 & 17 year olds allowable, if enrolled in school, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and a guardians signature

We hope that you will consider participation in one of these positions. Multiple shifts throughout the day are available to accommodate schedules.

Training and compensation provided for all those wishing to fill the position.