

# Village Highlights

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Village Hall Hours: M-F 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

## Notes from the Administrator:

**Village Employee Anniversaries:** The Village is fortunate to have many dedicated long-term employees. The following have celebrated significant anniversaries in 2011: 20 years – Clerk/Treasurer Lynne Erb and Public Works Laborer Gary Ott; 10 years – Police Sergeant Jeff Sturdevant, 5 years – Police Officer Ryan Kruser.

**Village Questions:** You may have noticed the recent question and answers with the Village Board in the Post Messenger. If you have questions for the Village feel free to contact the appropriate Village staff member at anytime. Contact information for Village staff is listed at the end of the newsletter. If you are unsure who to contact with your question, Village Administrator Nicholas Owen can be reached by phone at 608-527-5971 or email, [nowen@newglarusvillage.com](mailto:nowen@newglarusvillage.com).

**2012 Budget:** Preparation of the 2012 Village Budget is underway in the face of some significant challenges. The Village is losing \$14,845 in state shared revenue and \$23,329 in general transportation aid. The Village staff is working hard to identify areas for cost savings without significantly reducing the core services offered or increasing taxes.

**TIF 2 Industrial Park:** Since its creation in 1999 Tax Incremental Financing District 2 (TIF 2) has generated an additional \$9,800,000 in annual tax revenue, funding \$1.9 million in infrastructure projects and other improvements that may otherwise not have occurred, or been paid for by the Village taxes or the Utility. In July of 2011 the Village approved development agreements with Planet Wise Inc and Hoesly's Meats Inc that will generate and additional \$500,000 in taxable value for the district.

Contact information and additional information on Village programs and services is always available at the Village's website for updates, [www.newglarusvillage.com](http://www.newglarusvillage.com). You can also find the Village on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/villageofnewglarus](http://www.facebook.com/villageofnewglarus) or twitter @villageofng.

## News from the Clerks' Desk:

**Elections News:** With the passage of the new Voter ID bill at the state level, you will notice some changes at the polling place with our next election. Some of the most notable changes include:

- Photo identification will be required at the polling place to vote. An informational document about photo ID is available at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id>

- Electors will be required to sign one of the poll lists before being issued a ballot
- Residency requirement has changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days
- Registration and in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's Office will end at 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. Registration can still be completed at the polling place on Election Day.

**Serving of Alcohol at Events:** We have recently seen an increase of events advertised where local businesses are providing wine/beer tasting in conjunction with an open house/customer appreciate type event without holding an appropriate alcohol beverage license as required by state statutes. It is important to note that state statute in part, Section 125.09(1) provides that no owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place may permit the consumption (this includes giving away) of alcohol beverages on the premises of the public place, unless the person has an appropriate retail license or permit. Please be sure to contact our office when planning your event.

## Summer Recreation

### **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALPHORNMAN TRIATHLON:**

The triathlon will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011. The Triathlon is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the community as a participant or a volunteer. Proceeds will go towards the Pool House and Wading Pool Project.

**NIGHT SWIM**-The New Glarus Pool will hold a **NIGHT SWIM** on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 to midnight. (Rain date: Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>) Come join the fun! Admission \$2.00 for everyone.

**Discounted Pool Passes** - The Village will be offering ½ price season pool passes beginning August 1, 2011. Season passes can be purchased at the pool or the Clerk's Office.



### **What is a Brownout?**

Portions of the Village experienced an electrical brownout at the beginning of June. A brownout is the sag or drop in voltage in an electrical power supply. The term brownout comes from the dimming

experienced by lighting when the voltage sags. Brownouts can cause poor performance of equipment, which could lead to permanent damage of such equipment.

**What should you do during a brownout? Unplug and turn everything you can off.** Your household appliances may still be running, but their motors are trying to function with half the power which could burn the motor out. If you can't unplug your appliances, you should turn off the power at the circuit cabinet – usually located in the basement of your home.

Visit our website at: [www.newglarusutilities.com](http://www.newglarusutilities.com), email the utility office at [ngutilities@newglarusvillage.com](mailto:ngutilities@newglarusvillage.com), or call us at 527-2913

### **Note from the Police Department**

Hi, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Burt Boldebuck and I am the new Interim Chief of Police for New Glarus. I was appointed back in May and look forward to working with the officers in the department and serving the citizens of New Glarus. I'm a 26 year veteran Police Officer from a medium size police agency in Dane County and recently relocated into the New Glarus School District.

Over the last 3 months, I have been working on streamlining the day to day operations and reporting system within the Police Department, including expanding our phone voice mail system, allowing callers to leave messages for individual officers. Future plans, include upgrading our squad car computer systems and software, allowing for paperless reporting. Coming soon our Police Department web site will be expanded to include our weekly media releases and a new public record request form.

I look forward to working with and serving the community. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me at 608-527-2145 ext 2 or via email at: [chief.ngpd@newglarusvillage.com](mailto:chief.ngpd@newglarusvillage.com)

### **News from the New Glarus Public Library**

Greetings from the New Glarus Public Library! Our Library is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We're proud to be a member of the South Central Library System and LINKcat, its shared online catalog. As a result, you have easy access to a world of resources far beyond the walls of our library. Our Library's website

(<http://www.newglaruspubliclibrary.org>) allows you to search LINKcat and to even place holds on materials from the comfort of your home.

### **ONLINE DATABASES**

Did you know that our Library offers you online resources on a wide variety of topics? All you have to do is go to our Library's website and click on "Online Resources" - you'll find databases that can help you repair your car (Chilton Library), research your family tree (HeritageQuest), help you study for the SAT (LearningExpressLibrary) and much more!

### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES**

Our popular storytimes take place in the Library at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays from September through May. No pre-registration is required.

### **FRIENDS OF THE NEW GLARUS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

We're fortunate to have a very active Friends group. Their most visible fund raiser is their annual book sale the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. But they do a great deal to make our Library a better place all year round. Pick up a brochure and join today.

### **STORY LINE**

Story Line allows children of all ages to listen to a story. All you need to do is call 527-4363. Thanks to the

Friends of the New Glarus Public Library for underwriting this service.

### **ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

Our Adult Book Discussion group meets year round at the Library the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **How to Contact Village Staff:**

Nic Owen, Administrator	527-5971
Lynne Erb, Clerk-Treasurer	527-5973
Barb Roesslein, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	527-2510
Michelle Roth, Utility Office Manager	527-2913
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Burt Boldebuck, Interim Chief	
Scott Jelle, Public Works Supervisor	558-5771
Public Works Department, garage	527-2019
Utility, garage	527-2113
Public Works/Utility: Emergency	558-5773
Library: Denise Anton Wright, Director	527-2003
Pool	527-5095

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