From the office of the President

Fall is here. It has been a challenging year across the Village of Plover thus far in 2019. The spring flooding was something this community had not seen before. An unlikely combination of well-above average snowfall, an early rain event with frozen ground and an early quick thaw caused water to flood the Village from our two easterly moraines at the same time causing significant flooding. I thank the Village employees for a terrific job they did to meet this challenge. I also thank the Plover residents for their help and understanding as we worked to open roadways and drain water.

The July 20 storm, with over 80 mph winds, saw much destruction across the Village. We lost many trees in our parks as well as in our residential areas. Again, a special thanks to the residents and Village staff for a tremendous job getting the roads cleared as quickly as possible.

Like many of you, I lost a number of trees in my yard. Fortunately, there was no damage to my home. A neighbor wanted some of the wood for his wood-burning stove and took several of the trees. The following Saturday, my son was helping to remove some of the downed pines. A young man stopped, pulled out a large chain saw and proceeded to help cut up two, large trees. He wouldn’t share his name and refused any compensation. He simply said, “I’m just out helping people today.” When done, he headed on down the road. I think many of you have similar stories to share. I extend a special thanks to these ‘good samaritans’.

Much is back to normal again. We showed the best with neighbors helping neighbors across the Village of Plover. We certainly live in a very special place!

Enjoy the wonderful Fall weather ahead. If you have any comments or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Tom Davies

Meetings:
- Village Board—1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Plan Commission—Monday preceding the 1st & 3rd Wednesday Board meeting of each month
- Police & Fire Commission—3rd Tuesday of each month
- Balance of Committees/Commissions meet as necessary

Village Offices Closed:
The Village offices will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:
- Thu. Nov. 28
- Fri. Nov. 29
- Tue. Dec. 24
- Wed. Dec. 25
- Tue. Dec. 31
- Wed. Jan. 1

Points of Interest:
- There will be no Fall Brush Pickup.
- Yard Waste Pickup begins Oct. 21
- Worzella Pines Lodge Rental Reservations for 2020 accepted beginning January 2.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Yard Material / Brush Drop-off site closes for the season Nov. 9 (date subject to change)
- Trick or Treat for the Plover / Stevens Point Area will be Thursday, October 31, 5-8pm

Your Village Board Members
Tom Davies, President
Kendra Schiefelbein—Ward 1
Adam Raabe—Ward 1
Orville Damrau—Ward 2
Gary Wolf—Ward 2
Steve Fritz—Ward 3
Al Tessmann—Ward 3
Plover Fire/EMS Open House!

Wednesday, October 9, 5:00–8:00pm

Fun, FREE activities for ALL ages!

- Medical Helicopter (weather permitting)
- Vehicle Extrication Demo
- Sparky the Fire Dog & Smoky the Bear
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Plover Police Department & K9 Officer Bill
- Free Smoke Detectors
- Plover Fire Auxiliary Basket Raffles
- CPR Training
- Fire Apparatus, Ambulance and Station Tours
- Kids Games
- Food (hot dogs, cheese curds, and soda/water)

“Disposable” Products Cause Problems in Sewers

Many consumer products are available that are disposable. These products are convenient and easy to use, but they are not out of sight, out of mind when disposed. A particularly difficult problem is products that claim to be “flushable”.

You’ve seen them, the disposable cleaning sponges and the disposable wipes. The advertisements for this class of products tout the fact that they are “biodegradable” and are designed to be flushed down the toilet after use. The “biodegradable” claim is questionable at best. But, unlike toilet tissue, these products do not dissolve in water. That’s why consumers use these products instead of toilet paper for cleaning.

Unfortunately, since these products don’t break down immediately, they cause big problems when they move through the sanitary sewer collection system. Imagine a cleaning wipe or sponge that catches on a joint, or turn, or a rough spot in the piping system. The next wipe catches on the first, and so on and so on. Soon a mat large enough to block a pipe is formed. That leads to backups that can affect a single home or an entire neighborhood, depending upon where the blockage is. You can imagine what a mess that is.

While a backup is the most serious result of “flushing” these products, they routinely cause blockages in pumps and minor obstruction in pipes that require Utility attention. Pumping systems are particularly susceptible to the mats of “disposable” products. Pumps are designed to move water, not mats of fibrous cleaning products.

We need your help to reduce this problem. Just because you can flush things down a toilet doesn’t mean you should. Please don’t flush any cleaning wipes or sponges down the toilet. Don’t flush any plastic items regardless of how small, down a toilet. Educate family members to dispose of these items in the garbage. Help protect yourselves and your neighbors from the consequences of a sewer backup.

Rich Boden, Wastewater Manager

Attention Dog Owners

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PLOVER

Upon reaching 5 months of age, all dogs must be licensed and have an active certificate of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian. The County began using a new Dog Licensing system in 2019. With this new system, the current valid rabies certificate for all dogs MUST be presented at the time the 2020 license is issued, whether in person or by mail.

Licenses will be available for purchase at the Village Office mid-December. Licenses may also be purchased by mailing a check for the fee, along with the current rabies vaccination certificate, to the Village of Plover. The rabies certificate contains the information needed for issuance of the license. The Rabies certificate, along with the license, will be returned via mail. Dog License fees within the Village of Plover are:

- Neutered/Spayed $12.00
- Un-neutered/Un-spayed $22.00

A late fee of $5.00 shall be charged the owner of each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license before April 1st. Failure to obtain a dog license, failure to have a dog vaccinated against rabies or allowing a dog to run at large (dogs must be leashed at all times) could result in a fine of $150 for

Debbie Swidazewski, Village Treasurer
Administrator Viewpoint

I’m pleased to report that 2019 has been a very strong year for economic development in the Village. Construction value through August was valued at $36.3 million. Village staff expects that the final numbers for 2019 will rank as one of the top 5 years for development in the Village. Residential development remains a vital component of the Village’s growth. A total of 30 single family residential housing permits have been issued so far this year, as well as 6 duplex permits. In addition, the Department of Administration estimated that our population rose by 484 persons in 2019, bringing the Village’s population to 13,298. Residential development is expected to remain strong over the next few years, as 85 acres of land in the old Tree Acres area is committed for single family development and an option has been submitted for the purchase of an additional 38 acres for single family development.

In other residential news, a 120 unit multiple family development is under construction on Pleasant Drive west of County Highway R and SC Swiderski will be adding multiple family units adjacent to their Willow Drive apartment complex that is located west of St. Brons.

Village staff also continues to work with developers on a potential hotel project and multiple tenant shopping center in the Crossroads Commons development, as well as another project within the Village Park at Plover development.

In other news, work continues on the Business 51 Reconstruction Project between Minnesota Avenue and MacArthur Way. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s goal is to complete all roadway work by November, 2020. There may be some sidewalk, stamped concrete and landscaping work to complete in 2020, however the extent of remaining work will not be known until later this year.

Unfortunately, the schedule for the last phase of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project (between Porter Road and Springville Drive) has become uncertain because of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) actions regarding flood modeling for the Springville Pond Dam. Village staff, the Village’s engineer and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation are currently working with WDNR staff to develop a design that meets new WDNR requirements. Village staff will provide more information on the scheduling of the last phase of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project as it becomes available.

Please review the fall pickup schedule that is included in this newsletter carefully. The Village will provide a compost/leaf pickup this fall, however, the brush pickup has been cancelled due to the two storm damage pickups earlier this year. We will return to the normal leaf and brush pickup in 2020.

In closing, I would like to thank all Village of Plover residents and Village of Plover staff on their handling of the spring areal flooding and July storm events this year. To see Village residents helping each other and helping the Village Public Works Department during these two events illustrates that we live in a wonderful, caring community. And thank you to all Village staff who put in countless extra hours in 2019 because of these two events. They did so with nary a complaint, no matter how tired they were. To a person, their response was always, what do we need to do next.

Dan Mahoney
No Fall Brush Pickup!

Fall Yard Waste Pickup to Begin Oct. 21

The Village of Plover’s special storm brush pickups have been completed.

Residents are asked not to place or pile brush within the Village’s right-of-way, but to take any remaining brush directly to the Village’s Compost Site located at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 4496 Coolidge Avenue.

Regular days and times for the drop-off site have resumed. Hours are Mon. & Thur. noon—6:00pm, and Saturday 9:00-3:00 until Oct. 26, then Saturday Nov. 2 & 9 (subject to change). We will accept multiple drop-offs for property owners that still have more extensive storm cleanup. (Stumps, sod, dirt, rocks, concrete, or any foreign materials will not be accepted.)

Please keep Garden Waste piles separate from Yard Waste Piles.

As a reminder the following will not be picked up: Piles with small branches, sticks, stones, sod, dirt, sand, metal or any encumbrance mixed in.

Please contact the Public Works Dept. with any questions or concerns at (715) 345-5257. Roy Hopfensperger, Asst. Public Works Mgr.