

March 1, 2010 **Quarterly Newsletter**

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Spring Yard Clean up

If you have yard waste, such as grasses, tree branches, twigs, etc., call either Roger at 525-2104 or the clerk's office to arrange for disposal.

It will be the grass mowing season soon, just a reminder that all platted lots in the Village must be mowed when the grass exceeds 12 inches in height and must be kept free of noxious weeds in accordance with Village Ordinances 8-1-4, 8-1-5, and 8-1-6. Violations of the ordinances will result in the Village having them mowed and the property owners billed. All bills not paid will be levied as a Special Charge on the next tax roll.

Do not blow grass clippings into the gutters when mowing. These clippings wash into and clog up the storm sewer catch basins and are unsightly on the streets.

Please Note: It is not allowed to discharge your sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system. Any questions, contact Roger at 525-2104.

Free Tire Pick up for residential use only. Tires 17" or less will be accepted at no charge. All tires exceeding 17" in size will be charged \$4.00 per tire. Have your tires at the curb by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

REMINDER All dogs and cats in the Village over 5 months old by July 1 must be licensed. Licenses are available from the Treasurer or at the Clerk's office. The fees are \$3.00 for spayed females and neutered males and \$8.00 for unsprayed females and unneutered males. There is a \$5.00 late charge for all licenses issued after April 1. A certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented at the time of applying for a license. All unlicensed animals will be referred to Outagamie County for further prosecution.

REGULATION OF ANIMALS

There have been complaints received regarding pets lately. Being a pet owner can be rewarding; but, it also carries responsibilities for the welfare of the public and consideration of those who choose not to have pets. Village Ordinances contain rules and restrictions for those wanting to own pets. The following paraphrased statements address some of the complaints received recently:

1. No person can own a cat or dog which:
(3) Is at large within the village limits.
(7) Is unlicensed. [Sec.7-1-6(a)(1-7)]
2. No person shall allow any animal to run at large within the Village. Owners must keep their pets tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure. [Sec 7-1-6(C)(1)]
3. Pets, when off the owners premise, must be on a leash not to exceed 10 ft in length. [Sec 7-1-6(C)(2)]
4. The owner or person in charge of any animal shall not permit his pet to deposit any solid fecal matter on any street, or public way or private property unless the solid waste is

immediately removed by the owner or person in charge. [Sec 7-1-10]

Those who choose not to own pets should not have to remove your pet's waste from their lawn, nor should they be subjected to stepping in it when their caring for their lawn or their children are outside playing on their property. Also, those you invest in bird seed and enjoy watching birds do not enjoy seeing someone else's cat sitting in their birdfeeder. Please be considerate neighbors and responsible pet owners.

REMINDER REGARDING: ABANDONED VEHICLES

If you have an unlicensed vehicle on your property, you are in violation of Village Ordinance, Section 10-5-8. All unlicensed vehicles are subject to a citation by the Black Creek Police Department.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the ordinance, please contact the Village Clerk at 525-2717.