

VILLAGE OF FALL CREEK

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BOARD MEMBER CORNER

2020 Highlights

Several capital projects were accomplished in 2020:

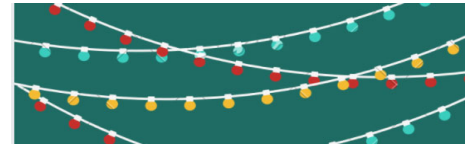
- Painting of the Water Tower
- Rehabilitating the Klingbeil Lift Station
- Reconstructing McKinley Avenue, including utilities, pavement, sidewalk, curb & gutter
- Reconstructing Keller Park Parking Lot
- Resurfacing Kopplin Road

Keeping up with capital projects as listed above makes good financial sense. The Village was able to group three of the above projects together in a funding application to Rural Development, which in turn allowed the Village to gain a low-interest loan at a rate of 1.5%, along with being awarded grant dollars in the amount of \$560,000. Furthermore, those projects came in under budget, allowing us to complete an additional water looping project on Randall Road that had been on our capital project list for many years.

Other financial highlights: Refinancing multiple loans carried by the Water and Sewer Departments helped the financial picture of those utilities substantially, saving over \$550,000 in interest costs over the life of the loans and reducing the principal & interest payments by almost \$20,000 annually.

Other development matters: The Village Board is pleased to announce that H&S Fence will be locating their fencing business in the Village's business park. Concrete has been poured and it is expected the building will be constructed over the winter.

Good financial management and strategic planning for the future is something the Village takes seriously. With that goal in mind, the Village Board purchased the farm south of the school from the Raether family and are currently renting it out while plans are being made to utilize the property for residential development. Village Trustee Karen Strasburg stated she is "very excited we have taken on this new venture. It will be fun to watch the progress taking place as time progresses. More details will be coming regarding this new chapter in our Village history."



HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT KELLER PARK

A new tradition! You may have noticed a few holiday lights at Keller Park this year! Through community partnerships and support, the Fall Creek Public Library is hoping to create a holiday lights display for the village to enjoy. This year we are starting small, with lights and a Holiday Story Walk at the pavilion in Keller Park.

A BIG THANK YOU to our supporters this year: Fall Creek Area Foundation, Village of Fall Creek, Friends of the Fall Creek Public Library, Fall Creek Public Library. Please contact the library if you are interested in donating time, money, or resources.



ZIEMANN BEQUEATHS

Amandus (A.E.) Ziemann and his son, Robert (Bob) Ziemann graciously bequeathed approximately \$90,000 to the Village!! This money is supposed to be used for capital projects. Please feel free to contact any board members with your ideas for the use of this money.

POND RESTORATION UPDATE

We are progressing with the restoration project. Everything has to go through a process and permits are required in order to continue. The water body is governed by the State of Wisconsin through the DNR, and just like needing a license to remove a fish, you need permits to remove weeds and sediment.

We have had several public input meetings in which we were able to formulate steps to address and prioritize the project needs. The Fall Creek Pond Management Plan has been adopted, which serves as a document to provide the history, statistics, survey, and other information the DNR will use to issue the permits. If this process continues smoothly, we would then be able to gather costs and bids for the actual removal of weeds and sediment - hopefully early next year.

While this moves forward, the "Restore Fall Creek Pond" group will discuss other plans for implementation, including future maintenance, aeration, access, and improvements. Plus we are looking at all possible funding sources through grants and donations.

We make no excuses, though the virus and the process have slowed us down. We continue to move forward and with your help and support, we will reach our goal.

Thanks, Restore Fall Creek Pond Group



SKATING AWAY

Weather permitting, the skating rink at Keller Park will be open in January. Come down and have some fun!

HELP US SAVE MONEY!

We'd like to be able to do some communications with you via email. Please send an email to village@fallcreekwi.gov with your name and address to subscribe to a mailing list.

FALL CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY IS HERE FOR YOU

You can still get your library materials safely and easily. We are offering curbside pickup 5 days a week, along with browsing and computer appointments upon request. Check our website for more information about services available to you at fallcreekpubliclibrary.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
	11	Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
FEB	8	Village Board Meeting 6:30PM
MAR	8	Village Board Meeting 6:30PM



LET IT SNOW

Winter Parking: There is NO parking on Village streets between midnight and 6AM when there is any measurable snowfall.

This is in effect from November 1 through March 31.

Snow Removal: Snow must be removed from all sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of snowfall.

Snow must not be blown in the street as it is unsafe, creating difficult driving conditions. Frozen snow can cover storm sewers causing flooding in the spring.

Snow should also be cleared from hydrants to ensure quick access in emergency situations.

Snow Removal by Village: Use extra care when driving on streets that are being plowed or when the Village crew is removing snow from the downtown area. Please slow down.

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

KRISTI'S SWEETS & TREATS

129 E Lincoln Ave

715.877.1386

Open Tue-Fri 11AM-4PM Sat 10AM-2PM

Kristi and Roxie have been serving delicious food and decadent treats in Fall Creek since 2013. They offer retro candy, specialty chocolates, ice cream, coffees, lattes, frappes, 100% fruit smoothies, cold brew, paninis, pizzas, soups, salads, gyros, baked goods, and unique gifts. Dine-in, take-out and curbside pickup is available. Follow them on Facebook for daily lunch specials. www.facebook.com/kristissweetsandtreats

