

WELCOME OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR - ELIZABETH GBUREK - The Amherst Library Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Gburek as the Library Director for the village's Lettie Jensen Library. Whether you are a regular library patron or someone who is looking for the opportunity to check this facility out, we invite you to stop by and welcome Elizabeth. On behalf of the Amherst Village Board and our residents, I also want to thank Elizabeth and our other library staffers, Mary Loberg and Karen Flick for their enthusiasm and dedication.

A CAREER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE VILLAGE OF AMHERST - Utility/Public Works Operator – The Village of Amherst (pop. 1119) is seeking applicants for the Utility/Public Works Operator position. Applicants must hold or be willing to obtain a CDL license, Grade 1 wastewater license with activated sludge, disinfection & laboratory, as well as a Grade 1 water license with groundwater & distribution. Candidates should be self-motivated, mechanically inclined, able to learn various aspects of municipal operations, keep accurate records, prepare required paperwork and have the ability to interact with the public. Computer skills are necessary. Ideally, the employee will live within 15 minutes of the Village limits. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience, with wages starting between \$20 - \$23/hour. Benefits include paid sick leave, paid vacation, enrollment in the Wisconsin Retirement System and health insurance. An application form, full job description and a summary of benefits is available by contacting the Village Clerk's office at the Amherst Village Hall, 160 Mill Street, Amherst, WI 54406. Materials can also be requested from the Village Clerk at 715-824-5613 or at vilamher@wi-net.com. Applications will be accepted through June 15, 2022. The Village of Amherst is an EOE. Applicants may request confidentiality, but confidentiality cannot be guaranteed for position finalists. We encourage applicants to visit the Village of Amherst website at <https://amherstwi.govoffice2.com/>.

PFAS TESTING RESULTS - The village received good news from the DNR officials reporting on our recent PFAS testing for all three municipal wells. Laboratory procedures allow testing down to parts per trillion levels, with the Village of Amherst municipal water found to have no measurable levels of PFAS in tests run by the State Lab of Hygiene. To access more information on drinking water quality, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water System Portal at dnr.wi.gov/dwsviewer. To learn more about PFAS, access dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS

CHICKENS, DUCKS, RABBITS & BEES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - Whether you are considering raising any of these on your property, or have concerns about them in your neighbor's yard, village officials would like to hear from you. We again encourage you to send your written statements and ideas along to the Village Clerk's office, either at the counter, in the drop-box, mailed to Box 39, Amherst , or emailed to vilamher@wi-net.com.

COFFEE WITH A COP - No agendas or speeches, just a chance to ask questions and get to know the Portage County Sheriff's Deputies involved in community policing in the Village of Amherst. Join your neighbors, friends and Sheriff Lukas for coffee and conversation at Fleming's Cafes on June 1 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

NO-MOW MAY FOLLOW-UP - Just a reminder for those property owners allowing their lawn cover to grow to help those Spring pollinators; the village right-of-ways next to the street still need to be mowed, No-Mow May ends as we move into June, and the village yard waste site adjacent to the WWTF accepts all your lawn clippings. Village officials encourage you to send your written statements and ideas on this program to the Village Clerk's office, either at the counter, in the drop-box, mailed to Box 39, Amherst , or emailed to vilamher@wi-net.com for consideration next Spring.

FIREWORKS REMINDER - As the 4th of July approaches, questions often come our way involving the use of fireworks within the Village of Amherst. There are a limited number of items legally defined as "fireworks" in Wisconsin and Village Ordinance Chapter 12.01 (G) reflects Wisconsin Statutes 167.10(1) regarding these. Possessing or using any other types of fireworks is illegal in Wisconsin without a valid permit per Wis. Stat. § 167.10(3). Generally speaking, a permit is required to discharge a device if it explodes or leaves the ground. Should you feel that fireworks are being discharged illegally within the village, immediately contact the Portage County Sheriff's Department at 715-346-1400.