

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION DAY REMINDERS - We all should take a moment to recognize the dedication of our village's poll workers and village clerk as they handle the tasks required to properly conduct our local elections with integrity and accuracy. Clerk Jodi Patoka provided a few answers to frequently asked questions:

- The Polls at the Village Hall (160 Mill Street) OPEN at 7:00 am and CLOSE at 8:00 pm
- Only those residents registered to vote in the Village of Amherst can vote in the Amherst Village Hall
- Voters need to bring a valid Wisconsin ID with photo
- If you have changed addresses, you can reregister with the Village Clerk on Election Day
- Residents interested in serving as Election Inspectors can ask Jodi about applying for the post and the training involved.

SPRING ELECTIONS 2023: The Village of Amherst has been a place of growth and progress, with village trustees working with our staff and our residents to address the opportunities and challenges encountered. We look to the talents, experiences and ideas of our neighbors who offer to serve in public office for a two-year term to help guide our community. We need to encourage our neighbors here within the village to consider running for a position on the Village Board. ***April 2023 nomination papers for village office can be picked up at the Village Hall, with the circulation of candidate papers beginning December 1 and closing December 23, 2022.*** Whether considering candidacy or not, residents can always contact current village trustees Chris Hodges, Bob Rausch, Dave Crubaugh, Andy O'Brien, Becky Roberts, Pat Strelitzer or me to get information regarding current projects and plans. Clerk Jodi Patoka can provide information on the nomination process and schedule. All voting-age residents need to consider sharing their vision and their talents to make a difference in the Village of Amherst.

YARD WASTE SITE OPEN TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS - Now that our yards are hidden under piles of autumn leaves, and village residents are reminded that they can find a place to dispose of them at the collection sites next to the sewer plant on Prairie View Street. Tree limbs and sticks collected by village residents also have a spot at the site, but large tree trunks and stumps present problems. Residents with materials of this nature should contact the village staff (715-824-5613) to determine their acceptability. For a nominal fee and depending upon availability, village residents can have staff leave a village truck at your house for you to load your yard materials on for latter pick-up. Contact Jodi at the village hall (715-824-5613) to make arrangements. **PLEASE note the BRUSH PILE and the LEAVE PILE, unloading your items in their proper places. ONLY leaves and brush should be left - PLEASE DO NOT leave behind any plastic bags, plant pots and containers, stone or cement materials or other yard ornaments.**

FREDDIES HOME PLATE IN NELSON PARK PROGRESS – Some design modifications are being worked on to bring this project in at a cost reduction when it is sent out for rebidding. With the field lighting installation underway, the structure's design changes will maintain the improved restrooms, concession stand and covered patio, and the refurbished parking lot will benefit those using the park or the businesses downtown. Fundraising efforts will continue in order to reach the funding level necessary to proceed, hoping to make rebidding this project possible within the coming months. The Freddie's Home Plate team members sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this point, and ask the those in the community to consider making a donation of any size during this upcoming holiday season.

TOMORROW RIVER VFW COMPLETES MILITARY MEMORIAL - Through the generous donations of time, talent, materials and funds from our community members to the Tomorrow River Memorial VFW Post #11346, the initial phase of the Tomorrow River Military Memorial located in Guyant Park has been completed . Our entire Tomorrow River community owes a debt of gratitude to the Memorial Committee members Lynn Thompson, Judi Emerson, and Brion Bell, along with Post Commander Marv Somers and the other members of Post #11346 for their dedication over the years to make this idea happen. VFW officers are working with village officials to address the care and future planning for this beautiful structure.

TRBA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Fall has claimed our Main Street flowers! As the Main Street light poles now await their holiday adornment, we should thank the Tomorrow River Business Association for once again providing those beautiful baskets that decorated our downtown business district throughout the summer of 2023. Kudos as well to the village staff for seeing to their daily care and watering.