

# Village News

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**Village Office Info:**

Clerk's hours:

Monday 10 am– 6pm

Tue.-Fri.: 8 am—1 pm

Phone: 692-4907

Village Board Meetings:

The 2nd and 4th Wed. of  
each month at 7:00 pm

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## Mayor's notes

Happy New Year!! This winter season is certainly starting off much differently than recent winters. The snow and cold snaps can be challenging and also remind some of us older residents of bygone winters. We wish to offer a hearty "Thank you" to the property owners and residents who have worked hard to keep the sidewalks and hydrants free of snow and ice. This is much appreciated. The recent cold snap led to some water pipe breaks. These breaks can lead to significant property damage, broken meters, and significant water loss from our system. As noted in the newsletter reminders, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep this from happening. Vacant properties and mobile homes are particularly susceptible to this problem. I will draw your attention to the subsequent sections regarding reminders, sewer notes, and bulk refuse. These are all areas in which the Village relies on resident compliance. The vast majority of residents do comply and we appreciate that very much. We realize that tenants in the rental properties do not generally receive a copy of this newsletter, so it is the property owner's responsibility to make the tenants aware of the various parameters of compliance. The majority of tenants are, in fact, complying and we appreciate that.

On a much happier note, I am pleased to report that the New Year's celebration was a resounding success! The Village was not the title sponsor of this event; it was sponsored by a citizen's committee. Your Mayor was part of this committee and the WPDPW team offered great assistance with the logistics. The event was well-received both on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The community ice rink turned out to be a big success; many thanks are due to Jim Petrie for his perseverance and hard work in making it a reality. Many people of the Northern Broome community expressed their pleasure with the whole event and indicated their desire for another winter event next year. Have a great 2014!

Sincerely,

David Downs, Mayor

## Village Election

The next village election will be held March 18, 2014. The offices to be elected are two Trustees. The election will be held at the Town of Triangle Municipal Building at 2612 Liberty Street between the hours of 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

## Reminders:

- **Water Meter and lines:** It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the water meter and lines from freezing. Check your meter frequently and use heat tapes if necessary.
- **Sidewalks:** It is the duty of all property owners of lands fronting any sidewalk upon the public streets in the Village to keep them clear of snow and ice. This keeps the sidewalk passable and safe for all residents.
- **Water/Sewer Accounts:** Village of Whitney Point water/sewer accounts with outstanding balances after April 1st will be re-levied to the 2014 Village Tax bills.
- **Refuse:** If your trash or recycling is not picked up please call Blue Moose Sanitation at 607-849-6436.

## Sewer notes

The village is still experiencing sewer pump station issues within our system. “Wet wipes” are causing many issues for public sewer systems. These “flushable” moistened towelettes can lurk underground for much longer than ordinary toilet paper. Unlike toilet paper which breaks apart in water, wet wipes linger in the underground sewage for weeks, binding to the sewer pumps. This obviously leads to additional time and money needed for maintenance and repair. This is especially stressful on our DPW team during the winter weather. Other items that have found their way into the sewer system are: wood, plastic, metal, articles of clothing, and grease. All of these items will decrease efficiency of the system and could cause damage. We are appealing to system users to make every effort to keep these items out of the sewer system.

## Bulk Refuse Pickup

The village provides a “bulk refuse” collection service. This service is provided on the first Wednesday of each month, and the first and third Wednesdays of **May** and **October**. Items which might be included in this collection are: discarded household furniture, bedding, large appliances, and other household material too large to place in standard garbage containers. Yard waste is also collected at these times. Branches and tree limbs are not to exceed 6 feet or 60 pounds in weight, and should be bundled and tied. Leaves and other loose materials should be bagged. Old tires may also be disposed of for a fee of **\$2.50 per tire**. Items should be placed at the curb on Tuesday prior to the date of pickup. **NO construction debris, electronic equipment (including televisions), motor oils, or hazardous household materials are accepted.**