



Village of North Bay

December 2015 Newsletter

Wright and Like Tours:

As you may remember, the Village of North Bay Hall was a featured stop on the Preservation Racine tour in the fall. The tour was very successful and people enjoyed visiting our building. The village has agreed to participate as one of 8-10 stops on the Wright and Like Tours next year which brings Wright fans from across the country and sometimes internationally to view Wright-designed buildings and “like” buildings designed by his protégés or architects with a similar style. Next year’s tour will be held in Racine on Saturday, June 4, 2016. The tour hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Wright and Like tour is held in different locales throughout Wisconsin and, once every 7 years the tour comes to Racine. All proceeds go to maintaining Wright buildings in Racine. Read about the event at <http://www.wrightinwisconsin.org/>

Laser Christmas Lights:

The FAA is warning homeowners who use outside laser Christmas lights, to make sure they ONLY shine on the house, not up into the sky because they can interfere with aircraft pilot's vision. (Two homes in the village are currently using these lights!)

Please turn on your porch lights:

Since it is so dark outside at night, please be sure to keep your porch lights or lamp posts on at night for security, and it certainly makes it more comfortable for those who are out walking in the dark.

Expecting packages to be delivered?

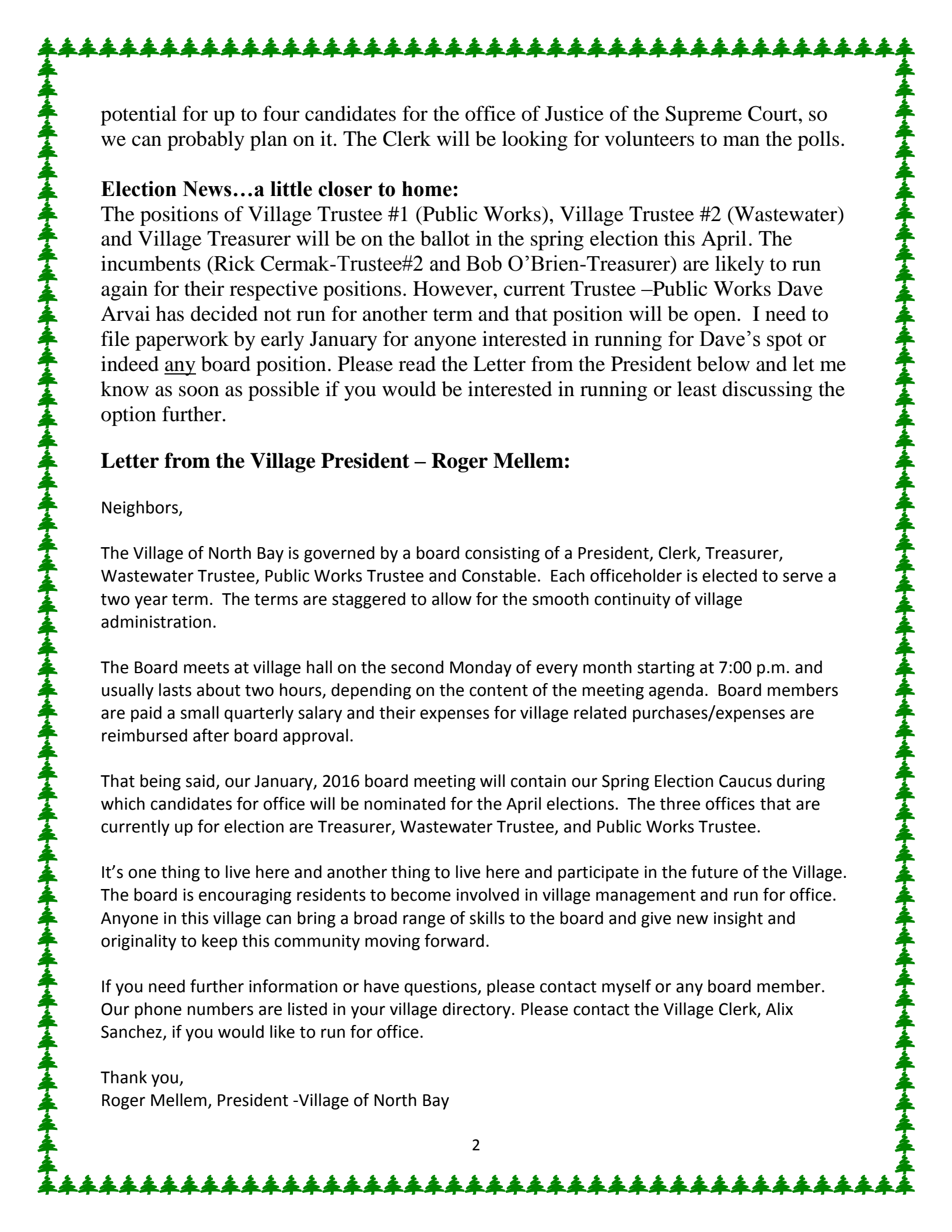
Please make sure that you promptly take in any delivery packages, or make arrangements with a neighbor to do so, to avoid theft from your porch by thieves who follow delivery trucks around for that purpose.

Dog Owners/Walkers:

Someone has been observed dumping pet feces in the ravine. While you may think it’s biodegradable and is an innocent act, please be aware of the fact that this is illegal and unsanitary as the creek in the ravine flows into Lake Michigan. It violates state and local laws...and the DNR would have a fit! Violators will be fined.

Election News - Statewide:

2016 brings a new election season. We will not know officially until the 1st or 2nd week of January if there will be a February primary, but it looks like there is a



potential for up to four candidates for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, so we can probably plan on it. The Clerk will be looking for volunteers to man the polls.

Election News...a little closer to home:

The positions of Village Trustee #1 (Public Works), Village Trustee #2 (Wastewater) and Village Treasurer will be on the ballot in the spring election this April. The incumbents (Rick Cermak-Trustee#2 and Bob O'Brien-Treasurer) are likely to run again for their respective positions. However, current Trustee –Public Works Dave Arvai has decided not run for another term and that position will be open. I need to file paperwork by early January for anyone interested in running for Dave's spot or indeed any board position. Please read the Letter from the President below and let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested in running or least discussing the option further.

Letter from the Village President – Roger Mellem:

Neighbors,

The Village of North Bay is governed by a board consisting of a President, Clerk, Treasurer, Wastewater Trustee, Public Works Trustee and Constable. Each officeholder is elected to serve a two year term. The terms are staggered to allow for the smooth continuity of village administration.

The Board meets at village hall on the second Monday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. and usually lasts about two hours, depending on the content of the meeting agenda. Board members are paid a small quarterly salary and their expenses for village related purchases/expenses are reimbursed after board approval.

That being said, our January, 2016 board meeting will contain our Spring Election Caucus during which candidates for office will be nominated for the April elections. The three offices that are currently up for election are Treasurer, Wastewater Trustee, and Public Works Trustee.

It's one thing to live here and another thing to live here and participate in the future of the Village. The board is encouraging residents to become involved in village management and run for office. Anyone in this village can bring a broad range of skills to the board and give new insight and originality to keep this community moving forward.

If you need further information or have questions, please contact myself or any board member. Our phone numbers are listed in your village directory. Please contact the Village Clerk, Alix Sanchez, if you would like to run for office.

Thank you,
Roger Mellem, President -Village of North Bay

Board of Appeals:

Thanks to all of the Board of Appeals members who participated in the recent meeting. It took time and effort to read through the materials and attend the meeting. Thank you!!!

Property Tax Bills:

Village residents should have received their 2015 Real Estate Tax bills last week. The first installment is due (or postmarked) by January 31, 2016. Johnson Bank – Wind Point Branch (located on the corner of 3 Mile Road and N. Main Street) will once again provide the service of accepting North Bay tax payments. Further details are provided with the tax bills.

Attention Dog Owners...Dog Licensing:

For all residents with dogs, please complete the license form that you received with your tax bill. License fees, required annually, are due by Jan. 31, 2016.

WHY? We are required by Racine County and the State of Wisconsin to license dogs and record dog ownership to ensure all village dogs are being properly vaccinated. If a dog in your home is licensed through another municipality, evidence must be provided to the Treasurer with indication of a rabies inoculation. If dogs are not properly licensed by March 31, 2016, owners will be cited by the Racine County Sheriff for non-compliance with local and state statutes.

Wisconsin Income Tax Filing:

When completing your individual returns please indicate the Tax District on page 1 as the Village of NORTH BAY, County of RACINE and School District Number 4620. This information will provide the Village with valuable tax credits.

And finally: The Village Board sends warm wishes to you and your family during this holiday season.

Roger Mellem (President), Alix Sanchez (Clerk), Bob O'Brien (Treasurer), Kristin Wright (Constable) and Trustees Rick Cermak and Dave Arvai.

