

## VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN WINTER NEWSLETTER



Dear Village of Merrilan Residents!

Happy to see 2009 end and 2010 begin! It has been a challenging year to say the least. With the struggling economy, and cuts in shared revenue, we as a board have been trying our best to keep Merrilan on an even keel. And I am happy and proud to report that IS the case.

We look forward to the challenges for the years to come. While rules and ordinances don't always please everyone, we know that living together in a village community takes teamwork and mutual respect between all of us. Remember to respond to the 2010 Census. This will help us with possible grant funding.

The next major cost we will encounter here is the Hwy 12/27 project, which is scheduled to begin in 2013...just 3 short years away. We have been in the planning stages for a couple years already and will continue to do so. The DOT is planning to pave through town as they did with the 95 Hwy. So sewer, water, and lights will all be considered once again.

The Village Caucus will be Jan. 5, 2010 on Tuesday before the Committee of the Whole meeting. I strongly encourage any of you to attend and select who you wish to represent you here in Merrilan. Hope to see you there.

Please look around your property and ask what you can improve on to make the Village look better. Some small things as unwanted clutter removal may not cost anything to do, but in turn will make our Village look like we care as we certainly DO!

As the cost of our garbage pick-up surely increases, we want to encourage everyone to recycle what we can. We are no longer allowed to burn even yard waste at our landfill site but will provide dumpsters for refuse there. Please try to mulch what you can to save money. Also please try to put out your garbage only the night before pick-up to keep animals from dragging the refuse about the neighborhoods.

Many of you decorated with lights for Christmas and it was delightful to see them.

Again please feel free to call or contact me with any concerns.

Margaret Young  
Village of Merrilan President