



MERRILLAN SPRING NEWSLETTER - MARCH, 2009

From the Desk of Village President Ray Ransom: It's time to update everyone on Village activities and encourage you all to vote in the Spring Election on Tuesday April 7th. Village Electors will be voting for 3 Trustees as well as electing a new village president, as I have decided not to seek re-election. I have served as your Village President for 12 of the past 13 years. I extend a sincere THANK YOU to the Village Employees and Citizen Volunteers for all your hard work to help improve our Village.

You may have noticed the Mill Building has been razed; we are currently working with Engineers from Ayres and Associates to engineer a final plan for the Oakwood Dam embankment/slope repair to be submitted to the DNR for final approval. If everything proceeds on schedule, the lake should be filled no later than June 1st and very possibly earlier. We are also applying to the DNR for a permit to burn the dead aquatic weeds of the lake bed, prior to letting the water back in the lake.

Spring is the time to clean the winter residue and make the Village an example of something for which we can all be proud. On Saturday, April 25th the Jackson County Recycling Center, located at 23 Harrison Street. Black River Falls, will be taking White Goods such as refrigerators, computers, TV's, and the like. There is a \$10 per appliance charge.

On Saturday May 30th Jackson County Highway Shop, located at N5661 STH 54W will be taking tires at \$1 each.

All residents will be receiving a County-Wide Survey related to the Smart Growth Planning currently underway in the Village and County. You may complete the survey and return it to the Village Office instead of mailing it back to the County. This Survey should arrive in May.

The Village Board is at present working on the WisDOT US12/STH27 re-construction planned for 2012. Hopefully the completed municipal portion of the project will look similar to the recently completed municipal portion of the WisDOT

STH 95 project, with new street lighting, water and sewer upgrades, etc. Finances are tight, so the Village may be postponing or not completing some needed projects so we can have the funds for the municipal portion of the US12/STH27 project.

The Village of Merrilan will have its landfill site open for village residents from 8 A.M. to 12:00 PM on Saturday April 18th, and Saturday May 9th. Only leaves and small brush may be brought to the landfill. All plastic bags must be removed and taken home. No other items will be accepted.

Did you know; "Fixing leaks in water lines can save homeowners more than 10% on their water bills"

Merrilan Fire Chief Al Lunderville reported that in 2008 the Merrilan Volunteer Fire & First Responders answered 110 calls (76) First Responder calls and (34) Fire Department calls. The Department now has (20) active members and continues to recruit new members. If you are interested in applying to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter and/or First Responder you can pick up an application at the clerks office located in the village hall at 101 S Main Street.
