

# VILLAGE OF RAVENNA NEWS

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Office Hours: M-F 8AM - 3PM Village Council Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at Village Hall  
Closed: April 19; May 27; July 4; September 2; November 11, 28 & 29; December 24, 25 & 31

## Water, Sewer & Garbage Bill

There will be increase to each portion of the combined water, sewer and garbage bill starting June 1st. Each portion has a separate explanation.

The final planning efforts continue on the sewer lift stations with site work starting as early as this fall. Site plan details call for a the lift station located on Slocum Rd to have a small above ground presence with the control panel being the most visible structure. The lift station in Thatcher Park will be relocated to the south side of the parking lot and a small building will house the controls for the equipment. The building will be similar in appearance to the current water treatment building located in Conklin Park.

With these changes to our sewer infrastructure, a sewer rate increase is needed. The sewer rate for will increase \$2.50 per month per residential equivalent unit (REU), with additional \$2.50 increases annually through 2023.

The Village DPW has many mandated reporting areas. One mandated report that has been particular laborious is cross- connection inspections. The Village has to inspect commercial cross-connections presently and will be required to inspect residential cross-connections starting next year. Village staff are reviewing third-party options and more information will be available by the end of the year. For information on residential cross-connections, visit <http://tinyurl.com/MDEQCrossConnections>

Mandatory reporting has contributed to costs, but the primary cause of a water rate increase is scheduled step increases on the bond payments for the water treatment building. The June 1<sup>st</sup> water readiness to serve fee will be \$23 for properties within the Village and \$42 for those outside of the Village boundaries.

The DPW asks that you to trim hedges and remove obstructions around the water meter transmitter to provide access to read water meters.

Garbage rates will increase by \$6 per month to \$18 to cover the garbage collection costs absorbed by the general fund in the past few years. The money formerly spent on absorbing garbage collection costs will be used for road improvements.

## Employees & Committees

We are pleased to welcome Rob Maleski to the DPW. Rob is replacing Geoff Nelson who was promoted to DPW Supervisor following Steve Patterson's retirement after 41 years. Please join us in congratulating Steve on his retirement and thanking him for his service. Please also welcome the two newest planning commission members, Wes Dault and Craig Rinehart.

## Spring Notes

To take advantage of the Village Spring Clean-up event, set out items at the edge of the roadside before 6 am on Thursday, May 2th. Hazardous items such as tires, batteries, paint, and pesticides will not be accepted.

Leaf and grass burning is prohibited in the Village of Ravenna. Curbside yard waste pick up is available for Village residents April through November. Bundles must be no longer than 4ft and able to be picked up. Yard waste may be placed in cans marked as yard waste or in biodegradable bags. Yard waste may also be dropped off at the Village's Adams Road property.

There will be temporary road closures from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> for the 2nd Annual 5Kubasiak Bulldog Run / Walk. Road closures include Mortimer from Blackmer to Thomas, Thomas form Mortimer to Heights-Ravenna, Heights-Ravenna from Blackmer to Thomas and Conklin from Heights-Ravenna to Stafford. The detour route is Blackmer to Crockery Creek to Stafford to Main.

With warmer weather here, there have been many inquires as to whether golf carts or pocket bikes are allowed on Village roads. The short answer is golf carts are not allowed on Village streets. Pocket bikes are allowed on Village streets if they meet the requirements of a moped or those of a motorcycle and adhere to applicable laws. Depending on how a pocket bike is classified, riders under 19 must wear a helmet while on a moped and all riders under 21 must wear a helmet while on a motorcycle.

Please make use of the park pavilions for your gatherings. For reservations and cost information, please contact the Village office.