

## Village of Montfort News Highlights



### Ordinances Updated

The Village of Montfort Ordinance book was updated this year and has been posted to the Village website for reference when you have a question. The fastest way to find them is to go to [www.villageofmontfort.com](http://www.villageofmontfort.com) and scroll to the bottom of the screen. Then click on the ordinance tab.

The following list highlights some ordinances that are new or that have changes:

Chapter 3.03	Parking Regulated
Chapter 3.04	Parking Trucks & Large Vehicles
Chapter 4.04	Regulation & licensing of Dogs
Chapter 4.06	Regulation & licensing of Chickens
Chapter 5.10	Outdoor Fuel Burning Devices
Chapter 9.10	Dumpster permit required
Chapter 10.05	Fire Calls
Chapter 12.3.2	Zoning Map Updated
Chapter 12.3.3	Detached Garage update



The Village of Montfort is looking for a volunteer(s) to do some grant writing for the Village. Please contact the Village Office 608-943-6917 if you are willing to help.



### Members Wanted

The Montfort Fire Department is recruiting members. If you are interested in joining the department, call Rod Sanders 608-778-1656 or Doug Bartow 608-239-0072



**The Village Wastewater Treatment Plant has had an increased amount of grease layered in the holding tanks and the Village would like your help to address it.**

**GREASE: Why It's a Problem.**

Grease is singled out for special attention because of its poor solubility in water and its tendency to separate from the liquid solution. Grease also contains phosphorous that the DNR regulates.

**PROBLEM WITH OIL/GREASE IN PIPES**

Large amounts of oil and grease in wastewater can cause problems in collection system pipes. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes, both on your property and in the streets. This decreases pipe capacity and, therefore, requires that piping systems be cleaned more often and/or replaced sooner than otherwise expected. Oil and grease also hamper effective treatment at the wastewater treatment plant.

Any type of grease, whether from businesses or residences can cause serious problems that may result in raw sewage backups and overflows in your homes or in the street. Sewer overflows pollute our rivers and streams. They increase our risk of coming in contact with disease-causing organisms. They also raise the cost of operation and maintenance for sewer lines and wastewater treatment.

**Residents can help reduce these risks by following these simple dos and don'ts.**

**DO**

- Collect cooking oil and grease in containers and dispose of it properly.
- Keep grease out of wash water
- Place food scraps in a waste container for solid wastes
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment, and food preparation areas with scraper/towels/broom

**DON'T**

- Pour oil or grease down the drain
- Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- Use the drain as a means to dispose of food scraps
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans, and plates with water until oil and grease are removed

**Check out this video from Lynchburg, VA that talks about grease and wastewater plants.**  
<https://youtu.be/4OmWPPxPBw>.



## Village of Montfort

102 E. Park Street, PO Box 157  
Montfort, WI 53569

Village Office Hours  
Monday -Thursday. 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### Village Contacts

Clerk/Treasurer	Shelly Kazda	608.943.6917
Public Works	Todd Griffiths	608-778-9799
Village President	Jim Schmitz	563-599-2400
Grant County Sherriff Dept:	Blake Bender	608-723-2157
Building Inspector:	Scott Jelle	608-963-0652
Assessor:	Greg Gardiner	608.943.8009

**Website: [www.villageofmontfort.com](http://www.villageofmontfort.com)**

Elections for 3 trustee seats (Trustees Pluemer, Witzig and Merkle) will be held in the spring of 2022. If you are interested in serving as an elected official for Montfort, please contact the Clerk/Treasurer for more information.

**Caucus will be held**  
**January 19, 2022 at 5:45pm**

### Village Meeting Schedule

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6pm



### 2022 Election Information

Everyone in the Village votes at the Fire Station. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. There will be four elections in 2022 and the dates and major offices listed below.

February 16 – Spring Primary

April 6 – Spring Election (Municipal elections and school board elections)

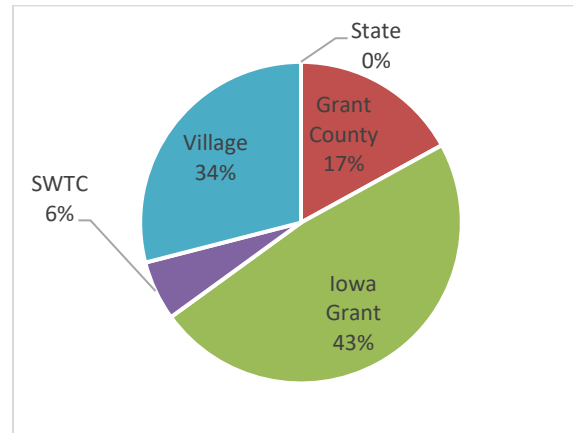
August 9 – Partisan Primary

November 8 – General Election

**Don't forget that an ID is required to vote!**

If you are not registered to vote and/or would like to request an absentee ballot, you can do so in the Village Office any business day or online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

### Your Tax Dollar



If you do NOT have a *lottery credit*, and this was your primary residence on January 1, 2021, please contact the office to receive the credit **BEFORE** you make payment!!

At least the first installment of your taxes is due by January 31, 2022 (postmarks count)

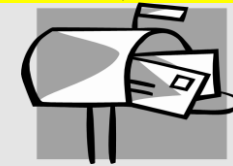
### **GRANT COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Mail Tax Payments To:

**Grant County Treasurer**

P.O. Box 430

Lancaster, WI 53813



We accept checks, money orders, cash or credit cards.

Checks should be made payable to:

**Grant County Treasurer**

When paying in person or by mail include:

1. A check made out to Grant County Treasurer
2. The bottom third of your tax bill
3. A self- addressed stamped envelope for a receipt (if you need one).

### **Holiday Hours**

**The Village office will be closed**

**December 23 & 27, 2021**

**& January 3, 2022**



**Trash and Recycling - 2022 schedule is on the website. Rate increase to \$12.67 effective 1/1/2022.** All garbage is to be placed curbside (not in gutter) for pick up. If you have a larger item call Town & Country at 608-375-5856 to make pick up arrangements. The Village dumpster is for Village use only. Call if questions.



**Alternate Side Parking**

November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> alternate side parking is in effect between midnight and 7:00am. The easiest way to remember is to follow the calendar. If today is an even day, park on the even side of the street this evening.



**Burn Site**

Only leaves, weeds or garden waste can go in the mulch pile. Brush and small branches only are allowed in the burn pile. Ashes are not allowed at the site. You must bag and put in your trash. When in doubt call public works. Reminder, no burning in the streets.

**Yard Waste**



Yard waste must be placed in paper lawn bags or containers if you want the Village to haul away for you. Please do not overload the bags and make them too heavy for the Village employees to lift.



**Christmas Tree Pick Up**

Undecorated trees will be picked up on Mondays curbside.



**No ATVs in Parks**

ATVs are not allowed in any Village park – go around.



**Do Not Feed Stray Cats**

Call public works to rehome or take to Grant County shelter.



Pursuant to Section 174.05(2) WI Statutes, ***ALL DOGS (more than 5 months of age) shall annually obtain a dog license and are required to have rabies vaccinations and dog licenses.***

Licenses are obtained at the Village Office during normal business, through the mail or via the drop box. Remember to enclose a self-address stamped envelope so we can mail your license back to you. Proof of current rabies vaccination with vaccination and expiration dates are required to receive a license.

**Licenses and Fees**

- spayed/neutered **\$ 5.00.**
- unaltered **\$10.00.**

All licenses are good from January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> of a calendar year. **Note:** There is a \$10.00 late fee for any dog license issued after April 1.

Be responsible pet owners. Keep them on a leash and pick up after them when off your property.



**Water, Sewer & Garbage Billing**

Meters are read every month. Avoid late fees by paying your bill on or before the due date. There is a drop box available for you net to the front door. **Automatic (direct) pay is available.** Contact the Village Office or see website for more information on how to sign up. Share your email address to receive bills, alerts and newsletters from the Village.



**Water Department**

The Water Department needs to know the year your home was built, type of water service lines coming into your home from the street and what is type of lines are inside of you home. They are trying to locate any homes with lead water service lines and get a current inventory. Please call 608-778-9799 to report this information if you haven't already.



Homeowners that have a fire hydrant on their property are responsible for keeping the hydrant clear of snow. If you need help with this, please call the Village Public Works at 608-778-9799.

**Sewer Plant**

**Only toilet paper and human waste are to be flushed.** Dispose of wipes and feminine products in the garbage.