



Village of Mukwonago Newsletter

The latest news and announcements from the Village of Mukwonago

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Check out our Meeting Calendar for Agendas, Minutes and Livestream of Village Board Meetings.

www.villageofmukwonago.com

Get To Know Village Administrator Fred Schnook

My name is Fred Schnook and I have the pleasure of serving as the Village Administrator for Mukwonago.



Educational Background I was born in Waukesha and raised in West Allis where I graduated from high school. I have a an Associate’s Degree from M.A.T.C; a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; a Master’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh in Public Administration.

Career Progression I began my career as a foundryman and steelworker in the factories in Milwaukee and Waukesha. Due to downturns in the economy, I was laid-off, but I was also part of a team that developed worker retraining programs for of myself and my co-workers which is how I entered the field of administering public programs. Our family relocated to Ashland, Wisconsin where I led workforce development programs on behalf of the ten northwest counties of the state. I had the honor a serving as the Mayor of the City of Ashland for four years. I then worked as a public administration consultant for many years providing strategic planning, code development, planning, grant writing services across the middle west. Most recently I served as the administrator for the City of Kewaunee. In 2022, I was appointed to the Administrator position in Mukwonago where I have worked happily served since.

Family & Interests My wife Darlene and I have two grown children. Additionally, we have our family dogs: Lily and Lumpy, two Olde English Bulldogges. My Bride and I enjoy camping in state and national parks, watching a wide variety of Wisconsin hockey teams and spending time with our kids.

I look forward to getting to know you!

IMPORTANT DATES

Election Day
April 5th

Yard Waste Pick Up Dates
April 7th

Hydrant Flushing
April 18th - May 6th

DPW Yard Drop Off Date
April 7th, May 26th, June 16th

Utility Bill Due
April 20th

Hazardous Waste Collection
May 21st 8-12 DPW Garage

Residential Sewer Credit 3rd QTR
(Watering between 6/1 & 8/31)

Yard Waste Collections

Curb side yard waste collections for 2022 will be, April 7, May 26, June 16, September 15, November 10, December 1. DPW yard drop off dates are July 16 and August 13.

Please place yard waste and brush at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Place items within 6 feet of the road if possible.

Do not put out non-compostable materials for yard waste pickup.

Yard waste must be placed in compostable paper bags.

Yard waste will not be collected in any kind of plastic bags

Brush must be in bundles weighing no more than 50 lbs. and in lengths of no more than 4 feet. Materials that exceed the weight or length limit will not be collected.

Collection questions can be directed to Johns Disposal at 262-473-4700 or office@johnsdisposal.com



Mukwonago Community Library Updates

Springtime means our **Seed Library** is open! Check out what we have in stock and contribute to your neighbors.

The MCL welcomes **Emily Ceithamer** as our new Circulation Supervisor - She's been hard at work learning the ins-and-outs of our collection, so be sure to stop in and say hello!

This year's **Summer Library Program** is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" and will start June 13 through August 6. During that time, you can register you and your family to track summer reading to earn badges and prizes. Our **Summer Library Program Kick-Off** event will be Saturday, June 11 with treats, activities, and a visit from our furry friends at GEE Funny Farm. Visit our website or sign up for our monthly Shelf Life for more details about this and other upcoming events at the Library.

Adopt-A-Drain Launches March 22

In collaboration with the Village of Mukwonago, Waukesha County will launch an Adopt-A-Drain program on March 22nd, World Water Day. Volunteers who adopt a storm drain remove debris buildup from storm drain surfaces twice a month in their neighborhood and report their work.

The village's storm sewer is our first defense against flooding. Summer storms provide a large volume of runoff which flows off surfaces like roadways and rooftops, along the curb, then into storm drain inlets. From there, it travels through the underground pipe network and flows directly into the Mukwonago River and local lakes. Runoff carries many pollutants such as pet waste, oil, fertilizers and organic matter into our local waters affecting the quality of our lakes and rivers.

The Mukwonago River flows into the Fox River, which flows into the Illinois River and eventually the Mississippi River where it enters the ocean in the Gulf of Mexico. All this accumulated pollution has created a dead zone of over 6300 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico. Department of Public Works crews are busy sweeping roads and cleaning storm drains in an effort to keep the system clean and clear. In between Public Works cleanings, leaves and debris can build up on top of storm drain grates. **The village is asking for your help!**

Volunteers will be provided a storm drain marker and safety vest to wear while cleaning the drain area. After cleaning, volunteers report into the database the amount and types of materials they removed. This information will be used to identify and help fix issues at the source of the debris, to optimize cleaning efforts, and to prevent pollutants from entering our storm system and affecting our waters.

Celebrate World Water Day by adopting a drain and help make a difference!

*To learn more about the program and **how to volunteer**, visit:*

www.waukeshacounty.gov/AdoptADrain



Storm water flows directly through storm sewer inlets and storm sewer pipes into the Mukwonago River and our beautiful lakes. This runoff water is not treated, bringing pollution into the water.

The Mukwonago Utilities are notifying you of a 3% rate increase for the Water and 5% for the Sewer Utilities in 2022. We strive to keep rates as low as possible but as our operating costs increase, we need to do minimal annual increases in order to keep the services in good operating repair. The increase will cost the average residential user of 44,000/GPY \$3.48 per quarter for water and \$5.11 per quarter for Sewer.

For a full listing of current rates and charges, please visit the Village's website at <https://www.villageofmukwonago.com/utilities/pages/utility-billing> or call 262-363-6420 Ext 2118 during regular office hours.

Below is an example of the 2022 Rate Schedule for a normal Residential Meter (5/8 inch or 3/4 inch):

Utility Charges	2022 Rate
Sewer Base Rate - Quarterly	\$35.65
Sewer Usage (Volume per 1,000 gals)	\$6.42/1,000 gals
Water Base Rate - Quarterly	\$33.95
Water Usage (Volume per 25,000 gal per qtr)	\$4.95/1,000 gals
Stormwater (Volume per ERU)	\$7.63/ per ERU
Public Fire Protection - Quarterly	\$34.69
Recycling Residential - Quarterly	\$22.17