

MARCH 2023

# Francis Creek Community Newsletter

## Event Snapshot

### March

**6th** - Village Board Meeting, Municipal Garage, 7 PM

**12th** - Daylight Savings Time, Spring Forward 1 hour!

**17th** - St Patrick's Day

**20th** - Special Board Meeting—Public Hearing, Village Office, 7 PM

**23rd** - Rose Sale Orders Final Deadline

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## ELECTION ON APRIL 4th!

Polls will be open 7AM—8PM, to find out more information including if you're registered, where your polling location is or what is on the ballot go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

Need to register? Registration can be done online until March 15th, registration can also be done in person in the Village Office. Call the Village Office at 920-682-7410 with any questions.

## Village Hiring!

Looking to work in a flexible part-time position and care about our community? Look no further! The Village of Francis Creek is hiring a Park Supervisor—Stop down or call the Village Office for a full position description and application.

## Winter Parking Still in Effect Through April 1.

PLEASE REMEMBER—There shall be **no parking** on any of the streets within the Village limits from **December 1, 2022, to April 1, 2023**, between the hours of **1:00 AM and 6:00 AM** and in addition, there shall be **no parking at any time if the roads have not yet been cleared of snow.**

The Village President may at any time during the year when snow conditions require, restrict or prohibit parking on any or all streets in the Village of Francis Creek as necessary.

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Send an email to the  
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## Francis Creek Fellowship Club



Next meeting is April 11, 2023. If anyone is interested in hearing about our club or would like to attend our next meeting, please contact **Paul Wojta, our President, at 920-901-3614** for more details. It would be great to see you there.

## Francis Creek Lions Club

### Order Your Roses Now!

Now is the time to take action to make someone's day special. The delivery of a dozen or more beautiful roses by a Lions Club member can help you make this wonderful thing happen. As you can see from the Roses for



Spring order form that is included in this newsletter, the cost is only \$16.00 per dozen. Here are some common questions you may have:

In what areas will Lions Club members deliver the roses? Members of our Francis Creek Lions Club will deliver anywhere in Manitowoc County. In addition, the order form lists many communities within northeastern Wisconsin that cooperating Lions Clubs will also deliver. If there are deliveries outside of Manitowoc County, we will make the arrangements with the appropriate Clubs to deliver.

When will the roses be delivered? Delivery will occur on either Friday, April 14 or Saturday, April 15.

*How do I order?* Orders can be made by any of the following: (1) contact a member of the Francis Creek Lions Club, and he/she will be glad to help you; (2) you can use the order form that is included with this newsletter. Complete and mail with your check to Kevin Pfeffer at the address on the bottom of the form; or (3) find one of the posters in local businesses with an order form attached.

## Community Rummage Sale

With the recent snowfalls it is hard to think about early summer, but thankfully it is not too far in the future, and it is good to start planning soon. Yes, now is a good time to set aside time for your rummage sale as part of the larger Community Rummage Sale, which will take place on June 2 & 3. If you have been in the area for a while, you know all about how this works, but if you are newer, let me share the following information that will hopefully answer your questions:

- The sale is coordinated by the Francis Creek Lions Club
- Sales are registered with the Lions Club (see the registration form included with this newsletter), resulting in a listing of all sales, a brief description of the items being sold, and a map noting the locations that will be made available to allow many shoppers to find your sale location.
- There is no charge to register your sale, but donations are encouraged to help us defray the cost of printing the maps.
- It is up to you to determine your sale hours and days.
- Registration deadline is May 23<sup>rd</sup>, but don't delay
- Any sales that register by the deadline will be entered into a drawing for either a \$25.00 gift certificate or a \$10.00 voucher at the Lions food tent toward food & refreshments.

For more information, please contact Joe Debilzen at either [joe.janet.debilzen@mail.com](mailto:joe.janet.debilzen@mail.com) or 920.629.1601.

## 2023 Community Wide Rummage Sale

**Register to win!** Every sale that registers by the deadline will be entered in a drawing for either a \$25.00 gift card (first prize) or a \$10.00 credit at the Lions food tent toward food & refreshment (second prize).

**Sponsored by** Francis Creek Lions Club

**Dates:** Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, May 23rd

**Register via:** (1) mail to Joe Debilzen, 1515 Kellner Street, Manitowoc, 54220;  
(2) Francis Creek Village Office or drop box in front; or  
(3) [joe.janet.debilzen@gmail.com](mailto:joe.janet.debilzen@gmail.com)

**Sale Participants Receive:** (1) Complimentary advertising and promotion funded by the Lions Club; (2) Sale maps will be delivered to your sale site/home prior to the event [if we find you home] or will be available for pickup at the Lions food tent during the event.

**Registration Cost:** None required, but if you wish to donate to help offset the cost of advertising it will be greatly appreciated. If so, please include/forward a check payable to the Francis Creek Lions Club to 1515 Kellner Street, Manitowoc, 54220.

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### 2023 Rummage Sale Registration

Francis Creek and Surrounding Community-June 2 & 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

List below any major items you plan to sell. This can be updated until May 24 by calling Joe at 682-2860 or emailing at the address noted above.

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## Francis Creek Fire Department

The Francis Creek Fire Department recently installed a backup generator at the station in Francis Creek. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Reif of Jim Reif Builders, the department was able to budget the purchase of the unit.

The generator was installed to provide power to the station in the event of a power outage in the community. The station could then be used by members of the community to charge up cell phones, warm up baby bottles, provide warmth if in winter months and provide shelter for victims of a disaster.

Mr. Reif was instrumental in selecting the proper generator and placing the order for the unit at a very reasonable price.

Jim Reif Builders has been a strong supporter of the fire department for many years and is a great example of a local business coming forward to help a non-profit organization provide a much-needed service to the community.

The Francis Creek Fire Department greatly appreciates the efforts of Jim Reif Builders and encourages everyone to contact them for your building and remodeling needs.

The department would also like to thank everyone that comes to our Chili & Brat Fries, Truck Pulls and supports our raffles. It all helps the department in their efforts to keep the community safe.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter can contact Chief Wayne Schleis at 920-973-5262.



## A Message from the Clerk!

- Dog Licensing—Every dog, every year must be licensed to reside in the Village of Francis Creek. 2023 Dog Licenses are available at the Village Office. Yearly license cost is \$5.00 for spayed or neutered and \$10.00 for intact dogs. Dogs that are not licensed by **April 1st, 2023** will be charged an additional late fee of \$10.00 for each dog. Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 174 states that the owner of a dog more than 5 months of age within the license year, shall pay the dog license tax and obtain a license. Please be a responsible pet owner and have your dog licensed as soon as possible. If licensing by mail, please include a self-addressed envelope with postage.
- Upcoming public hearing information regarding the Laurel/Lilac/Cherry road reconstruction project will be March 20th at 7PM. Preliminary assessment amounts were sent out to property owners.
- New tabulation machine for the April election! The county is requiring all municipalities to upgrade their tabulators (the counting machine you slide your ballots into on election day) because our current models are being phased out. The Village made the decision to purchase the machine in 2023 so our staff and the community can become familiar with the new equipment prior to the busy 2024 election cycle. The Village purchased the new machine and will be using it for the April 4th election.
- As part of our water permit with the WI DNR they are asking the Village to collect the last time each residents water softener was serviced. Cards will be available during the April 4th election in the Office for residents to fill out. Please help us maintain our permit with the DNR and share your water softener information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Office at 920-682-7410.

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