

Merrillan, Wisconsin



Christmas Tree Village

June 1st, 2023

Attn: Village Residents

Over the past several years the Village has experienced an increase in feral cats. Recently the Village in coordination with the Jackson County Animal Shelter has taken steps to mitigate the issue. It is requested that Village residents do not feed the feral cats or otherwise enable the growth of the problem.

Feral cats, and other animals, can spread disease, viruses, and cause other issues. This includes feline immunodeficiency virus, feline leukemia virus, feline panleukopenia virus, rabies, and distemper to **other animals**. Zoonotic diseases such as rabies, toxoplasma gondii, cutaneous larval migrans, tularemia, and plague to **humans**.

As you can see, controlling a feral cat population is important. If you wish to participate in the program please contact the Village Hall for additional information.

Again, do not feed or otherwise enable feral cats within our community. There are risks, as outlined, involved in doing so and potential further action will be taken as necessary to continue our mitigation efforts. If you have any cats within your possession they need to be properly vaccinated and licensed according to ordinance.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CW' or similar initials.

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