

# Village of Merrillan



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Merrillan, WI 54754



## Merrillan Village Hall Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.  
\*Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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As of January 1, 2024 we will no longer mail out newsletters. A copy of the newsletter will be posted on our Village website. There will be paper copies at the Village Hall if you would like one, or one can be emailed to you if you wish to sign up for emails. Also a copy can be mailed to you upon request. Please contact us at 715-333-2332 or go to the website at

[merrillanwi.gov](http://merrillanwi.gov)



BOARD MEETING

**Board Meetings are the**  
**2nd Thursday of**  
**every month at 6:30 p.m.**

Can't make the meeting? Review agendas and minutes online on the Village of Merrillan website!

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We are looking for donations to help with purchasing flowers for our large flower pots on HWY 12.



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## Dog/Cat Licensing Fees



**Spayed/neutered Dog: \$10.00**

**Un-spayed/Un-neutered Dog: \$20.00**

**Spayed/neutered Cat: \$10.00**

**Un-spayed/Un-neutered: \$20.00**

**After March 31st a late fee of \$20.00 will be**



### **KENNEL LICENSE**

Just a reminder that kennel licenses expire on March 31, 2024.

Application renewals ***MUST*** be submitted by March 1st as they will be reviewed by the Village Board at the March board meeting.

**NO EXECPTIONS WILL BE MADE**

**2024 Renewal Fee: \$100.00**

### **REMINDER**



**Please remember when walking your pets, to pick up after your dog!!**

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## Leo needs our help.....

Leo became a member of the Village many years ago in remembrance of Dorothy King's son Casey Doherty who passed away in 1968. We all look forward to Leo's presence every summer, unfortunately Leo is in rough shape. His color is fading and the paint is chipping and his bubbler was broken. A new bubbler has been ordered and will be replaced before Leo comes back to visit next summer. The Village has reached out to Fast Fiberglass out of Sparta, and the cost to have Leo sandblasted and repainted is \$3,500. Please consider making a donation to help cover the costs to keep Leo looking nice. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall.



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Garbage is **NOT** to be out sooner than 24 hours before pickup. Just a reminder, if a holiday falls during a weekday, garbage pick up will then be on Friday rather than Thursday.

Garbage is to be in the provided garbage can. If an extra can is needed, call 1-888-271-7176.

Garbage should not be brought in from outside the village limits per ordinance:

## **Sec.8-3-8 Refuse from Outside the Village.**

It shall be unlawful to bring refuse from outside the Village of Merrillan limits into the Village limits for disposal unless specifically authorized by written agreement with the Village.

Also **NO** dumping of any chemicals in the sewer system that may harm the system. This will only lead to higher costs of treatment and damage to the environment.





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## VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN VOTERS

Sign up to be a part of our Election Team as an Election Inspector!

- ◆ Opportunity to meet your neighbors
- ◆ Give back to your community
- ◆ Ensure safe, secure and accessible Elections for all
- ◆ Earn some extra money

Contact the Village Hall for more information 715-333-2332



**HELP OUT YOUR  
COMMUNITY.  
BECOME A  
POLL WORKER.**



### **2024 Election Dates**

- ◆ **Spring Primary– Tuesday February 20th**
- ◆ **Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary– Tuesday April 2nd**
- ◆ **Fall Primary– Tuesday August 13th**
- ◆ **Fall Election– Tuesday November 5th**



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**NO  
STREET  
PARKING**



Winter is here..... As a quick reminder, there is no Parking on **ANY** Village Streets from 3 AM to 6 AM. This is to enable street maintenance to properly remove snow from Village streets during inclement weather conditions. Violators could be subject to citations and/or vehicle being towed. It is your responsibility to shovel and salt sidewalks around your home. Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after cessation of any sleet or snow. Failure to do so may result in receiving a bill from the village and a citation. Please remember to clear all snow from around fire hydrants.



**We still have T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Can Koozies and Tumblers for Sale. All proceeds go to the Park fund for upgrades.**



***Friendly Reminder:***

**Please keep your information current with the village. Please contact Penny or Chrystal at (715) 333-2332 if you have any changes in phone numbers, names, or addresses.**

## KEEP THEM CLEAR

If there's a **fire hydrant** near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:





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## **The Merrillan Lion's Club Supported our Community in 2023 and Announce a Christmas Tree Festival in 2024**

The Merrillan Lion's would like to thank the community for supporting their organization. Your generosity has helped the club make several charitable contributions in 2023. The club paid for the mushroom carvings at the waterfall, contributed towards the purchase of new village Christmas lights, sponsored a local college scholarship, supported the Lincoln High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) trip, and made donations towards Lion's international charities like Lion's leader dogs, Lion's kidney foundation, and Lion's Camp Needle Point in Wisconsin. The club has set aside funds to pay for septic testing at the park. The club also obtained a commercial cooler that will be installed at the park shelter for use by anyone who rents the shelter.

To improve community events, the Lion's club purchased a bouncy house, an inflatable obstacle course, a large event grill, and a new movie projector.

The Merrillan Lion's raised additional funds by helping at many other non-profit organization events including the Humbird Rod & Gun Club Car Show, the Alma Center Strawberry Festival Car Show, the Melrose American Legion Car Show, the Black River Falls American Legion Car Show, the Hixton Fire Department Car Show, and the Black River Area Chamber of Commerce Trail of Terror.

The Merrillan Lion's club is pleased to announce that their annual summer picnic will now be called the 'Merrillan Christmas Tree Festival'. The club is adding several Christmas tree themed activities to the event and has scheduled two bands to play during the festival. The club's double movie night has been moved from the festival weekend to Labor Day Weekend.

Their 2024 event schedule is:

- 5/5 - Sun - Car Show on Main Street
- 6/28 - Fri - Movie Night at the Park
- 7/26 - Fri - Movie Night at the Park
- 8/24 - Sat - Merrillan Christmas Tree Festival - All Day - Gile Park
- 8/30 - Fri - Movie Night at the Park
- 8/31 - Sat - Movie Night at the Park

Contact the Merrillan Lion's Club President, Bill Laurent, at (715) 896-3340 or [bill.laurent@runbox.com](mailto:bill.laurent@runbox.com) to learn more, to volunteer, or to become a Lion's Club member.



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## County Supervisor Report:

The county portion of your property taxes should be much less in 2024. The county mil rate was reduced from 0.589% to 0.508%. This means property taxes will drop by \$81.08 for every \$100,000 of home value. There are multiple reasons for this reduction. New construction and inflation have caused the equalized value of property within the county to increase by nearly \$300 million, which reduces the property tax rate. Our county has also done well to generate revenue from other sources. Most county revenue comes from grants, county services, and products. For example, 18% of revenue comes from state highway maintenance funds and grants, 20% from behavioral health services, 12% from family support & public health services, and 8% from forestry income. The county continues to pay down debt from the courthouse expansion and the health and human services buildings, which reduced our debt servicing cost by over \$300,000. For our \$37 million budget in 2024, less than 1/3 (approximately \$11 million) had to be funded by the property tax levy. The portions of the budget with the largest increases were the Sherriff's office and jail budgets. Overall, this is good news for property taxpayers in 2024, but keep in mind that the county tax is only a portion of your property tax. The village of Merrilan and the school district also levy tax on your property.

Bill Laurent

County Board Supervisor

## HOUSE NUMBERS.....



Just a reminder you must have house numbers for visible on your home for emergency purposes.

We do have a limited amount of house numbers that we can provide on a first come first serve basis.



Payment Service Network, Inc.

**Don't forget the option to pay your Utility Bill online at**

[www.paymentservicenetwork.com](http://www.paymentservicenetwork.com).

- Pay immediately, schedule a future payment, or schedule automatic payments.
- Pay using credit or debit card, check, or from savings account.
- Print payment receipts, view payment history, or check your utility balance.

\*A small fee does occur on certain payment options.