

# BENTON

## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Labor Day 2017

**THE BUZZ BERRIES WILL PLAY SUNDAY 9/4 AT THE STREET DANCE FROM 8P.M.-MIDNIGHT. \$5.00  
WRISTBAND REQUIRED & MUST BE 21 TO ENTER.**

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

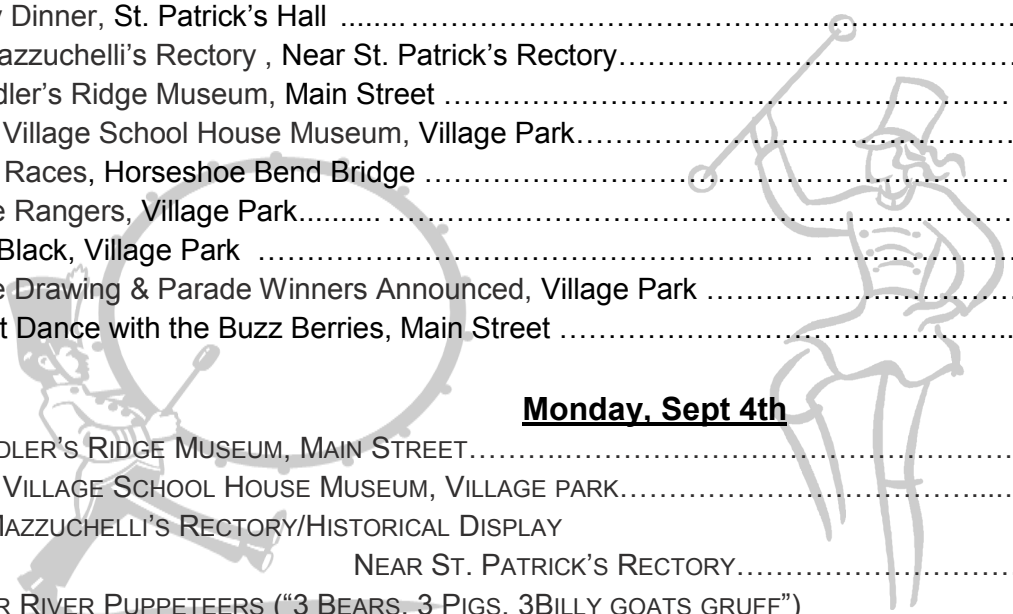
- ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT (SHOTGUN START)  
COLE ACRES COUNTRY CLUB.....10:00AM
- SWINDLER'S RIDGE MUSEUM, MAIN STREET.....10:00AM
- 1851 VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE MUSEUM, VILLAGE PARK.....10:00AM-4:00PM
- FEVER RIVER PUPPETEERS ("3 BEARS, 3 PIGS, 3BILLY GOATS GRUFF")  
HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE.....11:00AM-2:00PM
- BENTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET  
BANFIELD'S SWISS HAUS.....DOOR OPENS AT 4:30PM, MEAL AT 6:00PM

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

- Library book sale, Main Street..... 9:00am-1:00pm
- Parade**, Main Street ..... 10:30 am
- Battle of the Bands, Village Park.....11:30am
- Puppet Making with Sandye Voight, Village Park ..... 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Air Care 3 Helicopter, Whaley Court (weather permitting) .....2:00pm
- Craft Fair, Village Park .....9:30 a.m.-5:00 pm
- Bingo, Village Park.....11:30am-7:00pm
- Inflatables & Midway Games ,Village Park ..... 10:30 a.m.-6:00 pm
- Pasty Dinner, St. Patrick's Hall .....NOON
- Fr. Mazzuchelli's Rectory , Near St. Patrick's Rectory.....1:00 p.m.-4:00 pm
- Swindler's Ridge Museum, Main Street .....11:00 a.m.-3:00 pm
- 1851 Village School House Museum, Village Park.....10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm
- Duck Races, Horseshoe Bend Bridge .....3:00 pm
- Ridge Rangers, Village Park.....1:30 p.m.-4:30 pm
- Tom Black, Village Park ..... 5:00-7:00pm
- Raffle Drawing & Parade Winners Announced, Village Park .....7:00 pm
- Street Dance with the Buzz Berries, Main Street .....8:00pm-12:00pm

#### Monday, Sept 4th

- SWINDLER'S RIDGE MUSEUM, MAIN STREET.....11:00AM-3:00PM
- 1851 VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE MUSEUM, VILLAGE PARK.....10:00AM-4:00PM
- FR. MAZZUCHELLI'S RECTORY/HISTORICAL DISPLAY  
NEAR ST. PATRICK'S RECTORY.....BY APPOINTMENT 759-2131
- FEVER RIVER PUPPETEERS ("3 BEARS, 3 PIGS, 3BILLY GOATS GRUFF")  
HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE.....11:00AM-2:00PM



# IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

## Music in the Park

Every Sunday evening in Aug. from 6pm – 7:30 pm at Village Park. Sponsored by the Benton Community Development Corporation. Concessions to be determined

AUG. 6th ..... Tom Black  
AUG. 20st..... Garrett Hillary

AUG. 13th..... Roy Schroedl  
AUG. 27th..... Scott Layde

## First Responder's Meet & Greet

Saturday, July 22nd

2nd Generation will be playing at McCarthy's Bar on Saturday, July 22nd from 8:30pm-11:00pm for the First Responder's annual Meet and Greet. A great family band that plays new and classic country along with some older rock and roll. A \$5.00 donation for each ticket is appreciated. Come, socialize, and enjoy while supporting our First Responder's.

## NOTICE:

Garbage rates will go up 3% July 15th. You will see an increase from 11.96 to 12.32 a household.



**DONATE  
BLOOD**

American Red Cross Blood Mobile

Tuesday, August 1st

1-5 p.m.

ST. Patrick's Hall

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL**

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR  
DOG WHILE OUT AND  
ABOUT IN THE VILLAGE.**

## Village Wide Electronics Pick-Up

**WED. AUG 16TH. Have items placed to curb by 7a.m.**

Once electronics on your street have been picked up the village workers will not be going back around.

# Information

## Why is my bill so high?

As many have already noticed, your electric bill dated June 30, 2017, is higher than normal. I will try to explain why, however, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the village office at (608) 759-3721.

Two factors created this higher than average billing. First is usage. Electric usage increases during the summer months when customers are using air conditioners, fans, refrigerators and freezers are working harder, etc. In fact, overall consumption in the village went from 346,086 KWH's in May to 486,540 KWH's in June.

The other factor is the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your utility bill. The PCA is an adjustment that goes up or down depending on the cost of power each month. The PCA is determined by how much the monthly power cost per KWH is above or below the power cost included in the base rate. This is calculated by dividing the bill from Alliant Energy by the overall consumption in the village less the base rate. Alliant's bill was \$28,200.74 in May and \$44,118.64 in June. This is a significant increase.

The specific calculation used to figure the PCAC this past month used the cost of energy purchased from Alliant Energy (\$44,118.64 divided it by the total KWH's used (315,283) during the previous billing period, less the Benton Municipal Utility's base cost (.0890). For example:  $44,118.64 / 315,283 = .1399 - .0890 = .0509$ . This factor is then multiplied by your individual KWH's on your individual utility bill. This calculates your individual PCA on your bill. If, for example, you used 1000 KWH's on your bill, the PCA charge for this month would be \$50.90, whereas last month it would have been a credit of \$-17.90.

Hopefully this explanation helps clarify why this month's utility bills were higher than average. Again, due to the PCA fluctuating from month to month, as well as an overall increased usage, bills were higher. If you have any additional questions, please contact the village office (608) 759-3721.

## VILLAGE RESIDENTS

### **IF YOU ARE MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR HOME, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT.**

Applications can be obtained on the village website or by stopping at the village office. Additional information is available in section 130-2 of the online ordinance code.

#### **VILLAGE OFFICE**

244 Ridge Ave



Monday: Closed  
Tues-Fri.: 8-11:30 am  
12:30-4:30 pm

Phone: (608) 759-3721  
Email: [info@bentonwi.us](mailto:info@bentonwi.us)  
Web: [www.bentonwi.us](http://www.bentonwi.us)

#### **LIBRARY**

48 W. Main St  
(608) 759-2665



Monday Noon-6 p.m.  
Tuesday 3:30-6 p.m.  
Wednesday 3:30-7 p.m.  
Thursday 9 a.m.-Noon  
& 3:30-6p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m.-Noon  
Saturday 9 a.m.-Noon  
(Closed Sunday)



#### **POLICE**

Non-Emergency: (608) 776-4870  
Emergency: 911