

Village of Steward newsletter



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Remember to check our website, stewardil.com for our 2018 CCR, the report about our water.

StewardFest 2019

Last year's Outstanding Citizens proved they were still outstanding by picking up trash in the park a couple days before StewardFest! Thanks Troop 1890!!



The weather was absolutely perfect August 9 for our celebration as friends and neighbors gathered.



Troop 64 Scouts—2019

Outstanding Citizens! In the past year, Troop 64 sealed the park's basketball court and put new striping on. They also removed spring litter, painted benches, and provided a Memorial Day service, marking veterans' graves with flags. Members of the Troop include Eric Holden, James Holden, Caleb Johnson, Nolan Johnson, Lucas Smardo, & Logan Frye. They received an inscribed brick and check to defray scout expenses. Scoutmaster is Robert

Arne and other leaders are Pat Arne, Jason Johnson, John Conley, and Josh Smardo.

DT Wilson and Marlie Brown received an award for being 2 in 5,000,000! Arbor Day Foundation's new initiative, *Time for Trees*, helps with world conditions by planting 100 million new trees and inspiring 5 million new tree planters by their sesquicentennial in 3 years. DT and Marlie were first time tree planters in May.



This missed the last newsletter but is still worth including now:

Terry Macklin was recognized at the Firemen's Ball at Flight Deck this year as being **Firefighter of the Year**. Our Chief, Galen Cardott, commented that it was an easy choice for area chiefs. Thanks for all your hard work keeping us safe, Terry!

Our community has suffered the loss of several fine people recently. **Our sympathy** goes out to the families of wonderful long time village residents Allen Gittleson and Doris Burkhart. Also, from the community we have lost Jack Connolly. He is well known to many for his positive spirit and his work to organize and build Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District. We will miss several others from the area as well—Judy Ewald Stavarakas, Katherine Erickson, James Sanders, Arvene Herrmann, Duane Truckenbrod, Neva Becker, Vernon Johnson, and Lester Rainwater. They attended Steward school or sent their children there. They will be missed.



Stranger than fiction:

This flower barrel (but fortunately not Mil Danekas shown here planting flowers) took a ride! When it went missing, dual tire tracks were noted in the area, but not the usual trace of spilled dirt. One Steward resident was driving home and saw the green barrel in the middle of the curve on Steward Road near Nippon. It apparently caught a ride on a semi and was deposited (no dirt spilled) 3 miles away! *Please keep a safe*

distance from semis! Watch out for the trailer!

Steward Proud!

We have a great community. Our school boasts having educated doctors, attorneys, artists, athletes. Volunteers have been making improvements without bleeding village funds. The Ordinance Committee has been going over our ordinances and has been researching ways of enforcing them, especially any that pertain to yard maintenance. Avoid receiving a citation by keeping your space up to date and inside your space. The ordinances are now on our website at www.stewardil.com

Get **snowplowing bids** in by September 4 to be reviewed at the regular September board meeting on the 9th. You can mail your bid to PO Box 8 or put it in the water payment box attached to the Village Hall.

Trick or Treat hours will be 6:00-8:00 PM October 31.



Infrastructure Improvements



Many thanks to our sidewalk builder volunteers!! Bill

Wasilewski gathered a team of his son and son’s in-laws (had to stretch outside Village limits for this crew), Zach Burkhart, Hugh McKiski, Les & Karen Bonnell. Due to muddy spring, the village



improved easements by putting gravel around town.

Ferrel Cat situation—Village officials have been working to reduce the higher population of ferrel cats in town. Many have been relocated at welcoming local farms. Brandy Waslewski took care of young kittens before turning them over to Paws. If you have been enjoying outdoor cats (*rodent population control), and have some extra change, would you volunteer to have cats neutered or spayed?

[Water bills can now be paid online through www.stewardil.com.](http://www.stewardil.com)

Famous! Brandon Schaneberg was featured in *inVironments Magazine*. Brandon has a fleet of tractors, but not necessarily to plow the north 40. He collects garden tractors and their accessories from years past as a unique hobby. Page

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Christmas Decorating Contest

We are looking forward to another beautifully decorated December.