

## Village of Merrimac, Tips of the Month--May 2014

### LAWNCARE/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please be considerate of your neighbors: Village of Merrimac Code, Chapter 108 Property Maintenance, paragraph 108-3 in part states: ***Grass shall be cut as often as may be necessary to maintain a neat and attractive appearance...if grass exceeds four inches in height, there is a presumption that there is not a neat and attractive appearance. Unimproved lots adjacent to or within established neighborhoods are to be maintained within the established standards of this chapter.*** It is clear that a mixture of grass, dandelions, and weeds exceeding 6 inches in height is not an acceptable situation. We request your continued attention and cooperation in keeping our village presentable.

### SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Did you know that the responsibility for sidewalk repairs or the replacement of sidewalks rests upon the property owner abutting the sidewalk? Many have asked, “when will the Village replace the damaged sidewalk at xyz location?”

Per Chapter 129-2 of Village code, “It shall be the duty of the abutting owner to build, repair, construct and perpetually maintain sidewalks along or upon any street, alley or highway in the Village of Merrimac and to pay the entire cost thereof. Whenever the Village Board shall by resolution determine that a sidewalk be laid, rebuilt, repaired, lowered or raised along or upon any public street, alley or highway within the Village of Merrimac, it shall proceed according to § 66.0907, Wis. Stats. No person shall hereafter lay, remove, replace, or repair any public sidewalk within the Village of Merrimac unless he is under contract with the Village to do such work or has obtained a permit therefor from the Village Administrator at least seven days before work is proposed to be undertaken. No fee shall be charged for such permits.

### CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SURVEYS

Do you know what a cross-connection control survey is? The Wisconsin DNR requires municipalities to document completion of cross connection control surveys on a continuing basis until all homes and businesses in a community have been surveyed. Since these surveys are mandated to help protect our drinking water distribution system from outside contamination, our residents and business owners are encouraged to call the village hall to schedule their survey. Each in-home survey requires about 10-15 minutes and the completed form must be signed by the homeowner or business owner. For more information, please review the brochure posted on our website under the “Utilities” button, or call the Village Hall.