



No Parking On Village Streets During Snow Emergencies

As old man winter descends upon the Midwest, there is a new law that you need to be made aware of.

The Village of New Berlin has passed a no-parking ordinance in the Village during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency will be issued by the Mayor, Chief of Police or the Superintendent of Public Works whenever the Village receives a significant snow event.

The parking ban asks that all vehicles be removed from the Village's streets when a snow emergency has been issued in order to allow our snowplows unrestrained access to plow the streets and get life back to normal. Any vehicle left

on the Village's streets after a snow emergency has been issued can be towed at the owner's expense. Once the snow emergency is lifted, parking will be permitted on village streets provided there is access for emergency vehicles to maneuver through the area.

NOTE: Windrow has a no parking ordinance following a 2" snowfall regardless of a village snow emergency.



Parking on the village streets is not allowed during snow emergencies

New Berlin eLerts Keeps You Informed

New Berlin eLerts is a free service offered to Village residents to keep them informed of breaking news within the Village of New Berlin.

The alerts can be sent to your mobile phone via text or email and you can also download an alert for you desktop computer.

Go to <http://newberlin.il.us/ELE RT.htm> to sign up for this free service.

eLerts include:

- * Severe weather warnings
- * Snow emergencies
- * Important Village information

STAY eLert!

New Berlin Yard Waste Facility

The Village of New Berlin Yard Waste Facility is located on the Berlin Road, just north of the Village.

This facility is for NEW BERLIN residents only and it is for Yard Waste (grass, leaves, small branches, etc) ONLY.

The Village of New Berlin Yard Waste Facility is open from dawn to dusk except for days when the winds are high enough that it would cause a hazard or if the ground is too soft for you to drive back to the facility.

REMINDER: Non-residents of New Berlin or anyone caught illegally dumping at the Yard Waste Facility will be issued a ticket.

Sign up for eLert to get notified when the Yard Waste Facility is Closed!

Inside this issue:

Electronics Banned Form Garbage	2
Chief of Police	2
Permits	3
Holiday Lights Contest	3
Animal Control	3
History of New Berlin	4

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/NEW-BERLIN-IL/VILLAGE-OF-NEW-BERLIN-ILLINOIS/111919969897](http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Berlin-IL/Village-of-New-Berlin-Illinois/111919969897)

Electronics Banned from Garbage



Effective January 1, 2012, consumer electronics of many types will be banned from all Illinois landfills, meaning they can no longer be placed in the trash. The list of banned items includes:

Televisions, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Electronic Mice, Computers (incl. tablet computers), Videocassette Recorders, Portable Digital Music Players, Electronic Keyboards, Facsimile Machines, Digital Video Disc Recorders, Video Game Consoles, Small Scale Servers Digital Converter Boxes / Cable Receivers / Satellite Receivers.

Whether from your business or your home, please plan to recycle your electronic items at the following locations:

Habitat for Humanity accepts all computers and related equipment, as well as televisions, cameras, stereos, VCRs and other electronics. This is made possible by arrangement with Vintage Tech Recyclers of Illinois. See Habitat's website at: www.habitatsangamon.com and click on News/Events.

Goodwill accepts all used computers and related equipment such as monitors, hard drives, software, printers, and ink and toner cartridges through a program with Dell Reconnect. See their website: www.llgi.org.

Ronald McDonald House now accepts printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling, which supports their mission. See details of this program at www.rmhc-centralillinois.org.

BLH Computers of Springfield accepts from residents or businesses any and all types of electronics of any age, in any condition, for recycling. See their website at: <http://www.blhcomputers.com>.

ComputerBanc is a local non-profit organization that refurbishes and provides computers to children with learning disabilities and families in need, helping to close the "digital divide". See their website at: <http://computerbanc.org>.

The Village of New Berlin is currently working with local recyclers to have an electronic recycle week in New Berlin where you will be able to drop off your un-wanted electronics to be recycled without having to leave town. Watch for more details.

From the Chief of Police



New Berlin Police is made up of 5 Officers to serve the community. Our Mission is to Protect and Serve.

It is the mission of the New Berlin Police Department to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local state and Federal laws; and the defense of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States of America in a fair and impartial manner.

We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime, develop relationships with the community, residential and business organizations and promote an environment receptive to visitors and residents alike. The New Berlin Police Department has and shall continue to provide service of the highest quality to its community and to foster community partnerships in crime prevention.

Permits

The Village of New Berlin does require a permit for almost all construction projects as well as projects that involve demolition of property in the Village.

Many people ask, "Why do I need a building permit as long as I don't build something that could potentially damage or destroy the property of others? It is my land."

Building codes exist because, historically, lots of people have built things that ended up falling on/burning up other property and/or people. Note, too, that you might not be the only person on your property, or you might someday sell your property to someone, so certain minimum standards seem reasonable. Heck, you might think you're overbuilding, but it turns out you're not, and your house will fall down on you. It keeps people you hire from building something that seems to be fine until five years later, when they've gone out of business and your roof caves in.

Finally, consider that engineering's successes are only successes until they fail; building codes are generally updated based on real-world *failures* to prevent similar failures from happening again. In that way, they provide a living, breathing guideline to ensuring you can learn from the mistakes of others not by doing all the research yourself, but by following the codes laid down by those who have already done it.

Typically, permits are required anytime you add square-footage to your home, new roofs, decks, fences, pools, sheds, room additions, etc. If you are building something, adding it on to your home or demolishing something, it probably needs a permit. Call Village Hall if you have any questions.

Permits help preserve the quality of our town as well as peace among neighbors. We have set-backs among houses as well as properties for utility access which must not be compromised.

New Berlin Holiday Lights Contest

The Village of New Berlin will be holding the 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest this Holiday Season. The contest will be held December 12-18, 2011 and is open to all residents of the Village of New Berlin. Register with Village Hall by December 9, 2011 to enter.

Judging will be between 6-8 p.m.

December 12-18, so have your display illuminated during those times.

Register at Village Hall by phone at

***Come On
New Berlin,
Let's Light Up The
Holidays!***

488-6312 or by e-mail village@newberlin.il.us. Be sure to include your address.

First Place will be \$50, Second Place will be \$25, Third Place will be \$15 and Fourth Place will be \$10.

Come On New Berlin, Let's Light Up The Holidays!

Animal Control



Cat owners in Sangamon County will have to have their pets registered and vaccinated for rabies, at a total cost of \$30 to \$60, starting in 2012.

Officials said the rabies requirement for cats is a matter of public health. Instances of rabies are increasing among the county's bat population, and a cat could come into contact with an infected animal. Once infected, the cat could pass the disease to people.

Jim Stone, director of the Sangamon County Health Department, said the cost to register a cat would be \$9 for an

altered cat and \$38 for a cat that has not been spayed or neutered. These are the same prices paid by dog owners.

Stone said 34 other counties in the state, including Logan, Macon, Macoupin and Montgomery, already require cat owners to register their animals and have them vaccinated.

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS

301 E. Illinois St.
PO Box 357
New Berlin, IL 62670-0357

217-488-6312
village@newberlin.il.us



We Are On the Web!
<http://newberlin.il.us/>

The Village of New Berlin History

The entire area surrounding the present day Village was first known as "The Prairie Country" because of its vast areas of native, unwooded grassland.

Most of the early settlers to the area were farmers from Kentucky and Tennessee. Many other settlers followed, mostly of Irish and German descent.

The first settlement in the area was laid out in 1833 and was called Berlin. The railroad played an important roll in the development of the area when it was laid out two miles to the south of Berlin. Many residents and businesses moved closer to the railroad. The new settlement was called New Berlin.

The Village of New Berlin was laid out and platted in 1838 and was incorporated in August 1865. Production agriculture has and remains to this day the backbone of our community. However, in recent years our community has become a convenient, quiet and safe residential haven for commuters to Springfield and Jacksonville.

Calendar of Events

December 21, 2011—

Village Board Meeting—7 P.M.

December 25, 2011—

Christmas Day, Village Hall Closed

January 1, 2012—

New Year's Day, Village Hall Closed

January 16, 2012—

Martin Luther King Day—Village Hall Closed

January 18, 2012—

Village Board Meeting—7 P.M.

February 20, 2012—

President's Day—Village Hall Closed

1st Tuesday each month

New Berlin Area Historical Society Meeting—7 P.M.

3rd Thursday each month

New Berlin / Island Grove 4-H

4th Monday each month

New Berlin American Legion

4th Tuesday each month

New Berlin Area Veterans Memorial Association Meeting

Village Administration

Mayor—Steve Frank

Deputy Village Clerk—Mary Pfeffer

Village Clerk—Debbie Lakamp

Treasurer—Shanda Byer

Supt. Of Water and Sewer—Tim Bliss

Supt. Of Streets and Parks—William Poole

Chief of Police—Terry Nydegger

Zoning Administrator—Mark Witt

TRUSTEES

Katie Hatfield—Village Trustee

Mike Krall—Village Trustee

Dave Kuehl—Village Trustee

Joel Sander—Village Trustee

Ryan Sours—Village Trustee

Curt Stephens—Village Trustee

