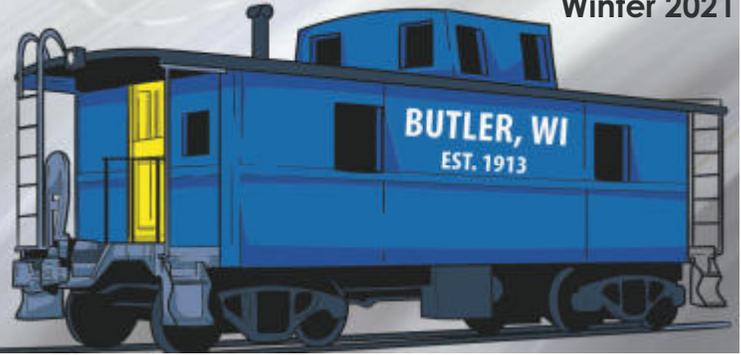


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## Where do my tax dollars go?

By now, you should have received your property tax bill in the mail. The good news is that the overall tax rate decreased this year, with no change to the Village's tax rate. The first installment, or full amount, is due by January 31. Please note that Village Hall is closed on December 24, 25 and January 1.

Though the Village collects all the taxes, we only keep a small portion. The portion of property taxes the Village keeps are used to provide police and fire protection, refuse and recycling collection, snow and ice control, leaf and yard waste collection, routine street maintenance, sidewalk and alley maintenance, street and traffic lighting, library services, park facilities and maintenance, building inspection, election administration, and other miscellaneous Village services.

A homeowner of a home assessed at \$163,000 would pay approximately \$1,318.67 in property taxes for Village provided services. The total monthly cost for Village services on a \$163,000 home is approximately \$108.79 allocated to departments as follows:

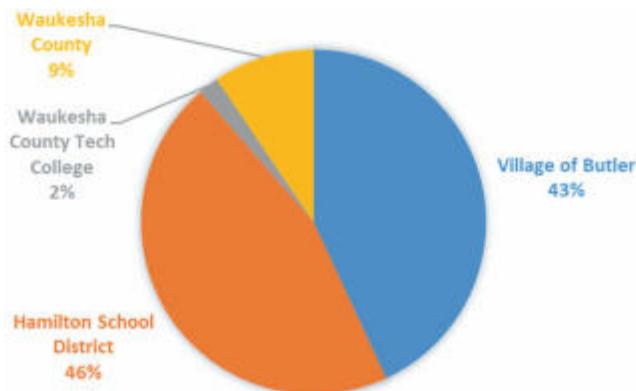
<u>Department</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
General Government	\$ 118.68	\$ 9.89
Police	\$ 461.53	\$ 38.46
Public Works	\$ 118.68	\$ 9.89
Library	\$ 39.56	\$ 3.30
Insurance & Contracted Services	\$ 224.17	\$ 18.68
Debt Service	\$ 197.80	\$ 16.48
Capital	\$ 145.05	\$ 12.09
Parks & Recreation	\$ 13.19	\$ 1.10
Total	\$ 1,318.67	\$ 108.79



The Village collects taxes for four other taxing jurisdictions that establish their own budgets and levies. Below is an example of the allocation of property taxes to each taxing jurisdiction for a home with an assessed value of \$163,000.

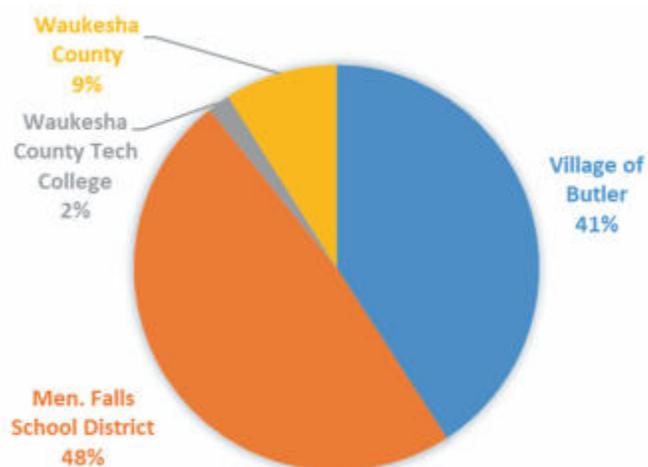
### **Hamilton School District**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2020 Taxes</u>
Village of Butler	\$ 1,318.67
Hamilton School District	\$ 1,393.65
Waukesha County Tech College	\$ 58.68
Waukesha County	\$ 290.14
School Property Tax Credit	\$ (270.58)
Total	\$ 2,790.56



### **Menomonee Falls School District**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2020 Taxes</u>
Village of Butler	\$ 1,318.67
Men. Falls School District	\$ 1,561.54
Waukesha County Tech College	\$ 58.68
Waukesha County	\$ 290.14
School Property Tax Credit	\$ (270.58)
Total	\$ 2,958.45



Kayla Thorpe  
Village Administrator

### **From the Village President**

As this year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year has put us to a true test and while times got tough, we have all made it through. Thank you for leaning on each other for support during these times and lending a helping hand to those who needed one.

While we still need to practice social distancing, I hope everyone is able to connect with loved ones. Please continue to stay well and be safe.

Pat Tiarks, president

## Season's Greetings from the Butler Police Department

2020 has been a very unique year for all of us. We have endured constant changes to our daily lives and ever-changing restrictions to the freedoms that we have enjoyed in the past. With all these changes, it has once again proved that Wisconsinites are truly able to adapt and overcome, while continuing to press "forward" and make the best out of what could be a bad situation. Whether it was smaller gatherings, the advent of drive-by birthday parties, anniversary celebrations or graduations we continued on with smiles on our faces.

While Covid may have impacted some families harder than others, we still have a lot to be thankful for. 2020 gave us the ability to slow down and reflect on those things which are most important in our lives. While we don't know exactly what the future is going to look like, I encourage everyone to spend meaningful time with those who we love the most and seeing how we can have a positive impact on others.

Despite all the shut downs, stay at home orders and fewer people out and about, the Village of Butler Police Department experienced our busiest year on record. For the first time ever, we are on pace to eclipse 6000 calls (5375 calls in 2019). This has placed a large burden on all members of the department for numerous reasons. Just to name a few; investigations continue to become more complex due to the digital and electronic component to just about every case. Longer investigations require officers to be out of the Village following up on leads or talking to witnesses and suspects, and added paperwork for officers completing their reports and the clerk preparing reports for the DA's office. With only 8 officers, I'm amazed every day how much work we get accomplished and for the dedication of every member of the department. We are truly blessed! Remember to take an active role in your safety and securing your property. Don't be an easy target for criminals and be sure to call us WHENEVER you feel something just isn't right.

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## Fire Department

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Butler Volunteer Fire Department. As we move into the colder months, we have a few safety tips that will help us keep you safe.

- Please try and clear snow 3 ft around any fire hydrants within 24 hours of a snowfall. If you are unable to clear the snow, please contact us at the station between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (262)783-2537
- As the streets get narrower due to snow, please try to park in a staggered pattern. We ask that you do not directly park in line with the car on the other side of the street. The fire trucks carry a lot of things and they aren't well suited for narrow streets, so we appreciate all the room we can get.
- After you enjoy that cozy fire, please make sure that all ashes are stored outside and not in the garage or breezeway.
- Please be aware of the young and the old as it gets colder and keep them bundled up. Frost bite can happen quickly as the temperatures drop.



Last but not least, have a great holiday season. This year has been challenging, but it has also reminded us of the joy of family, friends and community.



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<b>All Paws in Dog Training</b>	5202 N. 126th	Dog Training
<b>Elite Energy</b>	4791 N. 124th St.	Retail Battery Store
<b>Perfect Produce</b>	5207 N. 125th St.	Hydroponic Produce Production
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<b>Roofers Mart of Wisconsin</b>	4550 N. 125th St.	Roofing Material Storage
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## Moving On



For the past 16 years, Butler has known the warm, friendly smile and Midas touch of Carolyn Jahnke as the village Deputy Clerk. She has worked for 4 administrators and 3 village presidents and run numerous

elections, softball leagues and tournaments while processing countless licenses, building permits and a plethora of other village business. A highlight of Carolyn's time as Deputy Clerk was Butler's Centennial

Celebration back in 2013. One of the biggest challenges was this year's fall election because of COVID and the unusually large amount of absentee ballots to process. Carolyn says she's "truly enjoyed the variety of work and co-laboring with the wonderful staff at village hall." But her favorite part has been interacting with many of the residents here in Butler who have "become like family." That said, the time has come to "move on to pursue other interests" and make room for the new year, a new season and a new Deputy Clerk.

**Thank you for your service to the Butler community!**

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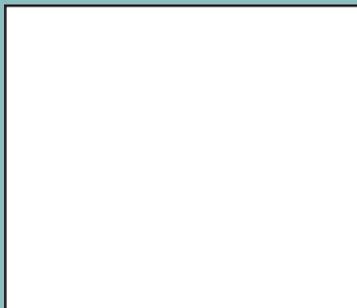
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## Meet our new Village Deputy Clerk



Meet Melanie Kollmansberger who comes to us from her position as City Clerk in Wauwatosa. She has also spent time in administrative management and as an analyst for the villages of Menomonee

Falls and Waterford. Melanie says she loves local government administration and is looking forward to "learning the nitty gritty details of the whole, big picture of how things work in Butler in contrast to only

fragmented parts of larger municipalities." Her busy days are spent with her growing family (they had their 2<sup>nd</sup> child this past year) and work and continuing her education in pursuing a master's degree in social work. "My son loves trains. So, when I learned that Butler is a 'Train Town' I knew it was a perfect fit."

Melanie is passionate about keeping people informed and understanding the processes of local government. She also enjoys interacting with people and problem solving – "especially the really unusual stuff." To Carolyn, we say farewell and thank you for many years of dedicated, loving service to the Butler community. And to Melanie, we say welcome to the team and to Train Town! We know you'll help us stay on track and keep moving forward!

**Welcome to the Butler Community!**

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## Butler Business Bio

Interview and article by Janet Holdmann

### REIMAGINE – RESTORE – RECOVER

**Recovery** is a ubiquitous word these days: recovery from the Covid pandemic, economic recovery, even recovery from the busy holiday season. But for **Classic Caning and Upholstery LLC**, recovery is their line of work; re-covering of furniture that is to say. In business since 1999, Candice Farr, the owner, once shared a space with another upholsterer in the basement of a building in Menomonee Falls. When the lease was up, Candice knew “it was time to elevate the shop to street level.” She found a great space in downtown Butler and has occupied the store-front location at 12610 W. Hampton Avenue since 2010.

Candice began her working career in the banking industry, but later wanted to have more flexibility in her work schedule to spend additional time with her young son. So she pursued a degree at MATC in interior design and fell in love with upholstery. Candice also learned the unique textile art form of caning from a European instructor at WCTC.

Candice and her husband, Jim, make a great team providing a wide variety of upholstery options such as re-stuffing cushions, patching or mending torn fabric, minor furniture repair, complete re-upholstery, and caning and seat weaving. Candice is the sewer of the team and Jim discovered his niche when Candice taught him how to weave. Seeing his work first hand, I can attest to Jim’s skill in weaving rush seats, shaker tape, splint weave, Danish cord and hand or pressed cane. He showed me the seven step caning process they use with beautiful results. Candice is a perfectionist when it comes to matching fabric patterns and the attention to detail and quality of her sewing is evident in the pieces on display in her shop.

Jim and Candice work with an array of fabrics and weaving materials. Some notable items include a chair upholstered with deer hide. “It was a painful process, sewing the pieces together like a quilt,” stated Candice. Another challenging project was weaving with rawhide. “It was like working with wet spaghetti.” In addition to residential customers, the FARRS also



do commercial work for restaurants such as Robert’s Custard, Culver’s, Bartolotta’s, Ally’s Bistro and McDonald’s to name a few along with businesses like Vici Beauty School and the Butler Barber Shop. They have also put their talents to use for the Pabst Museum. I was shown pictures of an 1800’s bench which was beautifully restored in Danish cord that is now on display in the museum along with other pieces they’ve refurbished.

Classic Caning and Upholstery is a specialty business that relies on word-of-mouth, referrals, internet searches and their website and Facebook pages, and they always have plenty of work because of their good reputation. Candice loves her trade but also has thoughts of retirement in a few years. Her biggest challenge is finding the right person to take up the baton and continue working the craft to keep the shop doors open.

Jim and Candice are eager to answer questions, give advice and share their expertise with customers who call or visit the shop. Their business phone number is 262-373-0177. So bring in that old, outdated, faded or worn piece of furniture and let these talented artists reimagine, recover and remake it into a functional new piece you’ll be proud to have in your home. Classic Caning and Upholstery is a great small business that adds character and charm to the fabric of our community.

*Butler Business Bio is a feature article highlighting a local business. You will discover interesting facts and tidbits about the business that aim to foster community awareness and pride.*

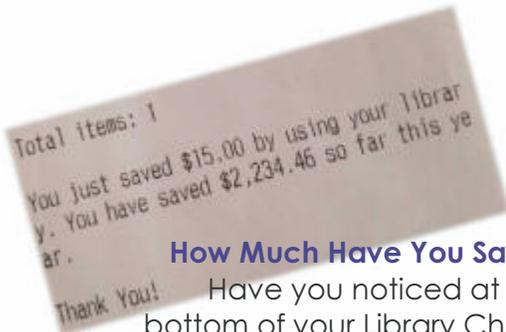
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Please know your Butler Public Library is here to serve you, no matter our open hours! Our latest information can be found on our website, and you can ALWAYS call us! Please leave a message if we are unable to answer the phone right away.

As of this writing we have computers, copying/scanning, checkouts, and browsing available. We will also continue curbside service indefinitely. We currently have no plans yet for resuming in person programming. Checkout the fun activities shown below, and always look at our website for the latest information!

Stay safe and warm, Jodi Kessel Szpizar, Director



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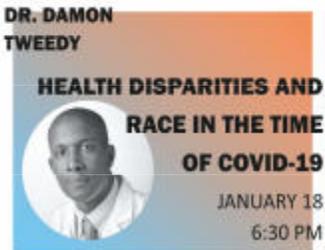
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presentation was made possible by the collaboration of fifteen public libraries in the Bridges Library System. No registration required. Link to the presentation from our website [www.butler.lib.wi.us](http://www.butler.lib.wi.us).

**\*\*Virtual Visit with Wisconsin Author Michael Perry coming soon! Check our website for date and time!\*\***

## In The News

### Chimney Safety

As we curl up in front of the fireplace during these cold winter days, have you thought about the condition of your chimney? Chimneys can pose a fire hazard if not maintained properly. Here are some safety tips to follow to ensure your chimney remains safe.

1. **Minimize creosote build-up to prevent chimney fires.** Creosote is highly flammable and the build-up can cause a fire in your chimney and spread up the flue.
2. **Schedule an annual chimney inspection.** A certified chimney sweep of your fireplace, woodstove, chimney, and venting system once a year.
3. **Clean your chimney when walls have a 1/8-inch layer of build-up.** If when you scratch a finger against a chimney wall and uncover one-eighth of an inch of build-up, it's time for a cleaning.
4. **Install a chimney cap.** A chimney cap on the crown around the outside opening of the flue will keep debris and critters out.
5. **Use safe fire starters to avoid unwanted chimney fires.** Well-seasoned hardwood or CSA-approved logs are the only fuels you should use in your fireplace or wood stove.
6. **Employ clean burning techniques.** Hot, fast-burning fires, on the other hand, leave far less smoke, vapor, and unburned wood behind, so little to no creosote forms.

Website source: [www.bobvila.com/articles/chimney-fires](http://www.bobvila.com/articles/chimney-fires)

### Christmas Trees Recycling

Please put your Christmas trees out by the curb (do not put them in a bag). DPW crews will collect them the first and third weeks of January.



### Bulk and large Items

Don't let your bulk trash become an eyesore! Johns Disposal will remove bulk and large items from residential properties in the Village for a small fee. Please make arrangements with Johns Disposal if you would like them to remove large items by calling 262-473-4700.

### Parking on village streets

Between November 15 and March 15, alternate side parking must be observed everyday, including weekends in order to ensure emergency vehicle accessibility. **Sec. 32-81. - Overnight parking permits.** Parking permits only on even-numbered sides of the street on those nights bearing an even calendar date during the portion thereof before 12:00 midnight, and on the odd-numbered sides of the street on those nights bearing an odd calendar date. Parking permits are available at village hall.



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# Village of Butler

2021

# Collection Schedule

## January 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	3	4	5	6	7	8
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## February 2021

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## March 2021

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## April 2021

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### Monday is Collection Day

Weekly garbage service.  
Every other week recycle service.

The recycling collection is on the shaded weeks.

Large items may be picked up for a fee. Please call the office for scheduling.

Yard Waste service is available for a fee. The service runs from April through November. Call the office for details, or to sign up for this service.

## May 2021

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29	30					

## June 2021

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26	27	28	29	30		

## July 2021

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## August 2021

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28	29	30	31			

### Holidays (no collection)

New Years Day- Friday 1/1/2021  
Collection will have no delay.

Memorial Day- Monday 05/31/2021  
Collection will be delayed by one day.

### Independence Day-

Sunday 07/04/2021  
Collection will have no delay.

Labor Day- Monday 9/6/2021  
Collection will be delayed by one day.

## September 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## October 2021

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## November 2021

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	7	8	9	10	11	12
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## December 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Thanksgiving-Thursday 11/25/2021  
Collection will have no delay.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Dr. Damon Tweedy YouTube presentation</b>	<b>January 18h at 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Easter Goodie Bag</b>	<b>Begins March 29th at library</b>
<b>Spring Election</b>	<b>April 6, 2021</b>

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATES

<b>VILLAGE BOARD</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7p.m
<b>FINANCE BOARD</b>	Before Village Board Meeting
<b>BUILDING BOARD</b>	Before Village Board Meeting
<b>PARK AND RECREATION</b>	4th Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
<b>LIBRARY BOARD</b>	2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**All meetings are held at Village Hall except the Library Board meeting which meets at the Butler Public Library. Meetings may be held virtually. See meeting agenda for login information on the Village of Butler website.**