



# The Village News

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## WIND ENERGY

*The **VISION** for the Village of Forrest is that it be known for its small community values in which its residents are known for their friendliness and hospitality.*

*The **MISSION** statement for the Village of Forrest is to be committed to preserving, protecting and enhancing our unique rural community character, values, and quality of life. It's sound fiscal management, attention to improving our resident's property values and providing the community with excellent services, safety, and recreational needs shall be our guiding principles.*

**The Village has entered into an agreement with Pleasant Ridge Energy LLC, which is known to most everyone as INVENERGY. The agreement will allow the company to locate wind turbines no closer than one-half mile from the corporate limits of the Village. For this, the Village will receive compensation from Pleasant Ridge Energy LLC, which will in turn be used solely to pay for part of the \$1.8 million upgrade of the waste water treatment plant. Of course nothing can or will be done; and the agreement will not take effect until the County Board approves the project. There have been several negative publications recently on this project which I believe, distort the facts or only give you part of the story. But I trust that whichever side of the issue you are on, you will be able to sort out the facts from the fiction with the use of common sense. Wind farms have been around since the 1980's if they were as depicted in the negative information that has been distributed, you would think strict regulations would have been imposed to halt all construction projects. This article was written by Jim Gulliford who takes full responsibility for its content, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Village Board or Village employees. I have not been able to identify the opposition's author(s) other than "the committee" with no names attached.**



## THE VILLAGE HIRES NEW EMPLOYEES

**During the summer we hired two new employees. They are Aaron Stow of Chatsworth and Kyle Roberts of Forrest. Their training is progressing at a rapid pace and their responsibilities are expanding. Please welcome both Aaron and Kyle to their new positions and give them your support.**

**Village of Forrest****301 West James****PO Box 326****815/657-8226****office@forrestil.org****We're on the Web!**[www.forrestil.org](http://www.forrestil.org)*Dates to Remember*

1. November 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Thanksgiving Day*
2. December 25<sup>th</sup>  
*MERRY CHRISTMAS*
3. January 1<sup>st</sup>  
*HAPPY NEW YEAR*
4. January 8th,  
*Village Board Meeting*
5. February 12th,  
*Village Board Meeting*
6. February 14,  
*Valentine's Day*

***A Reminder:***

*Burn Days in the Village are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.*

*Bagged leaves and branches will be picked up by Village employees if set on the curb.*

## **RICK HARDESTY'S RETIREMENT**

I'm sure most of you have heard that Village Superintendent, Rick Hardesty will be retiring in January. After 25 years of service to the community, Rick has decided to retire and move somewhere closer to Robin's work and their daughter Kasey's residence, both in the Bloomington area. We will be hard pressed to replace Rick's dedication, knowledge and hard work he has given to Forrest. We have been interviewing for his replacement and have targeted December 1 to hire his replacement so as to have some on the job training. We are also working with Rick on an agreement where he will make himself available for consultation, if and when required. I would ask that the next time you see Rick, you join the Village Board to wish him the best of luck and thank him for going above and beyond as your Village Superintendent.

## **SNOW IS COMING SOON**

**WINTER IS COMING:** Just a reminder that snow removal is easier when cars are NOT parked on the street. The village crew will start plowing snow immediately after a snow fall has occurred, so whenever possible, to avoid your car being buried by the snow plow, please use off street parking during this time. Also to keep our children safe we ask that residents keep the "common" sidewalk cleared of snow so our kids won't take the path of least resistance and walk in the street to school. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## **FORREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

Many thanks to all who attended the events sponsored by the Historical Society throughout 2014. The Second Tuesday luncheons will resume again in April 2015, and the Bed & Breakfast is open for guests throughout the entire year. If you are hosting an out of town guest in the near future, please consider reserving one of our four beautiful suites. The number to call for Bed & Breakfast reservations is 815-848-1922.

Many thanks to all who supported the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wabash Festival. It was the most successful Festival yet.



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