

Water Softener Survey Results

The April newsletter included an article about higher than DNR permitted levels of salt in treated wastewater. We mailed a survey to utility customers in July to determine how many salt-based softeners were used in the Village. We received 172 timely responses to the survey and those customers will see a \$25.00 credit on their October utility bill.

The survey revealed that 52 utility customers use a salt-based water softener and collectively discharge nearly one ton of salt into the sewer system each month. Additionally, 21 utility customers are considering installing a water softener in the future.

The survey revealed “best practice” opportunities for both existing and future users of salt-based water softeners which would potentially reduce the level of salt in treated wastewater. A primary best practice would be to adjust the settings of softeners to regenerate on the basis of gallons used rather than a selected number of days. Several softeners described in the survey regenerate after using 2000 gallons of water and others regenerate every other day. Regenerating based upon gallons used could reduce the hardness of the water and use less salt. Additionally, several survey responses indicated the hardness setting of their softeners was either unknown or higher than the actual hardness of untreated water (19 grains).

If you have an existing salt-based water softener or are considering installing one, please discuss this information with the plumber who services or installs your softener. Actions you take to reduce salt consumption could prevent the need for costly equipment to be added to further treat wastewater.



MCPL Hatley Branch Library News – Fall/Winter 2026

News you can use... about your local library!

*We are preparing programs for the upcoming season!
These programs can be seen on our website at (mcpl.us).
If you have any questions please call us at 715-446-3537 or stop in.*

Wireless printing is now available at the library! You are able to print from your phone, laptop, or other device at the library. Black and white copies are 10 cents per page, color copies are 50 cents per page.

Hatley Branch Hours: Monday 1pm-7pm | Tuesday 10am-4pm
Wednesday 1pm-7pm | Thursday 10am-4pm | Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

We will be closed on November 26th and 27th and December 24th, 25th, 26th, and 31st, and January 1st. See website (mcpl.us) or posters on the doors for any additional closures.

Family Story Time Will be held the following dates at 10:30am.
October 13th and 27th | November 10th and 24th | December 8th and 22nd | January 12th and 26th | February 9th and 23rd | March 9th and 23rd | April 13th and 27th

Book Club
The second Tuesday monthly from 1pm-2pm. If you enjoy reading and lively discussion come join fellow book lovers. Selections vary by genre. Please give us a call for information.
October 13th – A Murder is Announced by Agatha Christie
Nov. 11th – The Book Club For Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick
December 9th – One Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong
Next year’s books and dates coming soon!

Programs
Read to a Therapy Dog – September 19th, October 3rd and 17th, November 7th and 21st 10am-11am
Join us as we welcome certified therapy dog Sully to MCPL-Hatley! Young readers may bring their favorite books from home to read or pull some off the shelves. This is a great opportunity for kids to improve their literacy skills and spend time with a nice, furry friend.

DIY Library Card Holder for all ages – October 26th 4-6pm
Create your own library card holder and never lose your library card again! The library will provide you with a plastic card holder and craft supplies to decorate it. Don’t have a library card? Sign up on the spot!

Treasure in the Attic Break Out Box – November 16th and 18th 3:30PM, 4:30PM, and 5:30PM
Gather your group and sign up for a 1-hour time slot to solve puzzles and riddles to unlock a box and discover the treasures in the attic! Call the library at 715-446-3537 to reserve a time slot for your group!
Wausau Paranormal Research Society Presentation – December 7th 5:30-7PM
Join us for a presentation by the Wausau Paranormal Research Society! They will be talking about local haunts and cases they’ve investigated in the area. There will also be time at the end for questions! This presentation is geared towards adults.

Keep a look out for them on the Library Website - mcpl.us
Come or call to say Hello...we would love to meet you and assist you with any of your Library needs at (715) 446-3537.

The Villager

The Official Publication of the Village of Hatley | Fall 2026

Jeff Ostrowski Honored at Hatley Braves Game



Jeff Ostrowski, who grew up in Hatley, was honored at the Hatley Braves home game on August 9, 2026. Jeff is to be inducted into the Badger Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame later this year. Jeff first put on the Hatley Braves uniform when he was just 14. He also played for DC Everest High School. A versatile player, he was an outfielder, pitcher, first baseman, manager, and later, coach. His involvement with the Braves spanned 53 years. In the 80’s Jeff coached the Hatley Little League, guiding one team to a League Championship. Congratulations to Jeff on his many contributions to Hatley Braves Baseball!



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 2026 Farmers Market!

Thank you to our wonderful vendors! We hope to see you next year!
Thank you to Dave Fierek, who cultivated this idea and made it a reality!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE 2027 HATLEY FARMERS MARKET!!

Mark Your Calendars!

Fri. Oct. 23
Fall Clean Up

Sat. Oct. 31
Trick or Treat
3:30-6:30pm

HATLEY IS ONLINE!
The Village of Hatley Code of Ordinances are on line along with other Village Information.
Visit www.villageofhatley.org.
Board members listed on page one are also available for information.

CONTACT YOUR VILLAGE BOARD:

- David Narloch, President
715-446-3435
- Bill Karschney, Trustee
715-446-3571
- Peter Holdridge, Trustee
715-573-2873
- Joan Fraaza, Clerk
715-574-2597
- Joe Szews, Treasurer
715-581-2259

Hatley Area Ambulance held its annual calendar fundraiser for the month of July

Due to the generosity of multiple businesses, squad members, and citizens throughout the area, the raffle was completely funded through donations. Hatley Ambulance greatly thanks all of those who so generously donated to this year's raffle and those who supported the fundraiser by purchasing calendars. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle. Hatley Ambulance was able to profit a little over \$12,200, which the squad unanimously voted to put towards the Facility fund. The Hatley Area Fire & Ambulance District is trying to procure land (ideally approximately 2-3 acres) in the hopes of being able to erect a new, modernized station within the next five years.

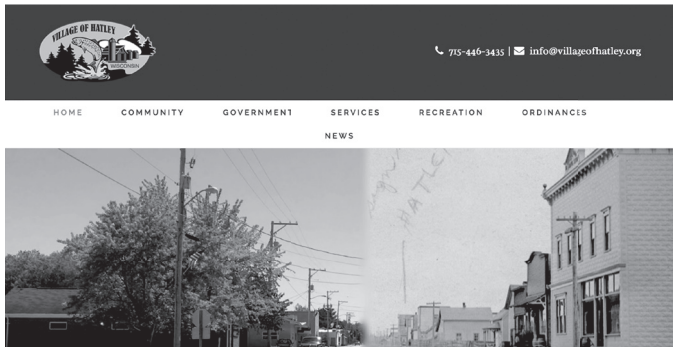


The next blood drive for the Community Blood Center will be held Monday, October 12th, 2026, from 2:30-6:30p.m. at the Hatley Community Center.

If you are able to donate during this time of blood shortage, please schedule an appointment by calling 800-280-4102 or visiting communityblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. The final blood draw in Hatley for the year will be held on Monday, December 14th, 2026 from 2:30-6:30p.m. at the Hatley Community Center.

HATLEY IS ONLINE!

The Village of Hatley Code of Ordinances are on line along with other Village Information. Visit www.villageofhatley.org. Board members listed on page one are also available for information.



FALL CLEAN-UP FRIDAY OCT. 23

Villagers should use this opportunity to dispose of large items including furniture & appliances.

Items should be placed at your curb side by 6AM Friday, October 23.

**Often several different trucks pick up various items, so all your items may not be picked up at the same time.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: TIRES • AIR CONDITIONERS TVS • COMPUTERS MICROWAVES REFRIGERATORS • FREEZERS - PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS OUT!



BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

Please be advised when constructing decks, utility sheds, fences, patios, and other projects that a permit must be acquired prior to starting installation of your project and must comply with the ordinances and building codes. Please contact Zoning Administrator **Bill Karschney** at 446-3571 for your permit or to inquire if a permit is needed for your project.

ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOG.

If you are walking your dog outside your own yard, please clean up your dog's waste. Pet waste is unsightly and unhealthy. Please help keep our village clean.



WINTER STREET PARKING REMINDER:

Overnight parking is prohibited on all Village streets from November 1st to April 1st. Your cooperation will assist us in keeping streets clear of snow.

Trick or Treat Hours for the Village of Hatley

3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

Please put on your outside light if you are participating in the tradition. Please be respectful of other's property while enjoying this Halloween tradition!



Halloween Safety Tips:

Stay in well lighted areas • Never go out alone
Check all your treats • Carry a flashlight
Go only to houses you know

What's Recyclable?

Acceptable Items

- Plastics**
Recycle plastics #1, #2 and #5. Look on the bottom of containers for the number inside the recycling arrows.
 - Metal Cans**
Recycle all food and beverage metal cans—steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.
 - Cardboard, Newspaper & Magazines**
Recycle newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures.
 - Paper Food Containers & Cartons**
Recycle juice boxes, egg, ice cream and milk cartons, and cereal and pasta boxes.
 - Paper**
Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.
 - Glass**
Recycle clear, brown and green bottles and jars.
- Empty. Clean. Dry.

Unacceptable Items

- Batteries
- Bio-hazardous waste
- Cables
- Ceramics
- Clothes
- Construction debris
- Diapers
- Dishes or mirrors
- Egg cartons
- Electronics
- Food or liquid waste
- Greasy food containers
- Hardback books
- Hazardous waste
- Holiday decorations
- Hoses
- Ice cream cartons (wax-coated)
- Light bulbs
- Plastic bags
- Plastic food wrappers
- Plastic straws
- Plastic without numbers
- Polystyrene foam
- Scrap metal
- Shoes
- Tissue
- To-go lids
- Tools
- Toys
- Yard waste