

The Village of Cordova trustees, mayor and employees wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

2025 Garbage/Recycle calendars will be on the Village website or available for pick up in the office. www.villageofcordova.com

2024 Christmas Light Contest Winners. For the 5 categories they will receive a \$50.00 check. MidAmerican Energy has been so kind to donate this money to the Village to have the contest again this year. Judging was done on the evening of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that light up their homes and make our town look festive.

-Traditional: John Peterson
-Judges Choice: Chris Bennett

-Religious: Ida Kerr

-Best Use of Technology: Paula Brown -Characters/inflatables: Cody Bower

We do have a couple of honorable mentions - Michael Piatt and Shad Wood

Our maintenance department has gotten the Christmas decorations hung on the light poles all around town and they look great!

The Village of Cordova was awarded the BAAD (Boat Access Area Development) grant in 2023. In cooperation over the last two years with engineers, the ILDNR, Bi-State Regional Commission, Village trustees, staff and mayor and multiple contractors, we are happy to announce this project is completed and ready for use. An extended flood season this year did cause delays, but we are happy with the results and think you will be too!

The usable width of the 10<sup>th</sup> St. boat launch increased from 40 to 65 feet. Truck with trailer parking spaces increased from 4 to 8, plus we have the addition of an ADA parking space. Hundreds of scrub trees were removed and overhead power lines were buried. In the spring, we will also have an ADA gangway and dock for smaller craft, in addition to the standard boat dock we have always provided. Lighting and fencing has also been added for safety.

Please help us maintain this improved area and enjoy it safely.

Stay tuned for more river access improvements at The Bay boat launch on Main Street this spring.

Thank you, Jeff Claus

Village of Cordova, Trustee - Finance

## A note from our Trustee Mark Townsend – Streets & Alleys:

I'm happy to inform you that in the past year we've been able to update, upgrade and complete a lot of projects. We did the new road on Sunset Drive, fixed the turn around on Blue Spruce Dr., fixed up some street corners and asphalt patching. We will continue to do shoulder work throughout town.

The Village has added a new 2024 truck equipped with a plow and a salt box is being installed which will increase our ability to maintain our streets this winter. An upgrade to the maintenance building restroom has also been completed, along with many other projects. The board, mayor and employees are looking forward to a great New Year.

## Trustee -Wastewater management: Justin DePorter

We've been looking at ways to improve and update our current system, both from a safety aspect and efficiency perspective.

One of the projects, is installing a new catwalk at our treatment plant to access our testing points. It was a welcome improvement from the old one that was in place. The new one is powder coated steel, with open grating for the walking surface to prevent snow, ice and water from building up and creating a serious slip hazard. The new walkway has handrails on both sides and a steel cage at the entrance with a locking door to prevent unauthorized access. Our old one that was in place was wooden and rotting. The Village is in the process of upgrading all of the electrical components for the bubbler system and backup generators at the treatment plant. This will include new breakers and shut off panels to replace the 1960's era panels that were in place.

Christmas Photo Contest - Village of Cordova residents - From Mayor James Boone

I would like to see your winter outdoor photos from within the Village of Cordova, please submit your photos to <a href="CordovaVillageIL@gmail.com">CordovaVillageIL@gmail.com</a>. No inappropriate photos will be accepted or tolerated.

Please submit phots between the dates of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will then judge the photos and choose 3 winners, there photos will be featured on the Village website. Please see our website for more information. www.villageofcordova.com

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

