



Who Are We?

Wales Lights Down campaign is a community-wide group of citizens, businesses and organizations to celebrate, promote and protect the glorious dark skies of the Village of Wales.

*** Why Do We Care?***

The Village of Wales is located in Beautiful Western Waukesha County. Waukesha County's dark skies are a great natural resource and should inspire us all to protect it.

The Village of Wales has sought to protect our dark skies through a series of comprehensive outdoor lighting ordinances. But we are losing the battle to a "thousand points of light pollution" — porch lights left on all night, excessive security lighting and unshielded lights.

Excessive nighttime lighting has been shown to have a negative impact on the health of plants and animals, including humans. With your help we can reverse this trend, and bring back to all of us the health, beauty and magic of a deeply starry night.

Stars Up

Lights Down



A community campaign to restore Wales' skies through good lighting practices.

THE VILLAGE OF WALES

What You Can Do!

- Check the outdoor lighting where you live and work. Do you have the right amount of light...in the right place...at the right time? Is it shielded from the sky and from people's eyes? If not, shield the lights, point them down, replace them with fully shielded fixtures, or remove them if they're not needed.
- Contact the Village of Wales. We will be happy to help you find solutions to your lighting problems.

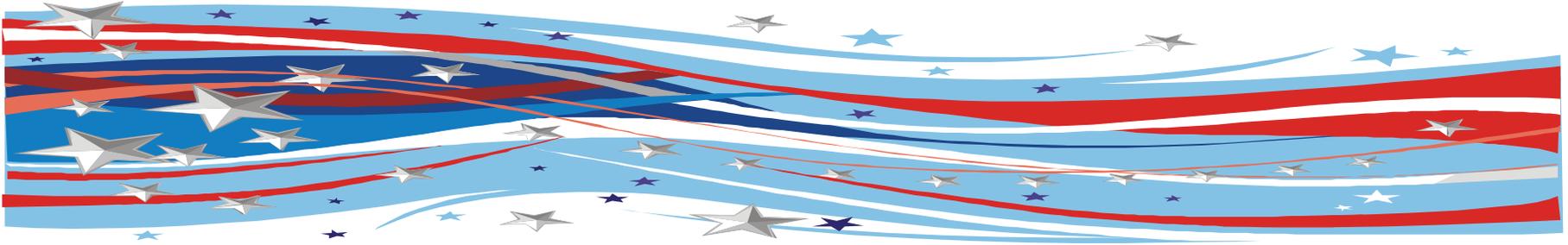
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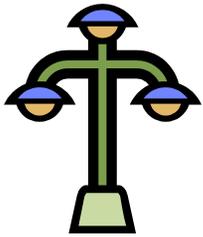
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The Good...

Shielded lights put the light down onto the ground where's it's needed.



Opaque reflectors with lamp inside and hooded flood lights aim light at the ground.

The Bad...

Unshielded fixtures waste energy into the night sky, veil the stars and reduce real visibility through glare.



Carriage lanterns and quart-halogen flood lamps spread light everywhere.

The Ugly!!

Open fixtures trespass on your neighbors and light up the bellies of bats!



Wall packs and yard/barn lights outshine the STARS!!

Be a good neighbor...

***Put outdoor lighting WHERE it's needed...WHEN it's needed...in the AMOUNT needed!
Quality lighting effectively gives you the visibility you need while protecting your neighbors' views and our beautiful night sky.***