

PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

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A Word from the Chair....By Mary Haley

Well, we are finally able to say hello to spring and goodbye to a long, cold winter that certainly had an impact on our resources such as sand, salt, fuel and frequent long hours for our Public Works staff, Ted Keehn and Jim Alme. We all need to thank them, along with our additional drivers Gary Teigen and Doug Skjolaas, for the job they did to keep our roads clear and safe for all of us this winter. The Town would also like to welcome back summer help Kyle Lazotte.

As the weather warms up, work will begin on repairing the numerous potholes, cracking and other damage caused by the harsh winter. Williams Drive will undergo a much needed reconstruction this year. The Town was awarded a grant for 49.9% of the total cost of the project. The Town will work with the City of Stoughton and the Town of Dunkirk on the reconstruction. Apollo Circle is also slated for repair this summer.

The Town has purchased a new snow plow truck to replace the 1994 International plow truck. The Town purchased the truck for a total cost, including the plow package, of \$154,000. The Town has also purchased new voting machines, with a 50% funding match from Dane County, which were used successfully during the Spring Election.

The improvements to the Boat Launch were unable to be completed due to the early, cold winter start

this year and as soon as the weather allows, work will resume to complete the launch. The launch may have to be closed at the start of the season in order to have all of the project completed. Please stay tuned to the Town's website for information on any closings or re-openings of the launch.

The Stoughton Country Club will be placing golf cart crossing signs on Country Club Rd. and Linnerud Dr. where the cart paths meet the town roads. The Country Club will be responsible for the purchase, installation and maintenance of these signs.

Strand and Associates is the new engineering firm for the Town and they are assisting the Town in applying for a Storm Water Management grant to bring the town in compliance with upcoming requirements as part of the Rock River TMDL

In 2015, the WI Dept of Transportation will begin constructing the overpass bridge on Co. N to include roundabouts and a change of access for the businesses in the commercial corridor near the inter state.

Our Clerk/Treasurer, Cassandra Suettinger and Office Assistant Lisa Spangler have been busy identifying ways to improve processes and efficiency in the Town. We recognize and commend Cassandra and Lisa for their professional attentiveness to their work when responding not only to the needs of the residents, but also to the Town Board and Plan Commission.

OPEN BOOK—May 1, 2014

from 12pm to 7pm.

Open Book is property owner's annual opportunity to address concerns with their assessment.

Property owners can:

- *Learn how the assessment was calculated
- *Compare your property to similar properties
- *Verify open land acreages and valuations.
- *Learn how market activity affected the assessment.

To schedule an appointment for Open Book, please contact Accurate Appraisal at 1.800.770.3927 or log on to: www.accurateassessor.com and click on the scheduling link. If you cannot be present at Open Book, please call Accurate Appraisal, or e-mail your questions to: question@accurateassessor.com.

DO NOT MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. TAX TIME IS TOO LATE TO DISPUTE YOUR ASSESSMENT!!

BOARD OF REVIEW

beginning May 22, 2014 at 5:30p.m.

The Board of Review for the Town of Pleasant Springs of Dane County shall meet on Thursday May 22, 2014 beginning at 5:30 at the Pleasant Springs Town Hall, 2354 County Road N, Stoughton, Wisconsin, for the purpose of reviewing and examining the assessment roll of real and personal property in said town, and all sworn statements and valuations of real and personal property therein, and of correcting all errors in said roll whether in description or otherwise, and to perform such other duties imposed by law.

Anyone wishing to contest real or personal property at Board of Review will need to submit a written objection to the Clerk, 48 hours prior to Board of Review. Objection packets can be obtained at the Clerk's office during office hours. For more information on Board of Review, please contact the Clerk at (608) 873-3063.

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CHANGE IN TOWN'S BURNING ORDINANCE

In January of 2014 the Town Board voted to implement additional burning regulations into Chapter 100 of the Town ordinances regarding Fire Prevention. Below is a highlight of some of the changes:

What materials are ok to burn in the Township?

*Yard waste, small quantities of combustible rubbishing including paper, cardboard and clear untreated wood, from a single family or household, on the property where the was is generated.

What materials cannot be burned in the Township?

*Rubbish or garbage including but not limited to food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.

*Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery subject to the restrictions in Chapter NR 590, WI Adm. Code.

*Asphalt and products containing asphalt

*Treated or painted wood including but not limited to polywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.

*Any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic rubber-like products. Rubber including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.

Can I burn leaves, brush, clean wood and other vegetative debris?

All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe nuisance free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads, and airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.

How long do I need to monitor my fire?

You need to monitor your fire until it is COMPLETELY extinguished, this includes smoldering materials. NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.

Do I need a permit to burn in the Township?

Residents DO NOT need a permit to burn in the Town-

ship; however, you do need to contact your fire department ahead of time to notify them of the burning.

*Stoughton Fire Department - (873-7218)

*McFarland Fire Department - (838-3278)

*Cottage Grove Fire Department - (839-4343)

If you are unaware of the correct department to call please contact office staff at 873-3063 for assistance.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

In order to prevent the spread of noxious and invasive species, state statute requires that every landowner must destroy all noxious weeds on all lands he owns, occupies or controls. The term "noxious weeds" includes Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed. If a landowner fails to comply, the town can order the weeds destroyed and the landowner is responsible to repay all costs associated with the work. The Town Board appreciates your responsible compliance and cooperation.

The Town would also request residents consider keeping all weeds trimmed and mowed. While state statutes only require those weeds defined as noxious weeds to be destroyed, there are a lot of other weeds that reek havoc for resident's with allergies. So consider being a good neighbor and keeping your weeds trimmed for the enrichment and well being of all residents in the Township.

Keep your lawn healthy and help out the local lakes, rivers, and streams!

Healthy lawns, trees and shrubs add to the beauty and value of a home. They also keep our lakes and streams clean by allowing rainwater to filter into the soil rather than running into the lakes and rivers. Maintaining healthy lawns and landscape plants, however, often requires the use of fertilizers and improper fertilizer use can cause water pollution. Many fertilizer materials, including leaves and grass clippings, contain nitrogen and phosphorus. When these nutrients wash into lakes and streams they:

- promote unsightly algae blooms and aquatic weed growth.
- lower dissolved oxygen levels in the water, and may release ammonia – which is toxic to fish.

The Town recommends the following steps to ensure a good fertilization program:

1. Test the Soil - A soil test will take the guess work out of fertilization.
2. Fertilize lawns in the fall - fall fertilization promotes healthy laws with deep roots
3. Skip annual fertilization - over-fertilized shrubs will produce more growth and require more pruning.
4. Sweep fertilizer, soil, and vegetation off paved surfaces

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NEW HOURS AT THE BRUSH BURNING COMPOST SITE!!

The Brush Burning/Compost Site, 1754 Tower Drive, will be open to receive grass clippings, leaves, and clean brush 4 inches in diameter and smaller, on the days listed in the schedule below. This site is open to Pleasant Springs residents only. Lumber and construction materials are NOT allowed. Businesses and non-residents are prohibited from using the site. Please empty contents of garbage bags and take the bags with you. The Dane County Landfill, 7102 US Highway 12-18, is available for all county residents, Monday -Friday 7am -2:45pm and Saturday 8am-11am. Visit www.pleasant springs.org/brushburning/html for a printable schedule

Winter/Spring Hours	Summer Hours	Fall Hours
Sat. Jan. 4, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Sat. June 7, 2014, 8am to 11am	Sat. Sept. 6, 2014, 8am to 11am
Sat. Jan. 11, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Wed., June 11, 2014, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Sept. 10, 2014, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Sat. April 5, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Sat. July 12, 2014, 8am to 11am	Sat. Oct. 11, 2014, 8am to 11am
Sat. April 12, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Wed. July 16, 2014, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Oct. 15, 2014, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Sat. May 3, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Sat. Aug. 2, 2014, 8am to 11am	Sat. Oct. 18, 2014, 8am to 11am
Sat. May 10, 2014, 8am to 1pm	Wed. Aug. 6, 2014, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Oct. 22, 2014, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
		Sat. Nov 1, 2014, 8am to 1pm
		Sat. Nov. 8, 2014, 8am to 1pm

Article on Yahara South Trail progress

Dane County Parks has been planning in coordination with bicycle stakeholders, the WI DNR, Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company, WI DOT, the Village of McFarland, City of Madison, City of Monona, the Wisconsin Historical Society, GRAEF, KJohnson Engineers, Great Lakes Archaeological Research Center and the Army corps of Engineers since 2008 to design a multi use bicycle trail that will extend approximately 2 miles from the Capital City Trail at Lake Farm County Park to McDaniel Park in the Village of McFarland. The initial phase of the trail is anticipated to start construction during the summery of 2015.

Future phase of the trail are envisioned to eventually extend south to the City of Stoughton, including through the Town of Pleasant Springs. One of the next priorities that is partially within the Town will be to connect Fish Camp County Park with Lake Kegonsa State Park. This section of trail would include significant boardwalking along existing berms and a clear span bridge of Door Creek. The Lower Yahara River Trail will be developed and maintained by Dane County, it may also become part of the State Trail network in the future. Dane County is currently seeking potential partners to help fund design of this next phase, and hoping planning can start in the next 2-3 years. For further information about the Lower Yahara River Trail, contact Chris James, Dane County Parks Planner, 608-224-3763. More information can also be obtained by visiting the following website:
<https://www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks/bicyclists.aspx>

Bulky Item pick up

Residents who have bulky items that do not fit into the waste toters can contact Pelliteri Waste Systems directly to schedule a large item pick up. The service and charge are directly through Pelliteri. For any questions, or to schedule a large item pick up, contact Pelliteri directly at 257-4285.

Check out Clean Sweep for disposal!

Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as Oil-Based Paints and Paint-Related Products, Pesticides & Poisons, Household Products Containing Organic Solvents, Ignitables, and Aerosols, and Rechargeable Batteries. Check out clean sweep's website at www.danecountycleansweep.com for a full list materials accepted. FEES MAY APPLY.

The facility is located at the Dane County Landfill site, 7102 US Hwy. 12 & 18, Madison, WI 53718. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Friday, 7:00am—2:45pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 10:45am.

REMINDER: NO PARKING ON TOWN ROADS

The Town has received an increase in complaints regarding parking on Town Roads. The areas of concern seem to be mainly down near the lake, and outside of the State Park. The Town has these regulations because Town roads are not wide enough to accommodate parking while still allowing traffic to flow safely. A reminder residents may obtain a free resident sticker to park at the Town's Boat Launch. Patrons of the State Park will need to purchase a sticker through the state park for parking. Violators will be ticketed.

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Election Dates

August 12, 2014 - Fall Primary

November 4, 2014 - General Election

The Town has new voting machines! Check out the Town website for a video demonstration of the new machines. Please visit:

www.pleasantsprings.org/votinginformation.html

Fireworks Permit

The use of fireworks, as defined in section 167.01(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, will require a Fireworks use permit.

Residents wishing to hold a fireworks display should stop by Town Hall to obtain a firework's use permit application. Residents should keep in mind the following criteria:

1. If the number of expected spectators is over 30 people, Town Board approval is required. (Please plan ahead to allow the proper time to be placed on a Town Board agenda for consideration.)
2. The request must be for a SPECIFIC date and time.
3. Residents should be aware the issuance of an temporary burning ban shall terminate any firework use permits issued.

A copy of the complete ordinance is available upon request from the Town Office.

Summer Road Projects!

The Town will be doing a joint project with the City of Stoughton, and the Town of Dunkirk to reconstruct Williams Drive. The Town will also be doing a reconstruction project on Apollo Circle.

The following roads are set to be sealcoated this summer:

1. Koshkonong Road
2. Bellview Road
3. Erickson St
4. Tower Drive

The Town will be replacing culverts under the following roads:

1. Havey Lane
2. Rinden Road
3. Williams Point Drive

****Please help our Public Works Department and slow down around road construction and blacktop patching sites this summer.**