

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK NEWSLETTER



Fall 2015

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TOWN WEBSITE Yes, we have one! www.townofmaplecreek.com Check it out!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on November 1. Turn your clocks back one hour.

FISHING RAFTS According to Maple Creek's fishing raft ordinance Chapter 8.05 [3] [b] [i], fishing rafts must: be stored completely above (landward) of the ordinary high water mark during a period from, on or before, October 31 to March 31. In other words, all fishing rafts need to be removed from the water and stored on land from October 31 to March 31.

BUDGET TIME The date and times for the upcoming budget meetings will be set at the October Board meeting. In the past, the Public Budget Hearing, the Town Elector, and the Special Town Board meetings have been on the Monday before Thanksgiving. A notice for these meetings along with a budget summary will be posted at the three town posting boards at least 15 days before that date. It will also be posted on the website. Any Town taxpayer has the right to be heard regarding the proposed budget at the hearing. The Town Elector meeting opens after the budget hearing for two specific reasons; 1) approve the highway expenditures, and 2) set the town tax levy. The Town Board will then meet briefly to adopt the 2015 budget payable in 2016. The Board will not know until after any special budget work meetings (late October) whether we will need to levy more than the minimum levy limit set by the State. If this would be the case, the Electors would be asked to adopt a resolution endorsing a Town Board's resolution to increase the levy more than the State levy limit (this has never been done, however).

ONE NEW, ONE UPDATED ORDINANCE

The *Cemetery Ordinance* has needed a facelift for a while now and is being updated. It is anticipated to be acted on at the next board meeting in October. A new *Garbage/Recycling Ordinance* is also in the works. This ordinance will define who will receive a tote or cart and who will be charged for residential garbage and how businesses should be charged. This is a special charge that goes on the tax roll. This is an "after the fact" charge; meaning, you receive the benefit of garbage pickup for the whole year and the town pays for it and then at the end of the year the charges are added up and divided equally by the users. This is actually what has been happening but the ordinance will clarify some things, especially with going to the totes. This ordinance is anticipated to be acted on at the October board meeting. Both will be posted to the website and the posting boards when passed.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING TOTES The new totes have been delivered, but not without a few glitches. If you have not received a garbage tote, please call the Chairman or Harters and one will be delivered to you. Just an FYI, refuse totes are also being looked into. **There will be two** Saturday pickups in the next couple months; one in November and one in December.

Garbage

October—Every Friday

November—6, 13, 20, **28**(Saturday)

December—4, 11, 18, **26**(Saturday)

Recycling

October 9, 23

November 6, 20

December 4, 18

If you are missed in the garbage pickup, please call Harters right away the same day and they will try to get back and pick it up. The phone numbers are listed here.

Garbage – Harter's 888-804-8556 Recycling – Inland Service Corp 888-759-0501

COUNTY MAP OF MAPLE CREEK For those of you with internet access, you can go to this web address <http://www.outagamie.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=198> for a map of Maple Creek along with addresses, etc. You can go to this web address <http://gis.outagamie.org/maps/Platbookviewer/s2.html?app=apps2/Finder> which is a plat book viewer and was created to look like the hard copy of the plat book. Owner information is current and updated on a nightly basis. You can also go to the county home page and click on maps. If you want to know who owns the property next to you or down the road, this website will help you. You can also look up property anywhere in the County. The County will no longer print hard copies of plat books. The last book was done in 2013 and is still available for purchase.

2016 ELECTIONS There are four elections scheduled next year. Spring Primary—February 16, Spring and Presidential Preference—April 5, Partisan Primary—August 9, and General—November 8. Photo ID will be in effect for these elections. For information regarding your voting history, where your voting place is, what's on the ballot, etc. go to this website <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. There will be more information about deadlines and photo ID in the next newsletter. If you are new to Maple Creek and have not yet registered to vote, why not take care of it now? Contact the Clerk for more details.

From the Silo

With Supervisor Morrison

My best impression of Robin Williams."Good Morning Maple Creek."

My first comments are the result of an article in the WTA monthly publication. The reason for the article is that the state changed permit requirements for Towns to change or add a culvert that goes under the town roads. The state requires the Town to record any information with updates and changes to our culverts, thus requiring an inventory of all culverts. This led to the discussion of culverts under private driveways. Your town board is in the process of inventorying all culverts; their location, size, condition, age, and ownership. During road construction or reconstruction, state law requires the Town to install the driveway entrance and culvert if needed. At all other times the land owner is responsible for the driveway and culvert. To this end the land owner is responsible for maintenance and cleaning of the culverts. Not all driveways are required to have a culvert. It depends on slope and movement of water. We may have a few culverts that are not really necessary. To maintain flow of water the culvert must be clear of debris and unobstructed. Our ordinance now requires culverts to be a minimum of 15 inches in diameter and a minimum of 24 feet in length. Our driveway ordinance requires drives have a right of way of not less than 20 feet and the driveway portion not less than 16 feet. The Town is considering all new drives into farm fields be 40 feet wide. This will help to lessen damage to the road from the farm equipment entering or leaving the field.

The second subject concerns trash and recycling collection. By now you should have received your trash tub. The change-over has gone relatively smooth. In the long run, use of these tubs will reduce our trash cost and save on trash being blown into the ditches. You need to have one of these tubs to have your trash picked up. If you did not get yours, call one of the board members and we will get you one. Harters furnished the tubs and

are responsible for maintaining the tub. If you move, the tub stays at the residence. The board is considering using these tubs for recycling also. Unlike Harters tubs, Inland Service isn't furnishing the tubs. The Town will have to buy the tubs and maintain them. We have to budget for the cost, so implementation won't start until next year if approved. The cost of tubs may eventually be charged to the resident through the tax bill. I think the Board should consider some presentation of information to the residents on recycling. I suspect there are a lot of items that can be recycled that you are not aware of. The more you can recycle will lower our trash costs. That's enough for now. I hope you had a great summer considering the crummy weather. Have a great fall and enjoy the splendor of the Colorama that should be starting any day now.

Larry

THANKSGIVING DAY QUOTES

...Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half times take 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence---Erma Bombeck

...I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage--unknown

...This Thanksgiving is gonna be special. Mom says I don't have to sit at the card table—Jim Samuels

...As the Thanksgiving season approaches, remember, all it takes is one undercooked turkey and you'll be the "dinner rolls" and "soda" person for life--unknown

...Happy Thanksgiving! Don't let the "turkeys" get you down—unknown

May the good things of life be yours in abundance, not only at Thanksgiving, but throughout the coming year.