

**TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK**  
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## 2023 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### **WILL A FIRE TRUCK FIT DOWN YOUR DRIVEWAY?**

As of the writing of this newsletter, and according to [www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov) the Town of Maple Creek is among the 70.2% of the State of Wisconsin currently experiencing moderate drought conditions. Fire is a real threat, not only to our homes, businesses, and outbuildings, but to crops as well. As a reminder, it is imperative to establish a safe route with adequate driveway access to enable firefighters and emergency vehicles to locate and reach your home quickly. Make sure your address sign is visible at the road from either direction and remove any vegetation restricting the visibility of the sign. Make your home visible from the road so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter. Maple Creek has a driveway ordinance #4.08 (1) which states: For the purpose of ensuring adequate and effective access to dwelling for emergency vehicles, any driveway which is over 100 feet in length (between its intersection with the road and the front building line of the dwelling) which is used or intended to be used as an access to a dwelling, shall have a right-of-way cleared of trees, brush, stumps, and rocks of not less than 20 feet in width, and shall have a graveled or paved surface width of not less than 16 feet. Make sure the surface of your driveway is firmly packed and is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft. Remove any gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access, and create an area at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home.

### **FIREWORKS**

If you intend to shoot off a large amount of fireworks for the Fourth of July, please contact the Town Chairperson, Susan Griffin for a fireworks permit. The intent of this permit is similar to the burning permit, to be aware!

### **ATV/UTV ON COUNTY ROADS**

The New London ATV Club has approached the Town Board to request the board to apply for permits from Outagamie County to open county roads to ATV/UTV traffic. Letters are being sent to property owners adjacent to the proposed routes on the county roads being considered as potential routes. **A Public Hearing will be held July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Creek Town Hall.**

### **SOLAR FARM**

There has been renewed communication from AVANGRID, the company proposing a solar farm in the Town of Maple Creek. Several residents have received letters inquiring about easements on their property for transmission lines and Derek Buss, Senior Business Developer with Avangrid Renewables, Chicago Illinois, has reached out to Clerk Stracy to request possible meeting times. **The Town of Maple Creek will hold a Special Public Meeting on August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Creek Town Hall for interested residents for a presentation from Mr. Buss.**

### **OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW**

The first meeting of the Board of Review was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The assessment roll was not completed and the Board of Review adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to a later date. It is anticipated to be held later this summer. At this time, Associated Appraisal has 100% completed the following: job setup; market sales analysis; measure buildings; sketch buildings; compute building areas; list buildings(field) and compute building values. Setting land values and pricing land (office) are 80% completed, and the field review of the work done is 0% completed. To date, 88% of the project is completed. Please contact Associated Appraisal Consultants with any questions; 920-749-1995 or email at [info.apraz@gmail.com](mailto:info.apraz@gmail.com)

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Building permits ARE required in Maple Creek. Contact the building inspector, Mike Miller, with questions.

### **MEETING MOTION HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### **Town Board:**

#### **March 13, 2023**

- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve renewing our Liability and Worker's Comp policies with Rural Insurance for \$4,230. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

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#### **April 10, 2023**

- Griffin made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve sending the cemetery ordinance 9.08 to Attorney Frassetto to add allowing grave stones that have the cremains inside. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to participate in the free tire pickup from September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> with two dumpsters; the same size as last year Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp to pay dues to the Wisconsin Town's Association for \$844.50 for 2023-2024. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **May 8, 2023**

- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve the proposed land split for parcel number 160016300, creating a new parcel for a future home, on behalf of Steve and Marcia Janke. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Griffin, to begin the process to apply for permits to open four county roads to ATV/UTV traffic. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to accept the quote from Outagamie County Highway Department in the amount of \$7,500 for cleaning and restoration of the Mentzel Road ditch. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Griffin, allow Clerk Stracy to attend the upcoming 2023 Virtual Clerks and Treasures Institute Mon. July 17 – Fri. July 21, 2023 at a cost of \$499. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Plan Commission:**

- The Plan Commission met Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. where Paul Gitter was appointed as Vice-Chairperson and Amiee Stracy was appointed as Secretary. A motion was made and approved to change future meetings to the Monday before the Town Board meetings at 6:00 p.m.
- Motion made by Gitter, seconded by Coroneos, to approve the proposed CSM submitted by Carow Land Surveying Co., Inc. for Steven and Marcia Janke splitting 3.10 acres from parcel 160016300, Ayes 5, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**FREE TIRE RECYCLING WEEK**

Every year the County Recycling and Solid Waste Department offers a time when the municipalities can bring in tires for recycling from their communities. We participate in this every year. You can bring your tires, **18 inch in size-only 4 per household**, starting at 5 p.m. Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, to 8 a.m. Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, to the Town Hall and put them in the dumpster. The tires will then be picked up early Monday morning and taken to the County landfill. The town will get charged \$8 per tire for all tires exceeding 18”, so NO tires larger than 18” and NO business tires.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- ✓ Find out the do’s and don’ts about curbside recycling here: <https://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/curbside-recycling-2/> Any recycling disposed of in plastic bags gets pulled off their sorting lines immediately and goes to the landfill.
- ✓ Prevent fraud and sign up for Outagamie County Land Notification Alerts at: [www.outagamie.org](http://www.outagamie.org), Register of Deeds Tab or <https://landshark.co.outagamie.wi.us/Ins.app> or questions: call ROD at 920-832-5095. No need to pay title lock.
- ✓ Where will you be for the two greatest phenomena of your lifetime? Be prepared for the two grandest events of the century. 1. Annular Solar Eclipse, October 14, 2023, and 2. North American Total Eclipse, April 8, 2024 <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2023/oct-14-annular/where-when/>

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS (Town Hall):**

- ✓ July 10 – Public Hearing on ATV/UTV on county roads 6:00p.m.
- ✓ July 10 – Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ August 14 - Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ August 21 – Special Public Meeting on Solar Farm 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ September 11 - Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ Plan Commission and Cemetery meetings as needed

**REFUSE AND RECYCLING:**

Dates:	Garbage (Harter’s): 1-888-804-8556	Recycling (LRS) 1-920-759-0501
July	<b>8</b> , 14, 21, 28	<b>8</b> , 21
August	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 18
September	1, <b>9</b> , 15, 22, 29	1, 15, 29
October	6, 13, 20, 27	13, 27

- The County now contracts with the recycling company Lakeshore Recycling Service. They bought out Orion. They have the same phone number.
- Refuse pickup is every Friday while recycling pickup is every other Friday. The only exception is when there is a holiday **during the week, M-F**, then pickup is on **SATURDAY** as highlighted in **bold** on the table.
- If for some reason you are missed during the garbage pickup, please call Harter’s or LRS right away so they can get back to you while their trucks are still in the area.
- Harter’s also offers large item pickup days during the month. Call them for the details.
- If you would need a replacement garbage tote, contact Harter’s. If you need a replacement recycling tote, contact one of the town board members.

\*\*\*\*Have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July\*\*\*\*

- What does a bee do when it is hot? – He takes off his yellow jacket.
- What did the pig say on a hot summer day? – I’m bacon!
- What did the air conditioning say to the man? – I’m your biggest fan.
- Why didn’t the sun go to college? – Because it already has a million degrees.
- What do toads drink on a hot summer days? – Ice cold Croak-o-cola.

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Harter's Refuse Service (*refuse*)  
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