

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
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2020 Spring Newsletter

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN KORTH

Things are looking good in the Town. The Board went and checked the roads. They look decent. The Board is thinking of re-doing Hintz Road from Fuerst Road to the East. We will be reviewing the right-of-ways. We will be working with the Covid-19 rules. We should be in good financial condition by the end of the year. We are considering a Town re-assessment after this year. We have been out of compliance for 3 years.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: The Town Board will meet at the regular monthly date and time on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. Due to the open meeting law, the board cannot restrict who attends this meeting. However, social distancing, etc., will take place. All meeting notices are posted on the posting boards which are located at the Town Hall, Stilen Road (corner with County Rd W), and by the ballpark in Sugar Bush. Also, **please check the town website for agendas, minutes, notices, and other information.**

2020 ELECTIONS NEWS!!!

The April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary is occurring as scheduled, however, information is changing by the day so keep informed. Anyone planning to vote should request to have an absentee ballot mailed to them as soon as possible.

- You must be registered to vote to request an absentee ballot, AND, a photo ID must be on file in the clerk's office
- Voters should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible for April 7th. The deadline for the clerk to mail an absentee ballot is April 2nd by 5 p.m. You can request an absentee ballot online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. SEE CLERK NOTE
- Voters who need to register may do so in person at their municipal clerk's office until the Friday before the election (April 3 by 5 p.m.) and on Election Day at the polling place. Online registration was extended to March 30 but is probably over by this publication.
- **Clerk's Note:** I have been issuing absentee ballots daily (56 to date-1/3 of the total votes expected). There have been a lot of questions about this process. For those of you who do not have computers or phones that take pictures, you can vote in person in my office at the town hall. I understand that you may not want to leave your house, but I will accommodate you the best I can. I am making appointments so that only one or two people are here at the same time to reduce any risk. If you are physically unable to come here, there are options for that al-

so. We have a ramp or we can do curbside voting. Another way to request an absentee ballot is to mail a letter (or email) to me requesting a ballot for the April 7 election along with your address and mailing information and attach a photo ID. Some people have been taking a picture of their Driver's licenses/passports with their phones and sending them to me. Long story short...call, email, or text me. I'll see what I can do.

- **Covid-19 Preparations Election Day:** Several preparations are in the works for Election Day voting. Social distancing will be necessary. The machines, counters, bathrooms, door knobs, etc. will be disinfected regularly. Everyone will receive their own pen for signing the poll book. Wear a facemask if you are sick. If you have your own hand sanitizer, please bring it. The clerk is still trying to secure some through the State and does not have any on hand.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW: The Open Book is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th from 4-6 p.m. and the Board of Review is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st from 4-6 p.m. Both will be held at the Town Hall. All Covid-19 preparations will still be in place. At the open book, you can view your 2020 property assessment. It is recommended that you contact the assessor at this time. The board of review procedures are explained on the posting boards and on the door of the town hall or google Wisconsin Stats. 70.47. For more information, contact the clerk and/or Associated Appraisal at 800-721-4157.

ANNUAL MEETING-PROPOSED POSTPONED-MAY 21: Due to the Covid-19 Safer at Home order by the Governor, the Annual Meeting cannot be held on the third Tuesday in April because we typically have more than 15 people in attendance. So, Chairman Korth, Clerk Gitter and Supervisor Young will meet on April 21st at 6:30 p.m. and then vote to adjourn the meeting to a later date within 30 days. That day is Thursday, May 21st. This is also the same date as the Board of Review. The Board of Review will be from 4-6 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will start at 6:30. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors, have a snack and talk about Town issues.

DOGS: The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or before the dog is 5 months old, pay a dog tax. Licenses issued after April 1st (for 2019 licenses) will have a \$5 fine attached. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31. The license cost for all dogs 5 months of age or older is \$8. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the license is \$3. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. Please contact Treasurer Much to arrange to get the dog license.

BUILDING PERMITS: In March 2018 the past Town Board contracted with a new building inspector. Contact Mike Miller, for your permit before starting that project. His information, 920-428-3331 or Spike54170@aol.com.

RAFT PERMITS: In December of 2000 the Town Board adopted Ordinance 8.05; “Regulation of Fishing Rafts on the Wolf and Embarrass Rivers”. The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- Establish certain restrictions on the placement, use and storage of fishing rafts
- Provide for annual registration and inspection of fishing rafts, and
- Establish certain construction and maintenance standards for fishing rafts

All fishing rafts within the Town of Maple Creek must be registered. The annual permit fee is \$5 and the inspection fee is \$25. Rafts cannot be placed in the water before March 1st and must be removed by October 31st of every year. The Board appointed Joe Close as the raft inspector. Obtain your permits from the Clerk by appointment. The inspector will be checking this year.

BURNING PERMITS: Before you burn that pile, contact Chairman Korth for a burning permit. There is no cost. It is for informational purposes only.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING: Garbage pickup is every Friday. There is an exception for those months that have a holiday during the week. Then the pickup would be on Saturday of that week. Refuse pickup is every other Friday with the same exceptions as garbage pickup. Here’s the schedule:

Garbage.....April 3,10,17,24 May 1,8,15,22,**30** June 5,12,19,26

Recycling.....April 3 17 May 1 15 30 June 12 26

If for some reason you are missed during the garbage pickup, please call Harter’s right away so they can get back to you while their trucks are still in the area.

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Joe Close
raft inspections
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Things I learned from the Easter Bunny.....Everyone needs a friend who is all ears; Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits; Don’t put all your eggs in one basket; Good things come in small, sugar-coated packages; An Easter bonnet can cover the wildest hare.