

Town of Maple Creek

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New London, WI

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Spring 2017 Newsletter

Letter from the Chair

Spring is soon upon us and another winter is behind us; a relatively mild one at that. We should have saved some money on the snowplowing. The road weight limits have been on for several weeks now.

I know when the limits come off some of you will be anxious to empty those manure pits. I would ask that you consider hauling lighter loads. I know this means more trips and more expense, but our roads are not built to handle the weights of those large tankers the custom haulers use. At present design our roads can handle 30 to 35 tons. Those custom haulers are 60 to 70 tons. I learned in a recent asphalt class that I attended that to build our roads to handle that kind of weight we would have to have a 10" gravel base with 5 ½" of asphalt on top. The cost would be astronomical! Our small township could never afford that!

We'll put the final layer of asphalt on Breiting Road and on Schweitzer Road between Buboltz Road and State Hwy 76 in June. That will be it for construction then just maintenance as needed the rest of the year. We'll save up for the next road project which will not be until 2019. That will be a grind and relay of Buboltz Road between Roloff Road and Cty WW. Hopefully we'll be able to afford that; road money is hard to come by.

With the coming spring and melting snow it will be easier to see the trash in our ditches. If you are out walking you might want to consider bringing along a trash bag to put the trash in that you encounter along the way. I encourage all to take pride in our township and keep it clean.

Also keep an eye out for those rascals who come out to the rural areas to discard their old tires, TV sets etc. Get their license no. or vehicle description and turn them in. They have no respect for our rural areas.

Board member Larry Morrison retires from the board in April. Thank you Larry for your service to our community. It was a pleasure to work with you. Larry had much interest and concern for our township, and I wish him and his wife Barbara a long and enjoyable retirement.

That's all for now, as always feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

- Paul Gitter

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Election News

Wisconsin held a Spring Primary election on February 21st. Due to the off year and the relatively thin slate of non-partisan candidates, turnout was very light. Statewide turnout was around 10%. Here in Maple Creek, we had 36 intrepid voters show up from our registered voter list of 392, or about 9%. Results below:

Party	Candidate	Paper	Screen	Total
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-	Tony Evers	2	15	17
-	Lowell E. Holtz	5	8	13
-	John Humphries	0	4	4

You may notice that the vote totals do not add up to 36. This is because two voters did not vote correctly. One paper vote had two candidates voted for, for example. When you go to vote, make sure you read the instructions on the ballot. Our next election on April 4th has

two races that have multiple candidates and multiple votes can be cast. Our own Town Board election has 4 candidates running, of which no more than 2 can be voted for. If there are more than two candidates voted for, that ballot will not be counted. The same situation exists with the New London School Board race, where 5 candidates are vying for 3 seats.

On the ballot April 4th are all town offices, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, state supreme court and Outagamie circuit court judges, and the New London and Shiocton school boards. If you would like a sample ballot or to schedule absentee or early voting, please contact the town clerk. This is the last election of 2017.

Since we have a 4-way race for two Town Board seats, I've asked the candidates to jot down a paragraph or two about themselves so that voters have a bit of an idea who they are. Their responses are published below in the random order that they will appear on the ballot.

Gary Coroneos

Twenty-two years ago my wife Sue and I purchased an old dairy farm with 40+ acres on Hintz Road. We rent out the tillable land and have fun on the rest.

I became your town sexton over 15 years ago and have been on the cemetery commission for many years. Working with the two cemeteries has been very important to me.

I've gone to the monthly town meetings and have seen what past supervisors have done to keep our township safe with ambulance and fire services, and productive with good roads. Our township, like all the others, is having a hard time maintaining the standard of care we expect and are accustomed to. This is due to budget cuts and increased costs. I want to help find solutions to these issues.

Dalton Korth

Hello, I am Dalton Korth. I am a lifelong resident of Maple Creek. I have been a supervisor in the past for 8 years. I have been fire warden since about 1980.

I would like to contribute to road and budget issues. I would like to work with the people to solve their problems and help them financially stay in business. We are always looking for new building issues.

Mike Bruette

I am Mike Bruette. I have lived in Maple Creek for the last 45 years. I have been on the town planning commis-

sion since 2008. I am the owner of Sugar Creek Farm which is near Sugar Bush. There has been a lot of change in the township in the last 45 years and I am sure there is more to come. Farming has always been and still is the most important industry in the township. I think the farmers in the township need a voice on the town board so I would appreciate your vote.

James J. Young

I'm Jim Young, your town board supervisor for the last 3 years. I've lived in Maple creek all my life. Enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1972 and was discharged in 2007, 35 years active and reserve. I was activated for the Persian Gulf War and was in Saudi Arabia 8 days after they invaded Kuwait, where I remained till we won the war. I am a Past Commander of VFW Post 664 and Past Commander of the American Legion Post 63. Present Commander of the 8th District of the American Legion. Adjutant/Treasurer of the Waupaca County Council of the American Legion. Member of Grace Lutheran Church- Sugar Bush and its council secretary. I was in the Carpenter's Union for 14 years till the Gulf war, then in 1992 started my own business.

I've been married to my wife Donna for 43 years. We went into foster care when we heard there was a need for Foster Parents. We worked through Outagamie County, working with girls till our girls were gone. Then went to work for another agency as a treatment Foster home doing boys. All together it was 22 years. We are both retired now.

Annual Meeting in April

By state statute, every township must hold an annual meeting of electors once a year. The law is very specific about when and what may be dealt with. For example, the meeting must be held on the 3rd Tuesday in April unless the town electors at last year's meeting selected a different date—which cannot be more than 10 days after the 3rd Tuesday.

Any “qualified” elector can vote on motions brought up at the annual meeting. What this generally means is that if you are eligible to vote here, you can vote at the annual meeting. Note, you don't have to be registered to vote. You also don't have to own land in Maple Creek to vote in the annual meeting; obversely, if you do own land here but aren't a resident, you cannot vote at the annual meeting.

The types of things that can be dealt with at an annual meeting are governed by Wis. Stats 60.10, Powers of the Town Meeting. It is a broad range of powers. Any elector may make a motion, and if it is seconded, the electors may discuss and vote on it.

Last year, after a reading of the previous year's minutes and a review of the Town's major activities during the year, the electors voted to:

- 1) leave elected officials wages the same for the next year
- 2) Defeated a motion to increase town hourly wages to \$15/hour from \$12
- 3) Set next year's (2017) annual meeting for the third Tuesday in April at 6:30 PM.

As that last bullet point states, the annual meeting is indeed coming up soon. It is a good place to meet some of your neighbors and see direct democracy in action. Plus, we have snacks.

Maple Syrup in Maple Creek

You'd think it would be a natural fit that in a town called Maple Creek that there would be lots of maple syrup production. There are some people that take full advantage of the maple trees they have and participate in the annual spring ritual of making maple syrup.

John and Steve Knapp and Tregg Fuerst boiled down 240 gallons of sap, producing 12 gallons of syrup. They are still working on their cooking but say their quality is improving every year. They tapped 80 trees this year, starting in the unusually early time of mid-February. Their syrup was produced in multiple cooking sessions lasting about 6 hours each.

With that quantity, these Maple Creekers are able to enjoy the syrup of their labors year-round.

Hazardous Material Collection

Outagamie Recycling has announced a hazardous household & farm waste collection. This will be on Friday, April 28th at the Shiocton County Highway garage, W7517 Highway 54. Oil or lead paints, pesticides and herbicides, poisons, solvent, varnish etc. are accepted. Latex paints are not.

Appointments are necessary. Please call ahead at 920-968-5721 to schedule and to make sure your materials are accepted.

Upcoming Road Work

While it is true that the Town's summer road work will be limited to minor maintenance and finishing the blacktop on Breiting and Schweitzer roads, there is one piece of road work happening that will affect many town residents.

A 3 1/4 mile section of County Road W will be repaved, starting at County Road D, running past the Town Hall and then north to Roloff Road.

The work is not a total reclaiming job where the surface is ground up and base gravel re-laid, but rather resurfacing with new asphalt. Dan Nejedlo, the county highway superintendent for roads west of highway 47, assures me there will be no significant traffic interruptions, just temporary issues with lane closures. The work does not have a scheduled date yet, but will occur in the summer months.

The county maintains a good website describing current and upcoming county roadwork at:

www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=473

State road projects can be seen at:

projects.511wi.gov

Even though we had a mild winter...

In January the town spent \$940.82 on road salt. During the bad ice storm of January 17 alone, the town put down \$411.53 worth of salt.

Overall, the town has spent \$8,532.64 on winter road maintenance during this season. Since we had some more winter weather in March that hasn't been billed yet, it is safe to say that total amount will rise.

Have a Suggestion for the Newsletter?

This newsletter belongs to the residents of Maple Creek. If you would like to see something specific addressed here or have suggestions about it, please don't hesitate to contact me. - *Larry Katerzynske*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday	3/27/17	Cemetery meeting
Friday	3/31/17	Last day to vote absentee ballot in Clerk's office
Tuesday	4/4/17	Wisconsin Spring Election—7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday	4/4/17	Planning Commission meeting (if necessary)
Monday	4/10/17	Monthly Town Board Meeting—6:30 PM
Tuesday	4/11/17	Open Book— property tax roll 4 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday	4/18/17	Annual Town Meeting of Electors—6:30 PM
Tuesday	5/2/17	Planning Commission meeting (if necessary)
Monday	5/8/17	Monthly Town Board Meeting—6:30 PM
Tuesday	5/9/17	Board of Review—3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Tuesday	6/6/17	Planning Commission meeting (if necessary)
Monday	6/12/17	Monthly Town Board Meeting—6:30 PM

Trash / Recycling

Trash only: Mar. 31, Apr. 14, Apr. 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23

Trash/Recycling: Apr. 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19, June 3, June 16, June 30

REMEMBER: These are pick-up dates! Make sure to put your bins out the night before!

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