

TOWN OF BLACK WOLF

2010 SPRING Newsletter

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Effie Howlett Marking Soap

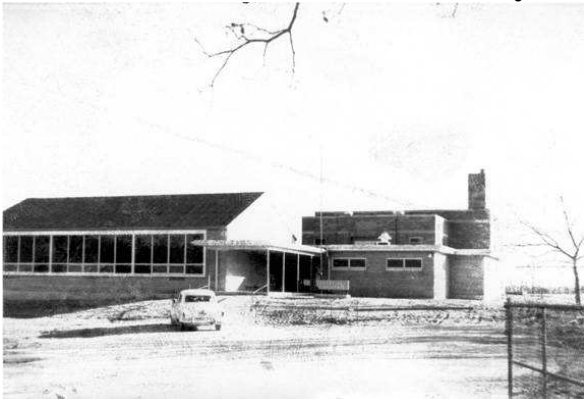
BLACK WOLF IS 160 YEARS OLD!

Important Date to Mark on Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 26th, from 1-4 pm

We'll officially celebrate 160 years as a municipality and the ten year anniversary in our new town hall. We plan to have an "Open House" at the town hall and historical photos and information will be available. Our historical committee is putting a book together about early residents, schools, churches, etc. The Van Dyne Fire Department will have their fire trucks on display. Come and meet your neighbors and reminisce about the "good old days!" Don't miss it!

Looking for Pictures of Lakeside School Students from the "Good Old Days"



On April 24, 1846, John Mandeville and John Phillips purchased 296 acres of land at a United States sale of public properties. As time passed, they divided and sold parcels of the property, and Andrew and Madeline Hasley (Hoesley) bought some of the land. On January 20, 1893, they sold one acre of land to School District No. 2. This was the beginning.

The school was built and children began attending during the 1893-94 school year. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1908. The children attended school in the Rudolf Elmer home until 1909, when the

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school was rebuilt on the same site. That school building is presently the home that stands just south of the present building and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bloom resided in it for many years. When they bought the school building on March 2, 1941, they had it jacked up and turned around so the building would be parallel to the road. A small addition was then made to the front of the building.

The early written records indicated Viola Gunz was the teacher of all eight grades, and she also cleaned the school, brought in water from the pump, and kept the fires burning in the winter. In 1916, the school year consisted of eight months and Miss Gunz's salary was \$40 per month. In 1924-25 the school was closed due to lack of pupils. In 1927, it was voted to have nine months of school. Prior to 1929 the teacher and children used outhouses. Amber Morgan was the teacher from 1930-1962. *(Note: if you want to read more about Amber Morgan...GOOGLE "Always Amber")* In 1939, the Hasley's sold seven acres of land to the Black Wolf School District and on November 20, 1939 ground was broken for the present school building. As the years passed, Lakeside went from kerosene lamps to electricity, from cold outhouses to flush toilets and from slate boards and primers to computers and calculators.

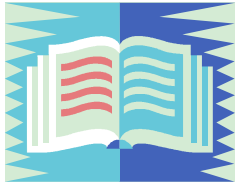
ANNUAL MEETING April 13th



The Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting is open to the public. Town residents are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a time for residents to present and discuss concerns and/or issues they would like the town officers to consider. We welcome your comments!

Open Book



The Open Book is expected to be held in June, according to our Assessor John Bodouski, Bowmar Appraisals (920 733-5379).

Watch the website and posting boxes for more information, or call the Town Hall office at 688-1404. This is the time when you can meet with the assessor if you have questions on property assessments.

Long-Range Planning

The Town of Black Wolf has established a Long-Range Planning Subcommittee to look at current ordinances and to address several pressing problems. The committee is chaired by Jim Chitwood and its members are Brad Disch, Sandra Gollhofer, and Mike Pollack. Supervisor I, Tom Herzing, serves as a resource to the group. The Subcommittee has prioritized the issues it will be addressing. First on the list is the Town's current density-standard ordinance, which controls building within Black Wolf. The hope is that we can create a regulation which allows building in sectors of the Town which are becoming more urban, while preserving the character of rural areas. Later the Subcommittee will be taking on the Town's storm water drainage plan, in hopes of providing guidelines for the creation of a storm water district and a system to resolve some of the problems we have encountered with spring flooding.

It is intended that this be a standing subcommittee of Planning and Zoning. Long-Range Planning meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Working Lands Initiative

Many of you may already be aware of this but the Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has developed and promoted this new program as a way to achieve preservation of areas significant for current and future agricultural uses. The main components include: Expand and modernize the state's existing farmland preservation program; establish

agricultural enterprises areas (AEAs); and, develop a purchase of agricultural conservation easement matching grant program (PACE). Many informational meetings have been conducted around the state, hosted by the UW Extension among others, to disseminate the concepts and to solicit feedback. Town representatives have been participating in these meetings and will continue to do so to keep abreast of the details as they continue to be ironed out. At this point, the town has made no decision to pursue any of the above-mentioned items nor is the county. If anyone is interested in more information, visit <http://workinglands.wi.gov>. And, don't forget to let the town board know what you think!

Railroad Quiet Zone

The Town continues to move toward establishing a railroad quiet zone as we have for quite some time now. We recently received a letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development of the Federal Railroad Administration informing us that the Swiss Road and Country Club Road closings can be used when determining the risk calculation. The risk calculation results will tell us whether more safety improvements will be needed beyond just the gates and lights that have been installed.

Thomas Boyke, P.E. from Ruckert-Mielke is currently working on these calculations and will be finalizing his results in the very near future. Preliminary calculations using the two crossings as a part of the Town's risk reduction measures indicated that we would be able to establish a quiet zone without any additional improvements. However, it should be noted the Federal Railroad Administration recently performed a quiet zone risk calculation on the Town's proposed new quiet zone that included credit for the closure of the two public crossings and the results indicate that additional safety improvements *may still be necessary* in order to establish a new quiet zone.

As soon as the final piece of information is available, it will be posted on the Town's website and it will be an agenda item at the following monthly board meeting.



TOWN BURNING POLICY

There are no ordinances which prevent burning in the Township; however, please respect your neighbors and observe good safety practices. Be especially careful to burn only during calm periods of the day or early evening. Be sure to notify the Van Dyne and City of Oshkosh Fire Departments if you're planning a large burn.



Storm Water Management Illicit Discharge Connections

We have recently enacted an ordinance addressing illicit discharge connections into our drainage ditches as part of our WDNR stormwater permit. The following definition is taken from the

Environmental Protection Agency concerning illicit discharge connections (modified to fit our Town) .

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the Town roadside ditches (ditches) that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for discharges allowed under a WPDES permit or waters used for firefighting operations. These non-stormwater discharges occur due to illegal connections to the ditches.

As a result of these illicit connections, contaminated wastewater enters ditches which flow directly into our rivers and lakes without receiving treatment from a wastewater treatment plant.

Illicit connections may be intentional or unknown to the landowner. These connections are often due to the floor drains connected to the storm drainage system in a commercial area. Additional sources of illicit discharges are failing septic systems, illegal dumping practices, and the improper disposal of sewage from recreational practices such as boating or camping.

Illicit discharges can also result from private pool maintenance, cleaning paint brushes, washing cars, carpet cleaning and other common activities. The basement drain tile discharge, after heavy rains, is not considered an illicit discharge.

You can help to eliminate illicit discharges and clean up our rivers and lakes through the following activities:

1. **Private Swimming Pool Filter Cleaning and Discharge-** Let your pool water sit untreated for 5 days before discharge into the ditch at the end of the season. Do not discharge your pool filter backwash directly into the ditch. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drain field system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or an unpaved vegetated area of your lawn away from the ditch.

Proper disposal of household cleaners, solvents, oils and paints- Do not dump in the ditch!!! See the Town Website (*Garbage/ Recycling* Tab on www.townofblackwolf.com) for information on weekly recycling pickup items including various paper, aluminum and aerosol products. Other household chemicals (paints, waste oil, pesticides , poisons) take to the Winnebago County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Facility open every other Wednesday and Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM starting March 17 to October 30, located at 100 West County Road Y. (Website: <http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste/household-hazardous-material>, telephone number (920) 232-1860)

2. **Septic System Operation-** Have your septic system checked periodically for any leaks or failures. COMM Chapter 83 contains minimum inspection and servicing standards for different types of septic systems. A visual inspection by a qualified individual is required once every three years to determine if wastewater is ponding on the septic system ground surface.
3. **Car Wash-** Get your car washed at a private car wash or use environmentally friendly cleaner. Consider washing your car over the grass instead of on the driveway.
4. **Look for dry weather discharge-** If you do notice flow in a roadside ditch after a long dry period of no rainfall (at least three days of dry weather), contact Tom Verstegen at the Town Hall (particularly if it has an unusual color or odor!)

Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep our rivers and lakes clean!!!



NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

The Town's new website is up and running, using the same web address: townofblackwolf.com

Information about meetings, news, agendas, forms, elections, pictures and more is organized in a user-friendly manner. Links to agencies and other features have been added.

Medication Take-Back

When: Thursday, April 15th

Where: Oshkosh Senior Center, 234 N Campbell

Time: 8 AM – Noon

DO bring medications to be transported and incinerated in an air-tight container by trained and licensed sanitation professionals.

DO NOT flush medications down the toilet which ends up in the drinking water or the waterways. **DO NOT** throw medications in the garbage which may leach back into the ground over time and alter the environment.



FIRE SIGN PROJECT

We began working on replacing existing fire signs in 2009 on Hwy. 45, Fond du Lac Rd., Howlett and Lone Elm. In 2010 we will replace fire signs on County I, Oregon Street, County R, County Z, Nekimi and Fisk. Fire signs for smaller town roads and private roads will be done after these roads are completed.



SANITARY DISTRICT BILLS

Did you know that you can drop off payments for your quarterly sanitary district bills in the slot on the door of the Sanitary District building? That's the building located East of the Town Hall.

BLACK WOLF SANITARY DISTRICT

The Sanitary District's recently completed four-year Clearwater abatement program is already paying large dividends. We have reduced our flows between 25% and 35%. This translates to an annual sewage treatment fee savings of over \$20,000.00. These savings have already paid for the cost of the sewer televising and repairs. We will continue to save more than \$20,000 annually for many years to come. In addition to the savings, our pumps are able to handle wet conditions much more easily than before. We will continue to monitor flows with the aid of our newly purchased sewer camera. Thank you for all of your patience and cooperation.



Building Permits - Our Building Inspector, Dave Frank, issues Building Permits. Dave is available at the Town Hall Office on **Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**. You may also call Dave directly at his home phone: (920) 233-1999. Building Permits are required for the following:

- Zoning Permit
- Fill Permit
- New Construction Permit
- Sign Permit
- Accessory Building/Structure Permit
- Moving Structure Permit
- Addition Permit
- Fence Permit
- Remodeling Permit
- Mechanical Permit
- Special Project Permit: window/door, foundation repairs, siding, decks
- Road Access (Culvert) Permit

WI Goes Smoke-Free July 5

Wisconsin workers will no longer have to choose between their health and a paycheck, and customers will be able to enjoy a night out without worrying about secondhand smoke. On July 5, 2010 Wisconsin will join the other 22 states that are 100% smoke-free in all workplaces, including restaurants and bars. The law will protect the health of everyone from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Starting July 5, smoking will be prohibited in all indoor workplaces including taverns, lodging places, restaurants, bowling alleys, theaters, retail establishments, private clubs, buildings open to the public, bus shelters and public transportation, common areas of apartment buildings, and all other indoor places of employment. Smoking will also not be allowed in sports arenas of all kinds (Lambeau Field, Miller Park, gymnasiums, swimming pools, skating rinks, etc).

Smoke-free air laws are good for health and good for business. Many businesses have decided to embrace the law and have gone smoke-free already. For a list of smoke-free business or to get more information or resources on the Smoke-Free Air Law, please visit www.wibetttersmokefree.com or contact your local tobacco control coordinator at 920.232.3021 or email edieringer@co.winnebago.wi.us.

Chris Martell, Constable (920) 688-2445



Spring is here and it's time to send out a few reminders about pets. The Town's dog ordinance states that dogs must be under control at all times. This doesn't mean that the dog needs to be on a leash, but if that's what is needed to keep a dog under control, then do so. With that in mind, if your dog does get away, call me at home (688-2445) so that I can make a note of it and call you back if I get a call or find your dog. If you find a dog running loose **DO NOT CAPTURE OR HOLD THE DOG!!** Don't let it in your garage, put it in your kennel, tie it up or let a stray in your house! There have been many instances that a seemingly friendly dog turns on and harms the person(s) that has captured them. All stray or strange dogs should be treated with caution and not approached.

Also, try not to leave food out for animals. If you feed them, they will return. This applies to dogs and cats. There are no ordinances regarding cats in the Town. If you have strays in your area and you want them captured, again, call me at home and I will do what I can to capture them. If you trap a cat on your own (without the knowledge of the Town) you will be responsible for the disposition of the animal.

All animals are taken to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. If you take a dog or cat to the shelter without prior authorization from the Town, you will be charged \$35 per animal (or \$35 for a litter of pups or kittens). If your pet has been captured and taken to the shelter, there is a fee for picking the pet up. Once an animal has been taken to the shelter, it must be claimed at the shelter.

Did you Vote in February?

Of the 1,865 registered voters in Black Wolf, 184 (10%) voted in the primary election in February.

Upcoming elections in 2010:

April 6 th	General Election
Sept. 21 st	Primary Election
Nov. 2 nd	General Election

Recycling Efforts

Puzzled by Plastic? People are sometimes puzzled about which plastics can be recycled and which should go in the trash. There's a good reason for these questions.



Plastics are a group of very chemically diverse materials. Fortunately, a national coding system requires most consumer plastics to be labeled with a resin code 1 through 7. This helps consumers identify the types of plastic used in making bottles and other containers. While the code provides guidance, it should be viewed with caution because of

the misleading use of the recycling triangle. The presence of the triangle does not necessarily mean that the item is accepted for recycling. **Plastic containers #1 and #2 should be recycled.**

Plastic containers #1 (soft drinks, water, juice, sports drinks, mouthwash, ketchup, salad dressing, food jars for peanut butter, jelly, jam, pickles) are recycled into fiber for carpet, fleece jackets, comforter fill, and tote bags.

Containers #2 (milk, water juice, cosmetics, shampoo, dish and laundry detergents, household cleaners) are recycled into plastic lumber for outdoor decking, fencing, picnic tables, floor tiles, buckets, crates, flower pots, garden edging, recycling bins, etc. Rinsing the recyclable bottles, jars and cans is necessary. The water and energy used is far outweighed by the value gained by recycling.

Winter Recap:

We experienced heavy snowstorms November and December, of 2009, but were spared by some late December rain fall and a milder (normal) January, February and March on 2010 weather stream. Thanks go to all snowplow drivers for their dedicated service and residents for and comments and suggestions that we received. Now is the time to service our equipment in preparation of the 2010-2011 season. The weather even cooperated during the spring melt allowing few flooding concerns.

Future Projects:

The intersection of County Road I and N (Fisk Ave) will be upgraded to become a "Roundabout Intersection". This is a Winnebago County project to include the Roundabout, the resurfacing of CTH I to the north of the intersection and widening of I to the north. This project is still in the concept and design stages with construction to begin in 2011. Some upgrading of the Drainage ditches in the area will also be completed.

Black Wolf will be requesting funding to replace the Bridge at .8 miles east of County Road R on Black Wolf Avenue. No funding or time line has been determined at this point. It is expected to be funded 80% Federal and 20% local with County and Town sharing costs.

Greystone Court paving has been approved for 50% State Local Roads Improvement program 2010-2011. The project will completed this summer by the Winnebago County Highway Department.

We will be looking at the small feeder crossing on Howlett Road for improvement options. A complete road survey is scheduled for April. The survey will determine any additional paving or road maintenance requirements.

Any issues, request or questions regarding town roads are always welcome. Please make contact at the Town Hall to express any comments.



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Constable: Chris Martell

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Zoning Administrator: Tom Versteegen

Building Inspector: Dave Frank

Assessor: Bowmar Appraisal, John Bodouski

Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Use the drop box located by the front door when the office is closed.

Please note: Phone calls should be directed to the Town Hall, unless it's an emergency. Messages will be taken and forwarded to the proper individual or department, thus eliminating the need to contact town officials at their homes. Thanks!

Zoning Administrator, Tom Versteegen, Town Hall Office Hours

Mondays & Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Zoning permits and information may be obtained by contacting Tom at the Town Hall on Monday or Tuesday evenings (688-1404) or calling his cell phone (920) 379-3081.

Appointments can be made to meet with him at any time.

Building Inspector, Dave Frank, Town Hall Office Hours

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Building permit questions may be answered by calling Dave directly at (920) 233-1999.

Assessor:

Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. John Bodouski (920) 733-5369

MEETING SCHEDULES – Town Hall

Special circumstances sometimes require the need to change meeting dates and/or times. Postings are updated on a regular basis. Check the website or posting boxes located at the following locations:

- Town Hall
- Lakeshore Mart
- Lakeshore Superette
- Ripple Rd across from Oshkosh Country Club

Town Board Meetings

7:00 p.m. – 2nd Monday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Committee Meetings

6:30 p.m. – 1st Tuesday of each month.

Plan Commission (Long Range Planning) Meetings

6:30 p.m. – Fourth Monday of each month)