



TOWN OF BLACK WOLF

Semi-Annual Newsletter

Welcome – Fall 2013

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NEW – “Contact Us” Link!

If you haven't visited the Town of Black Wolf website recently, you may want to take a look! You will now find a “Contact Us” link which provides individual email addresses and links to the Board Members and staff, allowing you to contact them directly without having to go through a third party or the general mailbox. Additionally, the Town of Black Wolf is in the process of transferring our old email address to info@townofblackwolf.com so please be sure to update your address book if you have us saved! The continuously updated website also has the most recent Town news, events, meeting minutes, agendas, ordinances and much more!



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Emerald Ash Borer in Town of Black Wolf Don't be Fooled by Look-Alikes!

This Asian beetle, discovered in 2002 in southeastern Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, infests and kills North American ash species including green, white, black and blue ash. Damage is caused by the larvae, which feed in tunnels (called galleries) in the phloem just below the bark. The serpentine galleries disrupt water and nutrient transport, causing branches, and eventually the entire tree, to die. Adult beetles leave distinctive D-shaped exit holes in the outer bark of branches and the trunk. Adults are roughly 3/8 to 5/8 inch long with metallic green wing covers and a coppery red or purple abdomen. They may be present from late May through early September but are most common in June and July (Michigan State University Extension Bulletin).

On August 7, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection issued a News Release that Winnebago County is to be Quarantined for EAB (Emerald Ash Borer), stating that Emerald ash borer was found for the

first time in Winnebago County, and the county now joins 18 others on the quarantine list in Wisconsin. EAB was actually found in the yard of a private home in the Town of Black Wolf on August 1, 2013 with final confirmation and identification being made on August 6, 2013.

What does quarantine mean for you?

The quarantine applies to all of Winnebago County and prohibits wood products from being moved out of the county to areas that are not infested. It also means private citizens cannot take firewood from Winnebago County to non-quarantine counties. For businesses handling wood products that could carry EAB, they must work with DATCP to assure their products are pest-free.

We have a wealth of EAB information on the website or you are welcome to stop by the Town Hall for the following:

- **Homeowner Guide to EAB Insecticide Treatments**
- **An EAB Guide For Homeowners**
- **Wallet size EAB Field Guides to help identify EAB's, and pictures showing what to look for.**
- **Sample of the Emerald Ash Borer insect**
- **Sample of the larvae**
- **Infected wood samples**

Veterinary Clinic Coming Soon

Pre-registration is now taking place for the First Annual Veterinary Clinic being held on November 9, 2013 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. at the Town Hall. Forms are available on the website or at the Town Hall. Although pre-registration is not required, it is highly recommended so the staff can make necessary preparations and have ample supply of vaccinations for all of our welcome pets. We welcome Dr. Kim Everson from Van Dyne who is graciously volunteering her services to perform rabies vaccinations and Home Again Micro Chipping for your cats or dogs. We will also be processing 2014 dog licenses for those pets who reside in the

Town only. All other services are open to residents and non-residents. Please see the following special pricing for this very special event which you won't want to miss:

Rabies Vaccination(s):

- Cost: \$5 per pet
- Cats or Dogs – no limit

Dog Licensing

(Resident's of Black Wolf only)

- Altered Dog: \$5
- Non-Altered Dog: \$10
- Tags and Certificate provided same day

Home Again Micro Chipping

- Cost: \$25 per pet
- Cats or Dogs – no limit

Please visit the website for additional details including important reminders to watch for prior to event. You are also welcome to contact the office during business hours with any questions you may have regarding this event.



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Garbage and Recycling Tid-Bits

Remember that all garbage/recyclables must be **IN THE CARTS**. Do not place any items/bags, etc. next to them as Advanced Disposal trucks will only pick up what is in the cart (lid closed). If you need an extra cart, you are welcome to purchase one from the Town Hall. We currently have 64 Gallon Recycle and Garbage containers at the Town Hall for purchase. Cost is \$40 each. With the new automated trucks, it is important the carts be facing the road, and at least **3 feet apart from each other**. If carts are not 3 feet apart, the automated arms are unable to pick them up and you may run the risk of not having your pick-up for the week.

Ever wonder what to do with your **household hazardous materials** such as automotive liquids, garden and lawn care products, paint or cleaners? The Winnebago County website (www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste) has a listing of acceptable materials and a 2013 operational schedule. **CAUTION: YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME** to drop off for 2013 as hazardous materials will only be accepted at the Winnebago County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Facility located at 105 West County Road Y in Oshkosh on selected days for the month of October and then you will have to wait for the new 2014 schedule! Collections do not begin again until March 2014.

If you visit our website often, we also provide you with the Acceptable Materials Listing and 2013 Operational Calendar.

If you have questions, you are welcome to call the Winnebago County Household Collection Facility directly at (920) 232-1856.

Hit Your Recycle Reset Button Lately?



Recycling in Wisconsin has both economic as well as environmental benefits. The market values of the materials diverted from landfills in 2011 can be found in the annual reports on the DNR's website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling>. You can also view the amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) reduced by recycling materials rather than landfilling.

What about those plastic grocery bags?

Plastic bags with recyclables (whether blue, clear or any other color) have not been accepted since January 2010. In addition, plastic bags should NOT be used at any time with single stream recycling (which is what we do in the Town of Black Wolf) as plastic bags wrap around the processing equipment and cause problems.

Please keep your recyclables clean!

Take that little extra time to rinse your cans/bottles to remove food and liquid from your recyclables. It will not only make things more pleasurable for you but will aid in the separation process of paper and other materials when delivered to the facility.

PIZZA BOXES you ask? Garbage only please!

RECYCLE ITEMS:

- Newspaper (non-bundled or tied)
- Corrugated Cardboard (non-bundled or tied)
- Magazines & catalogs
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Office and writing paper
- Fiberboard such as soda, beer boxes, cereal, crackers
- Phone Books
- Paperback Books
- Hardcover books
- Frozen Food Boxes
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Plastic narrow-necked bottles marked #1 and #2



3050. April Domrbrowski is the Warden Supervisor and her direct line is (920) 424-3055.



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A Word from the Town Constable

Leo Lefeber reminds us of the importance to license your dog(s) and **have all pets vaccinated for rabies**. Although Leo has a listing of all residents who have their dogs licensed for 2013 in the Town of Black Wolf, he may not necessarily recognize your pet if found wondering and without an appropriate tag, he cannot identify them. It is strongly encouraged to attach your pets tag to the collar; not only for easy identification but to ensure you and your pet are not inconvenienced with a trip to the Oshkosh Humane Society and approximately \$100 to release your pet. If a pet is found in the Town of Black Wolf that has not been vaccinated, a \$50 citation may be issued. If a dog is found unlicensed, a \$25 fine may also be imposed. It is important to understand that if a person is bitten by a dog that has no identification and the owner cannot be immediately located, a rabies decision must be made. This decision is with regard to euthanize the animal for further rabies testing and identification of such. This can be avoided with the upcoming rabies vaccination clinic as noted on page one. Please, bring all of your pets to the clinic for a \$5 vaccination to ensure their safety and well being.

Please do not attempt to capture any stray animals. Do not call the Sheriff's Department unless there has been a bite or other threatening behavior. Leave the animal loose and call **Leo Lefeber at (920) 410-2400** or the Town Hall at (920) 688-1404. Attempting to capture stray animals is very dangerous and should be avoided.

The cold weather is coming so please keep your dogs and all pets safe during the up coming cold weather!

Deer Pickup – What to do!

If a deer has been hit and killed or seriously injured in a vehicle collision and is lying on your property, please call the Winnebago County Sheriff's Non-Emergency number at (920) 236-7300 to have the animal euthanized and/or the carcass picked up. A precise location is very important: street/road, fire number, side of road, etc. If the deer is not on the right-of-way it may need to be moved there as the removal contractor is not allowed to trespass on private property. Please check with the Sheriff's Department or the DNR before moving the carcass. The DNR contracts with individuals to remove reported deer and they have two days to pick-up the carcass once the contractor is notified. The DNR Oshkosh Office is open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., M-F, at 424-



Firefighters Needed!

Have you been thinking about volunteering?

The Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department is currently looking for anyone who may be interested in joining the department. This opportunity gives you a chance to serve your community on a volunteer basis. This is open to anyone living or employed in Friendship and Black Wolf. They offer positions in firefighting, first responders and offer a cadet program. The department responds to about 200 calls per year. All training is done at the firehouse. Some outside schooling is required but no previous experience is required. Any questions you may contact Chief Mick Becker at 960-3207 or send him an email to ydfdchief@gmail.com.

The Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department is proud to serve the Town of Black Wolf and its residents and we would love to have you be a part of our Team!



Controlled Burning in the Town of Black Wolf

Many people call and ask if the Town of Black Wolf has a burning ordinance and the answer is **no, we do not**. We do ask that residence respect your neighbors and observe good safety practices, including burning only during calm periods of the day or early evening. If you are planning a controlled burn on your property, please contact the Van Dyne Fire Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department at (920) 236-7300.

Sale of Office Equipment

If you are interested in purchasing a gently used RICOH copier, printers, computer monitors, speakers and other office equipment, please watch our website for the upcoming used office equipment sale happening at the Town Hall!

2013 Oshkosh Chamber Holiday Parade



The 2013 Oshkosh Chamber Holiday Parade will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. The fun and exciting news this year is the Town of Black Wolf will be participating in this year's parade. This year's theme is Holiday *Snow Sports - so* please bring the entire family to see what the Town has in store for this year's first annual Chamber Parade event!



On August 18, 2013 the Town of Black Wolf also participated in the Small Town Day's Parade in Van Dyne. Our "Big Orange" snowplow was driven by Steve Groth and "Fun Ford" was driven by our very own Rob Keller. Other participants included the Town Clerk, Kim Hopkins and her children/friends along with Susan Snyder, Office Manager and her son. It was a wonderful event to participate in and representative the Town of Black Wolf.



Recruiting Election Workers!

Have you been thinking about getting more involved in the community, but just not sure where to turn? We are currently seeking Election workers for the 2014 season and would love to have you join the team. Please

contact the Town Clerk, Kim Hopkins for more information.

Town Board Meetings

Residents are always encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled Board, Planning and Zoning and Stormwater meetings if they have a question or concern that they would like addressed – or simply to attend to see what is happening.

Be sure to check the posting boards for meeting information:

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

Town Board Meetings are held

7:00 p.m. – 2nd Monday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Committee Meetings are held

6:30 p.m. – 1st Monday of each month.

Stormwater Utility District are held

6:00 p.m. – 3rd Monday- bi-monthly meetings

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Date: November 11, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the Tow Hall prior to the hearing

JOIN US!

HISTORY BUFF'S – PLEASE READ



Do you have your copy of the beautifully laminated and bound Town of Black Wolf History Book or CD? If not, we have them at the Town Hall. The

history and pictures are incredible. Every household should have a copy! Books are available for \$15 and CD's are available for \$5.

Get your seeds ready! FARMER'S MARKET IN 2014



The Town Hall will be sponsoring the First Annual Farmer's Market beginning in Spring of 2014.

If you or someone you know is a farmer or gardener of fresh produce, flowers or other specialty farmer's market product, we would love to hear from you. We are gathering names for next year's event and will structure/calendar according to participants. We would love to have our Town of Black Wolf Farmer's Market weekly or monthly but it will depend on participation! Please contact the Town Hall at (920) 688-1404 for more details.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CHANGE OF HOURS

Beginning November 1, 2013

Tom Versteegen – Zoning Administrator
In office - Monday's from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m.
or by appointment (920) 379-3081

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If you are a rental property owner and currently have a vacant rental property, please let the Town Hall know about it. We are often approached by people looking for a place to rent in the area. Also,

if you have a property for sale but would consider accepting renters, please pass this information on to the Town Hall!

WINTER PLOWING FOR 2013-2014

Our trucks have been maintained and upgraded for winter use. All drivers are in place. We should have a good response team to handle the new winter road needs.



Snow Plowing Policy

Our crews will remove snow from all Town roads as well as from private roads that qualify under the following conditions:

- There must be at least three permanent and inhabited residences served by the private road.
- A private road must be maintained, at the owners' expense, in such a fashion as to not cause damage to the Town snow removal vehicle. Brush, trees, low-hanging wires, signposts, and mailboxes must not interfere with plow access.
- A private road must have a road bed sufficient to support the Town vehicle and an area large enough to turn the vehicle around without damage to the vehicle or surrounding property.

Private roads are plowed under conditions stated above as a service to the residents for fire and emergency protection.

Other Plowing Policies and Conditions

- Private roads are not salted, sanded, signed or maintained by the Town.
- Private roads or driveways with two or less residents are not plowed by the Town.
- Gravel roads are not plowed until there is sufficient frost to prevent damage by the plow.
- Repair of damage caused by snow removal such as gravel in lawns or damage to sod along a road, is the responsibility of the property owners.

Town roads and private roads east of Highway 45 and some private roads west of Highway 45 are plowed by the small white town truck. Town roads west of Highway 45 are plowed by the large orange town truck. Efforts are made to coordinate the two in order to best serve the residents.

Equipment availability and breakdowns will at times limit the ability to clear all roads immediately.

An agreement has been made with Winnebago County Highway Department to plow roads when there is Town equipment breakdown. However, if and when the County is needed to plow, the Town receives the lowest priority.

A special **THANK YOU** to the many residents who help maintain Town right-of-ways, ditches, and fire lanes from litter, debris, vegetation growth or whatever. It has not gone

unnoticed. Your efforts have helped keep the highway costs from snowballing during this time of year.

WINTER REMINDERS

DO NOT snowplow or blow snow onto the roadways or across the road into the ditches. Ditches and culverts must be left open for drainage and safety. **A number of residents have been violating this request. They will be getting letters requesting compliance. The ditches get blocked with snow and the banks get too large for our town trucks to handle. Please keep the snow on the property in which it falls and not in the road way or ditches.** Large rocks or other decorative items should not be placed on the road right-of-ways. The plows in winter and grass cutters in spring and summer need an unobtrusive area to be effective.

The town crews will be adding metal post markers in the Road Right of Way. The posts mark locations of manhole covers & other conditions which may extend above the road surface. These posts act to warn the snow plow drivers of a potential hard hit as they plow. Please do not remove or disturb the posts during winter plow season. Removal of the post may result in injury to drivers or damage to the Town trucks.

WI Statute 346.95(5) *Placing injurious substance on highway. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway (roadway) any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof. This includes pushing snow from driveways across roads into the ditch.*

WARNING: By law, you are required to stay a min. of 200' from snow plow trucks; this applies to all snow plow trucks.

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

BLACK WOLF AVENUE BRIDGE AND FISK AVENUE PROJECTS

The actual removal and replacement of the Black Wolf Avenue bridge will take place during the upcoming summer of 2014. It should be completed within three to four months, start to finish. The section of road east of County Road R to Koelpin Road will be closed to through traffic for the period. The bridge is to be widened to allow for future bicycle traffic.

Winnebago County is to complete some culver and road upgrading at the intersection of Fisk Avenue and County Road I. Although not yet confirmed, Town Supervisor II, Rob Keller advised he has heard the County is also planning on repaving County Road Z during 2014. Please view our website and the Spring Newsletter for details as they become available.

2013 Tax Collection-John McDermott Treasurer

If paying taxes in 2013 for income tax purposes, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2013 or put in

the 24-Hour Access DROP BOX before midnight (12/31/2013). All other first installments paid by mail must have a postmark of January 31, 2014 or put in the 24-Hour Access DROP BOX before midnight (1/31/2014).

- Receipts for taxes and/or dog licenses **will not** be mailed unless you furnish a self-addressed, stamped large/business size envelope.
- **One check may be made out for all payments, including dog licenses and multiple parcels.** You do not need separate checks for taxes and dog license(s).
- Check your tax bill to see if you received a lottery credit. If you are a new resident, you will need to apply for the lottery credit. Forms are available in the Town office or the Dept. of Revenue website. (Form LC 100)
- **The Town of Black Wolf Treasurer cannot collect any taxes after January 31, 2014.** If you do not pay by this date, you will need to make your payment directly to the Winnebago County Treasurer.
- Please do not use staples or tape.

DROP BOX 24 HOUR ACCESS

The drop box at the entrance to the Town Hall provides a convenient way to drop off your payment. Payments dropped off prior to 12 midnight will be considered IN for that day. If you would like to have a receipt for your payment sent to you, there are two options 1) leave a self-address and stamped envelope with your payment 2) leave your email address with your payment and we will email your receipt to you free of charge.

DO NOT DROP OFF BLACK WOLF SANITARY DISTRICT PAYMENTS IN THIS BOX. There is a slot in their door payments (building just east of the Town Hall on the corner of County Rd. R and Black Wolf Ave.)

TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Treasurer hours for tax collection/dog licenses at the Town Hall, 380 E. Black Wolf Ave., 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on:

**THURSDAY, December 19, 2013 and
THURSDAY, January 23, 2014**



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Important Update on Dog Licensing

Town Ordinance allows three (3) dogs/ residence

Pursuant to Section 174.052, Wisconsin Statutes, all dogs five (5) months or older must have a dog license and proof of vaccination against rabies. State law requires vaccination against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after a dog

reaches five (5) months of age, and re-vaccinated within one (1) year. Older vaccinated dogs must be re-vaccinated when the certificate expires or within three (3) years of the previous vaccination.

Please make sure your dog has a rabies vaccination that is up-to-date prior to mailing or bringing in your payment.

Licenses cannot be processed without proof of current rabies vaccination

Fees have changed:

- Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$5.00
- Unneutered or Unspayed \$8.00

To obtain your dog license follow the same procedures listed above for tax payments. **A separate check is not necessary. Taxes and dog license fees may be included on one check.**

CLERKS CORNER

It's been 6 months since I took over for Ellen, and I have learned so much!

I have added garbage/recycling, Emerald Ash Borer and Ambulance response times to my conversation; soon there will be elections and snow plowing to add to my repertoire. I am definitely the "life of the party".

We have made a few changes around the office, both inside and out, and added some technology to help everyone communicate better. Please visit the website frequently to see anything new in the township. We are busy planning community events and working to make the Town of Black Wolf a place to live filled with community spirit.



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Hours of Operation:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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frank@townofblackwolf.com

Supervisor I – Mike Pollack
Mike@townofblackwolf.com

Supervisor II – Rob Keller
Rob@townofblackwolf.com

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John@townofblackwolf.com

Zoning Administrator – Tom Verstegen
tom@townofblackwolf.com

Town Clerk – Kim Hopkins
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Office Manager/Deputy Clerk – Susan Snyder
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Constable – Leo Lefeber
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Building Inspector – Dave Frank
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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 Verstegen, Town Hall Office Hours

Mondays 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at the Town Hal or by appointment (beginning November 1, 2013)
Zoning permits and information may be obtained by contacting Tom at the Town Hall on Monday (688-1404) or calling his cell phone (920) 379-3081.

Building Inspector, Dave Frank Building permits and questions are answered by calling Dave directly at (920) 233-1999.

Assessor:

Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. John Bodouski (920) 733-5369
3005 W. Brewster, Appleton, WI 54914

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:

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