



TOWN OF BLACK WOLF

Fall 2014 Newsletter

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FARMER'S MARKET 2014

The Town would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the vendors who participated in the 2014 Farmer's Market which was held at the Town Hall every Tuesday. In addition to the nearly 20 regular vendors who set-up rain or shine, we would like to thank everyone who came to support them, purchasing fresh fruit, vegetables, maple syrups, farm fresh eggs, homemade crafts and rugs, hand crafted wood products, and much more! The Market was a huge success and it wouldn't have happened without YOUR support.

The 2015 Farmer's Market will be held next year, beginning in June so watch for the posting on the website. It is our hope that all Town residents visit the Market every Tuesday so our current vendor's return and new vendors join the fun! Pictures are available on the website, www.townofblackwolf.com.

Holiday Farmer's Market & Craft Fair

We are planning to open the Town Hall doors for a Holiday Farmer's Market & Craft Fair. The Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This event is open to the public and vendors free of charge. But you better hurry if you wish to participate as space is limited!! If you are interested in securing a booth, please contact Susan or Kim at 688-1404.

Sheriff John Matz

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is currently in the self-assessment phase of accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve overall performance. The key to any successful accreditation system lies in the consensus of published standards obtaining a clear statement of professional objectives. WILEAG requires adaption and application of 235 standards, with a sub-set of 344 dimensions within those standards. Standards must be met by both policy adaptations, and proof via documentation. At the close of the self-assessment phase, trained and professional WILEAG Assessors from around the state will come to the Sheriff's Office to review and inspect our policies and proofs, ensuring that we are in compliance. This on-site assessment will take place over 3 days in December, 2015. Keep an eye out for a public information session that will occur during this on-site visit.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office is diligently working to rewrite and convert all of our jail policies and procedures into the Lexipol system. Lexipol provides comprehensive, court-tested policies written by legal and law enforcement professionals based on federal and state statutes, case law, and recognized Correctional Officer best practices. The Lexipol Custody system is a customizable, reliable, regularly updated online policy manual subscription service, complete

with daily training bulletins, which becomes crucial in this high risk, high liability area. Endorsed by Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation (WCMIC), Lexipol streamlines all of our policies and procedures, making locating and accessing proper policies much simpler on a daily basis. Additionally Lexipol provides a daily customizable email training module, to serve as a refresher on our existing policies and procedures, and a learning tool emphasizing changes to any policies.




The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is ever committed to providing comprehensive public safety services, with emphasis placed on professionalism, teamwork and individual growth.



Advanced Disposal Garbage & Recycling Tid-Bits & a Word From Anthony!

"I would like to say a special thank you to the residents on Windermere Lane and Country Club Lane who helped out with the trimming of the trees so that our drivers can safely get to all of the residence on the lanes." **Anthony Tofari, Advanced Disposal**

Please 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.

R	RECYCLE!
	Starting December 1, 2014, the following items should be added to your recycle bin:
	Cartons: Milk, soy milk, juice, cream egg substitutes, broth, soup, wine, etc.
	Produce, Baker & Deli Containers: Berry, donut, potato salad, dips, etc.
	Dairy Containers: Yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, sour crème.
For a complete listing, please visit: www.RecycleMoreTriCounty.org	

Constable Leo Lefebber

Leo Lefebber reminds us of the importance to **license dog(s) and have all pets vaccinated for rabies**. This Wisconsin Law will be enforced in the Town of Black Wolf due the growing problem of unlicensed and unvaccinated pets. Please be advised if your pet is found in the Town of Black Wolf unlicensed or without vaccination, a **\$50.00** citation will be issued. If you need more information, you are welcome to contact Leo directly at 410-2400 or contact the Town Hall. Wild animals such as coyotes are always looking for easy meals and they will take dogs and cats from your yard if the opportunity presents itself. It is strongly encouraged to attach your pet's tags to the collar. When a pet goes missing, the first thing people say is "my dog has never done this before".

With no tags, there isn't any way of identifying the pet. It is important to understand that if a person is bitten and the dog has no identification and the owner cannot be immediately located, a rabies decision must be made. We know there are many dogs that are **not licensed** in our Township. As complaints come in, we are forced to act. All people love their pets, and all pets love their owners, but it's **your responsibility** to take care of them.

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 Lefebber at (920) 410-2400**.

DEER REMINDER



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 Mon – Fri. from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and can be reached at (902) 424-3050.



It is said that an increase in rail traffic across Wisconsin has led to railways being congested with train traffic, causing blocked crossings for hours on end. It isn't just the congestion causing this nuisance, it is also due to crews timing out, meaning they have met their allotted hours to operate the train. When this happens, the train is stopped and a new crew must be called in to

relieve them. The train will not move until the new crew arrives and this can take many hours.

Many of you have voiced your opinion on this issue and we are listening. We have continued tracking the trains (when possible to do so) and when a train has blocked the roadway for an extended period of time, (30 min or more) a call is made to the Canadian police and reports are generated. It is our hope to put a stop to the blockages on Black Wolf and other busy roadways in the Township.



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 or visit the website for a listing of dates.



The Town of Black Wolf will soon have a Facebook page which we hope to have fully functional by December 1st. Please be on the lookout to "Like" us so you can be kept up-to-date with news and events in *your* Town.

Building Permit Reminder

Most remodeling requires a permit **BEFORE** the work begins, with rough and final inspections required by the Building Inspector.

You are welcome to call the Town Hall for details or visit the website for information and fees.

2014 – 2015 WINTER PLOWING NEWS

The trucks and drivers are once again ready to tackle the roads but there are a few important reminders that we once again ask you to please take note of:



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.

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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.

**2014 Tax Collection-John McDermott
Treasurer**

Did you know you can access the Winnebago County website and view your current and prior year tax bills and other information pertaining to your property?

The 2014 tax bills should be available on their website around mid-December. Copy and paste the following link into your search bar and follow the prompts (be sure to click on Town of Black Wolf under Municipality – then enter your STREET NUMBER # only and click on “Find Now”):

<http://wcws10.co.winnebago.wi.us/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel>

Please note: This is for informational purposes only and hard copy tax bills will be mailed to you.

If paying taxes in 2014 for income tax purposes, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2014 or put in the 24-Hour Access DROP BOX before midnight (12/31/2014). All other first installments paid by mail must have a postmark of January 31, 2015 or put in the 24-Hour Access DROP BOX before midnight (1/31/2015).

- 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, 2015.** 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 for 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 18, 2014 and THURSDAY, January 22, 2015**



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Town Chairman: Frank Frassetto
Clerk: Kim Hopkins

Supervisor I: Mike Pollack
Constable: Leo Lefebber

Supervisor II: Robert Keller
Treasurer: John McDermott
Office Manager/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer: Susan Snyder

Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11: a.m. – 4:00 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

Mondays 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall or by appointment

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 – John Bodouski

Bowmar Appraisal, Inc.
(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:

- 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 Monday of each month.

Stormwater Utility District

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