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Newton Notes – 2018

A NOTE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN – *Roger Busse*

Seeing the end of the year is nearing with winter just around the corner it is again time to tell you about what has taken place in your town.

I enjoyed visiting with all the business owners and thanked them for locating their businesses in our town.

- The town has two new businesses that held their grand openings in July; Farm of Wisconsin, and T & L Tactical Fire Arms and Range
- On the corner of South Union and Newton Road you will soon see a new building project started for Calumet Renewable Energy.
- Stecker Machine will be putting on a large addition to their facilities located on County Road C.
- At the end of October \$ 5,923,362.00 was spent by businesses putting up new buildings and or remodeling and adding on—what a great addition to our Town!
- Our Road Superintendent was laid up for six weeks with a serious health problem; therefore, the grass cutting in the ditches had to wait. He plans on getting to the ditches this fall.
- Large amounts of ground were donated to build up the shoulders on Newton Road between the hills near Willever Lane taking about 3 weeks to complete. This project was not on the agenda this year. The town is grateful for the donation.
- Five culverts were replaced this year to the tune of \$26,000.
- \$221,000 was spent to blacktop roads.
- I would personally like to thank all the people who mow their ditches on their premises which add beauty to our Town.

OFFICER/ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

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- A big thank you to all the people who manned the election polls this year!
- A sincere thank you to the fire department and first responders. Your volunteer efforts keep our town safe. Please consider joining them. We are in desperate need of your service.
- If you have any medical concerns that would need assistance in the event of a major storm, please call 920-758-3205. Share your name and your medical problem so you can be added to the First Responder's records. Leave a voice message if needed, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.
- For further updates for the Town of Newton, look on the town website www.townofnewton.org

Bits of History
by Charlie & Cheryl Bauer

Safe Crackers Get \$4,000 Out of Newton State Bank
Headlines of Manitowoc newspaper, April 6, 1937

The safe of the Newton State Bank was cracked by men who forced their entrance into the one-room frame building through a side window, cut through the top of the "torch-proof" safe with an acetylene torch and removed about \$4,000 in silver and currency.

According to Sheriff Norman Berkedal and Detective Frank Tomchek, the robbery was done by an expert "cracksmen," thoroughly familiar with the use of the torch.



Storm Window Removed

They had removed a storm window on the west side of the little bank building, had cut the putty and removed the pane from the inner window to get into the bank. Once inside, they tacked heavy black tar paper over the windows before turning on the lights. Both the sheriff and Tomchek said the "job" was done by two or three men, as they carried two milk cans full of water into the building to pour into the safe to cool the melted metal.

The robbery was discovered this morning shortly before 7:30 by Mrs. Stanley Leschke, who lives above a store building, about 30 feet from the bank. When Mrs. Leschke saw the storm window leaning against the back of the bank, she walked to the west side of the building and saw the open window where the robbers gained entrance. Her husband called Erwin Bruckschen, bank cashier, who summoned Edward Rohde, bank president, and Sheriff Berkedal as soon as he arrived at the scene.

News of the robbery spread quickly and people living within five miles of Newton soon filled the roadway in front of the bank.

A message to Sheriff Berkedal advised that the two milk cans used by the burglars had been stolen from the Gallagher farm near the village of Newton some time during the night. The cans, which were filled with milk, had been emptied and loaded into a car or truck.

Authorities saw a similarity between the recent robberies of the Jefferson Post Office, the Whitewater Post Office and the Newton bank. Acetylene torches were used on all of the jobs and the "cracking" was done with workman-like expertness. The robbers were never found.

Information taken from the Manitowoc newspaper, April 6, 1937

Other historical bits

The Newton State Bank was established in 1921 with \$25,000 in capital. The bank officers included: Louis Franzmeier, president; Thomas Bonk, vice-president; J.G. O'Rourke, cashier; and Thomas O'Neil, assistant cashier. Bank directors included: Louis Franzmeier, hardware and implement dealer; Thomas Bond, general store; Jacob Zych, hotel; William Stock, Frank O'Neil, Max Bruckschen and Henry Rodewald, farmers.

On July 29, 1953, the Newton State Bank was robbed again with the suspect caught.

The Newton State Bank building and replica of the safe can be seen at the Pinecrest Historical Village.

RECYCLING CENTER NOTES

The Newton Recycling Center/Transfer Station, located at Carstens Lake and Center Road is open Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM except November 1 - April 1 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and closed holidays. Closure due to weather will be announced on radio stations WLKN, WOMT, and WCUB. In such case the Transfer Station will be open the following Saturday unless announced differently.

Recycling guideline information is available at the Recycling Center. Due to Wisconsin State Law, a number of items previously accepted must now be refused. A comprehensive list is available at the Recycling Center with referrals for appropriate disposal. The attendant has complete authority of the Recycling Center and the right to refuse any material not in compliance with Town, County and State recycling rules and regulations. Please be advised that as of March 29, 1994 the Town of Newton has adopted a new Mandatory Recycling Ordinance covering personal resident as well as commercial and industrial establishments. Highlights of the ordinance are as follows:

Recyclables: MUST BE CLEAN, DRY, SORTED AND CAPS AND LIDS REMOVED

- Plastics: #1 or #2 - clear or colored.
- Glass: Bottles, Jars, Jugs do not have to be sorted by colors.
- Cans: Tin, Steel and Bi-Metal.
- Aluminum: Cans and Scraps.
- Metal: Scrap made of Steel, Copper, Brass and Tin.
- Paper in paper bags, tied or boxed, clean and dry.
- Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs, Paper Bags, Phone Books, Personal Mail and Office Supplies.
- Cardboard: Flattened, Bundled or Boxed Clean and Dry.
- Brown corrugated box type.
- Batteries: Intact lead acid type from motorized vehicles.

Non-Recyclables: Must be in Newton bags for compaction and landfill disposal. Newton bags are available at the Recycling Center for \$2.00 per bundle of four. □ Plastics marked #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7.

- Plastic pesticide and oil containers.
- Plastic wraps and plates.
- Glass Misc.: Light bulbs, spotlights, coffee pots, cups, glasses, china and ceramics.
- Paper: Hardcover books, waxy cartons, wrap, construction household waste, scraps, oil, soiled paper, diapers, etc.
- Completely drained oil filters, ashes and dried latex paints.

An Additional Charge is assessed for:

- Windows/Auto/Plate Glass.
- Household Furniture/Accessories/Electronics.
- Building materials (Quantity accepted not to exceed 55 gallon drum volume per household per week).
- Refused items require special disposal due to State of Wisconsin Recycling Laws and cannot be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

RECYCLING CENTER NOTES (continued)

Not Accepted:

- ❑ Refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, tires, anti-freeze, oil paints/stains, pesticides, yard/garden waste, hypodermic, syringes or needles. Please ask the attendant for proper disposal information.

The attendant in charge shall have the right to refuse any material not complying with the above named specifications. Private handlers must comply with the above specifications. Non-compliance may result in the forfeiture of your license.

The old landfill will be open the last Saturday of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM from May to September. Accepted there will be brush, small amounts of rubble, stones and unpainted and untreated lumber.

NEW CHANGES: Non-chargeable batteries CAN be put in Newton bags; however, chargeable batteries go into a separate container that is located in the recycling center building. We no longer will be taking plastic grocery bags and foil. You can put them in the Newton bag.

NEWTON BAGS

Part of the Recycling Program of the Town of Newton is the requirement to use the clear plastic bags with "Town of Newton" on the bag. A volume base user fee is assessed on your tax bill which in turn entitles you to receive six coupons (four bags each) to be redeemed at the Recycling Center.

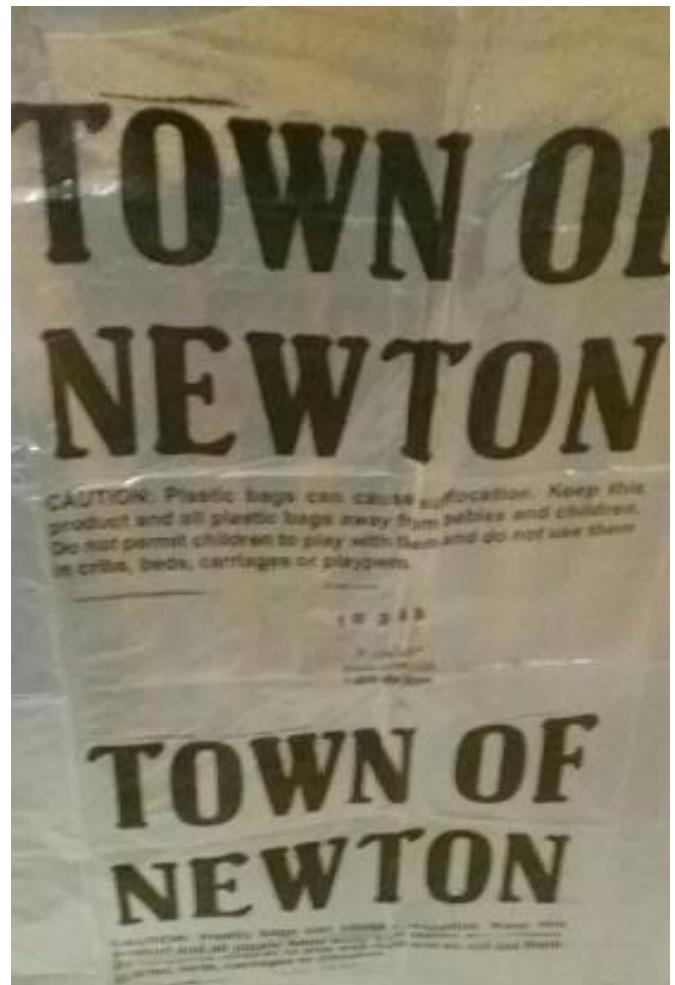
When you take your household garbage to the Recycling Center it needs to be in a Newton bag. If you have something that you want to put in the compactor at the Recycling Center which does not fit into the bag, there is a fee required for those items.

Absolutely no black bags or other bags will be allowed in the compactor. It is difficult for the attendants to monitor everything at the Recycling Center and we ask everyone to work with the attendants to follow the rules of the Recycling Center. "EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE IN A NEWTON BAG."

Also the large item container will be gone from Nov. 1st to April 1st, during that time you will need to take large items to Waste Management.

There is an attendant on site on Saturdays that is willing to help answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you to the attendants Ray Ross, Scott Konik, Alan Fischer for the fine job they do for the Recycling Center!



Please see the MEMO from the Public Works Department: Recycling Center below regarding compost Site Ashes
(This can also be found at www.manitowocounty.org)



Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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For Immediate Release

Date: 11/15/2018
From: Jon Reisenbuechler

SUBJECT: Manitowoc County Compost Site Ashes

This is a reminder to people using the compost sites in Manitowoc County that ashes are not accepted. Ashes should never be dumped at the compost site for two important reasons. First, even if ashes seem cool they often still contain embers that can reignite and start fires. This is especially true in windy, dry conditions when they are piled amongst dry leaves. Unfortunately, Recycling Center staff have had to extinguish multiple fires from patrons carelessly dumping ashes at the site in previous years. The second reason ashes are not accepted is they may contain undesirable chemicals from whatever was burned and we have no way to know if they came from clean wood, treated lumber, household trash, or worse. We do not want these contaminants in our finished compost products.

The best thing to do with your ashes is to use them at your property or thoroughly douse them in water and let them sit at least a month before taking them to the landfill. If you use a solid waste hauler or municipal drop off site be sure to check their guidelines too; many places do not accept ashes for fire safety reasons.

Throwing ashes in the compost pile, or anywhere else on the site, is considered illegal dumping and is a violation of Manitowoc County Code 6.12 and may be subject to fine. Please follow the guidelines we have when using the compost sites and the recycling depot. We have these guidelines in place to keep our programs running safely and efficiently. If you have materials you are unsure of then stop in the office to ask, call 920-683-4333, or visit us online at Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter.



DEBRIS BURNING NOTES

Outdoor burning in Wisconsin is regulated! Check the forest fire protection pages for specific burning regulation information. In most areas of the State a written permit is needed from the DNR, local fire warden or Township official prior to any outdoor burning. If there is doubt, ask your local DNR fire control or city or town officials what the burning regulations are. In most debris burning caused fires, the responsible party was burning outside the restrictions on the burning permit. Burning permits are typically written for evening hours when there is less likelihood of your debris fire escaping control (i.e., temperatures drop, humidity increases and winds lessen).

What is illegal to burn?

It is illegal to burn asphalt, garbage, metal, petroleum products, plastics, rubber and painted or treated wood. These materials release toxic pollutants into the air and are recognized as a significant health risk and public nuisance. Burning recyclable paper or cardboard is also prohibited.

Before burning, consider other more environmentally friendly options like composting and recycling. Burning also has health concerns for both you and your neighbors who have to live with the smoke from your debris burning. Refer to the DNR for more information on the health concerns related to debris burning. However, if burning is your only option, follow these guideline to ensure your debris fire does not escape and become a fire.

Debris Pile Guidelines:

1. Get a permit and follow the restrictions on the permit.
2. Burning without permit is a civil forfeiture and you are liable for a minimum fine of \$138.20.
3. You must be present while your pile is burning. If not, you are in violation of your permit.
4. Do not place your debris pile under conifer trees or within 25 feet of any structure.
5. Have fire-fighting tools on site (garden hose, shovel or rake).
6. Do not burn if it is windy.
7. Clear an area down to mineral soil around your debris pile to create a "fire break".
8. Once the objective of your burn is completed, be sure to "mop up" the ashes with water and stirring. Often wildfires are started from "holdover" debris piles that were not properly extinguished, days or even weeks after they were burned. Failure to extinguish can also be a civil forfeiture with a minimum fine of \$138.20.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – *Dave Mueller*

The main concern of the Town Board pertaining to enforcement are:

1. Burning Ordinance: Obtaining permits to burn, burning only specified materials, and using either a burning barrel with a cover, or a fire pit. (Ordinance #5813).
2. Dog Ordinance: Obtain a dog license by April 1st of each year. Any dog found running at large and not either wearing a license or some other form of identification to contact the owner will be taken to the Lakeshore Humane Society where the owner may recover them for a fee. (Ordinance #101012).
3. Public Nuisance Ordinance: This covers a variety of subjects: any animal running at large, noise issues, and anything affecting public health, peace and safety. (Ordinance #1172012).
4. Specifics can be found in the ordinances. Copies of the ordinances can be obtained from me or from the Town web site Non-compliance can result in a citation and fine.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON!

If you own a business in the Town of Newton, and you would like to advertise in this newsletter and the Town of Newton Annual Report, simply mail us your business card and \$25.00 and your business will be included. The

cards will be taken by first come first serve, so please submit them as soon as possible. You can send your business cards and \$25.00 to the Town Clerk at 4421 County Road CR, Manitowoc, WI 54220. The money raised will offset the cost of printing and mailing.

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NOTES ON SNOW

Any resident who plows snow across the road should make sure it is pushed **completely** into the ditch before the Town plow widens the road pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 86.01 which reads: Materials left in the highway. It shall be unlawful for any highway superintendent or any other person to leave material in the traveled portion of any highway not closed to the public travel in piles or rows after sunset. It is the Town policy that the road intersections be sanded with a mixture of sand and salt. We do not sand and salt the entire road.

We do our best to keep the road clear of snow. We ask our residents to use caution with selecting the speed of travel on

Town roads. If we would sand the entire road the snow removal budget would have to be adjusted. The Town will no longer plow private driveways. For questions and/or complaints call the Road Superintendent at 758-2338.



NEWTON TOWN HALL RENTAL

Did you know that the Newton Town Hall is available to rent?

Well, it is available for rent to any Town of Newton resident. If interested, see below:

Cost for Rental: \$50.00

Contact Information: Dave Mueller at 920-758-2338 for more information or to reserve a date.

The Town Hall does have central air making it a great place to have that get-together in the summer time too!



A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER-Paulette Vogt

As Fall is upon us, it is almost that time of the year when you will be receiving your 2018 property tax statements. I would like to thank all of you for the support and cooperation that you have shown me this year. The "locked drop box" at the Town has been working very well. The box is located to the right of the front doors of the Town Hall. I collect payments from this box each and every day during the tax season. I will also be collecting payments by mail at my home. If you would like a receipt for your tax payment, you can either include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a return receipt or you can include your email address and I will email your receipt back to you.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN CAN ONLY COLLECT PAYMENTS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2019. After that date, payments must be sent to the Manitowoc County Treasurer's Office as noted on your property tax statement. These payments should NOT be dropped in the Newton Town Hall drop box. The use of the drop box after January 31, 2019 may delay your payment to the County and cause an interest penalty to be assessed.

Dog licenses again are \$6.00 for fixed dogs and \$11.00 for dogs that are not fixed. Payment can be sent in with your property tax payments. The payment does not need to be a separate check. You do not need to include a self-

addressed, stamped envelope for the dog tags. The vaccination receipt from your vet should accompany your request for our computer records. The dog tags along with your vaccination papers will be sent back to you as they have been done in previous years. I will continue to be available by phone (920-758-2720) for any questions you



WISCONSIN ELECTION LAWS



YOU MAY VOTE IF:

- You are a United States Citizen.
- You are 18 years or older today.
- You have lived here for 10 days before this election with no present intent to move; and
- You are registered to vote or are registering today.

YOU MAY NOT VOTE IF:

- You are here for temporary purposes only.
- You have voted in this election already.
- You are still required to report to a probation or parole officer because of a felony conviction.
- You have been ruled incapable of voting by a judge.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WISCONSIN

MAIL-IN REGISTRANTS AND FIRST-TIME VOTERS - YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

Present proof of residency containing the following information to the election inspectors before being allowed to vote:

- Your complete name, including both the given and family name.
- Your current and complete residential address, including a numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A current and valid operator's license or identification card issued by the Dept. of Transportation.
- An official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- An official identification card or license issued by an employer that includes a photograph of the cardholder or license holder, excluding a business card.
- A property tax bill or receipt for the current or preceding year.
- A current utility bill.
- A bank statement.
- A pay check
- A government check or document.
- A college identification card that includes a photograph of the cardholder, together with a fee payment receipt issued by the university, college, or technical college dated not earlier than nine months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented.

may have of me. If I am not available to take your call, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Thank You!

-ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDS FOR VOTING IN WISCONSIN-

Information Provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

WHAT PHOTO IDS CAN I USE TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

State of Wisconsin Driver License



Can be expired since November 8, 2016
(currently the last General Election)

State of Wisconsin ID Card



Can be expired since November 8, 2016
(currently the last General Election)

Wisconsin Driver License OR State ID Card Receipt OR WI DMV ID Petition Process Photo Receipt



Valid for 45 days from the date receipt was issued
OR 180 days for the ID Petition Process Receipt

Veterans Affairs ID



Must be unexpired or have
no expiration

U.S. Passport Book or Card



Can be expired since
November 8, 2016
(currently the last General Election)

Student ID Card + Enrollment Verification



Only valid for voting if the
expiration date is no more
than 2 years from the date
the card was issued. Still
valid for voting if expired.

U.S. Uniformed Services



Can be expired since
November 8, 2016
(currently the last
General Election)

Tribal ID Card



Still valid for voting if
expired

Certificate of Naturalization



Only valid for voting if Certificate
was issued not more than 2 years
before the date of the election

Find more information on the Photo ID law at www.BringIt.wi.gov
Register to vote or check your registration status at: www.MyVote.wi.gov
Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at elections@wi.gov

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