

TOWN OF NEWTON



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Newton Notes From your Chairman

With winter around the corner signifying the end of another year, here is a little update on what has been going on in your town.

ROADS IN YOUR TOWN

- In 2019 the Town applied for a grant for Newton Road between Center Road and South Union Road, and for 2 different areas on Gass Lake Road. The state granted the town \$367,000 to make improvements to Newton Road. The Town then had the project rebid and the bid came in at \$280,345. At the July Town Meeting, the Newton Road project was approved. In October the paperwork was submitted after the project was complete and the Town received a 90% payback.
- The Town also had a bid for English Lake Road for \$216,000 that was rebid down to \$176,735. The Town approved that bid in May. The Town will receive grant dollars in the amount of \$26,695.56 for this project.
- The Town replaced 4 culverts this year (one on English Lk. Road and 3 on South Union Road.)
- Two overlays were completed on culverts on Carstens Lake Road and Brunner Road. The rail road track on Clover Road also had overlaying done.
- Chip sealing was done on Newton Road east of Center Road and also on Carstens Lake Road.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If you have a medical condition where you would need assistance in the event of a major storm, please call 920-758-3205 to share your name and your medical concerns so you can be added to the First Responder's records. Leave a voice message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Also you can look for a medical update form in your tax bill that you can use to update your first responders.

NEW THIS YEAR-STICKER PROGRAM

Starting January 1, 2021, you will no longer need to use the designated Newton garbage bags for your Non-Recyclables. In your tax bill, you will receive the stickers that you can simply stick to your personal garbage bags. You can still use up your Newton bags if you have them. No need to put a sticker on those. A volume base user fee is assessed on your tax bill.

-ROGER BUSSE



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 at 9:00AM to 3:00PM 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. Private handlers must comply. Non-compliance may result in the forfeiture of your license.

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.

RECYCLABLES-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

NON-RECYCLABLES-Must be in Newton bag or a personal bag with a Newton Sticker on it for compaction and landfill disposal

- 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.
- Non-chargeable batteries
- Plastic grocery bags
- Foil

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)
- Non-recyclable items that do not fit into a bag and need to go into the compactor.



Thank You!

Newton Fire Department and First Responders for always being there to help and care for all of us!

Poll workers for their time and willingness to serve!

Everyone working the recycling center every Saturday!

Debra Behnke for always keeping the Town Hall looking so nice and clean.

Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector!

Law Enforcement Officer/ Road Superintendent

Planning Board and Appeal Board for the time you put into giving our town plans for the future!

Everyone who mows the ditches on their property!

Recycling Center Notes continued...

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

Please see attendant for proper disposal information

- Fluorescent lights
- Refrigerators
- Dehumidifiers
- Air Conditioners
- Freezers
- Tires
- Anti-Freeze
- Oil Paints/Stains
- Pesticides
- Yard/Garden Waste
- Hypodermic syringes or needles.

EXTRA RECYCLING INFORMATION TO NOTE

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

Chargeable batteries go into separate container that is located in the recycling center building.

The large item container will be gone from Nov. 1st to April 1st, during that time you will need to take your 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, Alan Fischer, and Jim Jost for the fine job they do at the Recycling Center!



YOU CAN RENT THE TOWN HALL!

Must be a Town of Newton resident.

Cost for Rental: \$50.00

Contact Information:

Dave Mueller at 920-758-2338

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

Reminder Regarding Compost Sites in Manitowoc County

If you use any of the compost sites in Manitowoc County, this is a reminder that ashes are NOT accepted. This is to avoid potential fires, and because they may contain undesirable chemicals.

The best thing to do with 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.

Call 920-683-4333 or visit

Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter for more information.

**How many people reside in the Town of Newton?*



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:

- Get a permit and follow the restrictions on the permit.
- Burning without permit is a civil forfeiture and you are liable for a minimum fine of \$138.20.
- You must be present while your pile is burning. If not, you are in violation of your permit.
- Do not place your debris pile under conifer trees or within 25 feet of any structure.
- Have fire-fighting tools on site (garden hose, shovel or rake).
- Do not burn if it is windy.
- Clear an area down to mineral soil around your debris pile to create a "fire break".
- 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

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

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).

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).

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).

Specifics can be found in the ordinances.

Copies of the ordinances can be obtained from Dave Mueller or at www.townofnewton.org. Non-compliance can result in a citation and fine.

-DAVE MUELLER

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town of Newton is named after Sergeant Jasper Newton, a Revolutionary war hero of South Carolina, a companion in arms of Sergeant William Jasper, of Fort Moultrie fame.



Notes on Snow Removal

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.

A Note from Your Treasurer

As Winter is upon us, it is almost that time of the year when you will be receiving your 2020 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN CAN ONLY COLLECT PAYMENTS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021. 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, 2021 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.

Call (920-758-2720) for any questions you may have. Feel free to leave a message. Thank You!

-PAULETTE VOGT

More Newton History

Among those who first sought homes in the town were Renish Prussians, Pomeranians, Westphalians and a large colony from Lippe-Detmold, under the leadership of F. Reineking which settled in the southern part of the town. At about the same time a few Irish families settled in the southwest part. In the 1860's a colony of Polanders bought lands in the eastern part of the town, mostly from the Dumke brothers, who, besides conducting a sawmill and a gristmill, driven by waterpower of Pine Creek, owned considerable acreage in that vicinity.

Wisconsin Election Laws

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 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.

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.

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Eligible Voters - 1549

Number of Voters - 1462

Registered day of election - 77

Number of Absentee Ballots Sent out - 555

of Absentee Ballots Returned - 499

*President
of
USA*

**Donald
Trump**
1039

*Sixth
Congressional
District*

**Glenn
Grothman**
1050

*25th
Assembly
District*

**Paul
Tittl**
1062

**Joe
Biden**

396

**Jessica
King**

385

**Kerry
Trask**

376

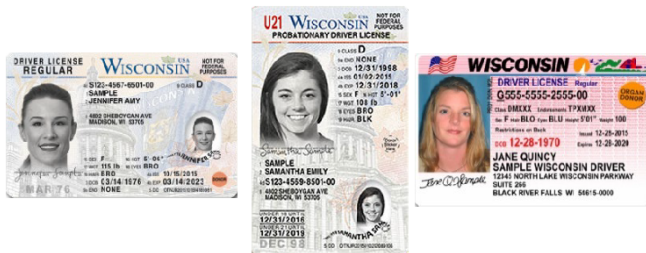


-ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDS FOR VOTING IN WISCONSIN-

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 6, 2018 (currently the last General Election)

State of Wisconsin ID Card



Can be expired since November 6, 2018 (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 6, 2018 (currently the last General Election)

Student ID Card + Enrollment Verification (only if student ID is expired)



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 and accompanied by valid enrollment verification

U.S. Uniformed Services



Can be expired since November 6, 2018 (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

To Everyone in the Great Town of Newton may you have a
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!