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The Town of Springfield has a website which we are trying hard to make very useful to you and those outside of our community as well. We recently spent quite a bit of time updating the information. You can find out information on town news such as: names and contact information of all the town officials, meeting agendas, minutes, town ordinances, dog licenses, building permits, links to county, state and federal government sites, voting forms and much, much more. One of our new features is a “List Serve”. If you go to the website and look on the left hand side you can click on TOWN EMAIL LIST. Next a window opens and you can enter your email address, which will add you to our contact list. This list is not shared with anyone else. It is only intended for our use. Then when something of importance comes up we will send you an email alerting you of important meetings, road closures, election dates, etc. This is a great way for us to communicate in a rural area and is very cost effective. Many other towns are using this method of communication and received very positive input. Of course if you ever find it not useful you can always unsubscribe. We encourage you to give it a try and let us know what else we can include to make it even better. You can always email us directly at: townhall@town.springfield.wi.us and we’ll do our best to get you a quick answer. If you do not have email or would rather – we are as close as your phone – please don’t hesitate to give us a call at 608-849-7887.

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HATS OFF TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF SPRINGFIELD!!

Adopt a Road – Litter Pick Up: The following people continue to keep our roadsides clean by picking up litter at a minimum of two times a year (but many do it much more often). Next time you see one of them give them a big thank you! If you'd like to help out we still have roads available for adoption. Please call the town hall to sign up for a road. We'll provide the safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags. We'll even put up a road sign with your name on it announcing the road has been adopted. The town staff has noticed that since we have been picking up trash not nearly as much is tossed out of vehicles. If we show pride in our town we believe it will be contagious!

Lodi-Springfield Rd:	Town Staff, Board & Friends
Fisher Rd:	Fisher Rd. Residents
Church Rd:	Catholic Knights Branch 280: Ashton
Hyslop Rd:	Charles Gehin
Schneider Rd:	St. Andrew Lutheran Church & Bridle Ridge H.O.A.
Vosen Rd:	Blue Star Dairy & Bridle Ridge H.O.A.
Kick A Boo Rd:	Kick A Boo Residents
Kalesey Court:	Kalesey Ct. Residents
Pheasant Branch Rd:	Acker & Hensen Families & the Ashton Go-Getters 4-H
Woodland Dr:	Woodland Dr. Residents
Kingsley Rd:	The Tim Ellickson Family
Greenbriar Rd:	Ed & Teri Anderson
Hyer & Kuehn Rd:	Lynn & Dick Malisch
High & Balzer Rd:	Neal & Connie Bickler & Vern Acker

Volunteers Still Needed For:

Riles Rd.

Meffert Rd.

We pick up Spring & Fall = Twice a Year

Could you & your neighbors help us out?



OPENING BURNING

It is legal to burn paper waste in a container with a mesh screen cover and it is OK to have a small campfire in a contained area in the yard. If you have a larger brush pile to burn please report it as a controlled burn to your fire department. Controlled burns should be extinguished prior to dark. Please call either the Waunakee Fire at 849-5488 or Middleton Fire at 827-1090



It is NOT legal to burn plastics
(no agricultural feed storage bags), tires,
shingles, carpet, etc.

CENSUS 2010

Have you filled out your census form and returned it? If not you may be visited by a census worker at your home as they are doing a door to door canvas to take a count in person. They will have a census badge and bag for identification. They will be in the area through July 2010. The final count must be delivered to the President by December 2010.

RECYCLING NEWS

CLEAN SWEEP has opened its doors again as of May 1st. If you have household hazardous waste this is the spot to take it to be recycled. The site is located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd. and is open from Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will close for the season on October 30th so now is the time to clean out the basement or garage and safely dispose of these items for FREE. If you would like more information regarding their Small Business Collection Program and Agricultural Collection please call Dave Radisewitz at (608)243-0347 or refer to their web site www.danecountycleansweep.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

- By recycling one aluminum can you'll save enough equivalent energy to run a computer for three hours or a TV for two!
- By reducing your paper usage and preventing a single ton of paper waste you'll save 15 to 17 mature trees!
- By recycling one glass bottle you'll save enough equivalent energy to operate a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

E- Cycle Wisconsin:

In 2009 Wisconsin passed an electronics recycling law Act 50. This law covers two types of electronics, covered electronic devices (CEDs) and eligible electronic devices (EEDs). CEDs are computers, printers and video display devices such as TV's, laptops, monitors to name a few. EEDs are keyboards, mice, hard drives, DVD players, VCRs and DVRs for example EEDs do not include cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, etc. The law bans landfilling and incineration of these items as well as cell phones. The next free Community Drop Off day is Saturday, June 19th, 2010 at Alliant Energy Center. Check out www.countyofdane.com for the latest information on recycling electronics.

ROAD DAMAGE

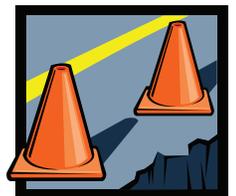
Help the town take care of its largest infrastructure – the town roads. Please be aware that if someone damages the town road state law allows the town to pursue any person that damages a town road by any means. ST 86.02 gives the town the right to recover triple damages. The offender will be billed and if the amount isn't paid the town can then hire an attorney and file a complaint in circuit court to recover the money. There is a special statute (86.021) that pertains to damage to the highway by farm machinery. It covers "plowing, cultivating, or otherwise working any lands within the limits of the highway in a manner that obstructs the drainage in any public highway ditch. Violation is a misdemeanor and could subject the violator to a fine, the cost of repair, and possible jail time.

2010 MAJOR ROAD WORK

The following roads are being put out for bid for 2010 road work:

Fisher, Meffert, Kopp,
Hyslop, Balzer, Kuehn,
Vosen and Capitol View Rd.

Improvements may include wedging, shoulder restoring, seal coating and ditch excavation. Please use caution when you are in a construction zone by lowering your speed and watching for flag men. These roads may be closed to traffic for a few hours but nothing more than that. As state aid continues to be reduced we are not able to do as much road maintenance as the town board would like to do, but rather trying to do those in most need on a priority basis.



MISSOURI TAVERN'S SPONSORSHIP OF "MAE MEFFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND"

The Missouri Tavern would like to offer a scholarship to a local high school student in honor of the late Mae Mefford. The scholarship amount is \$500. Candidates should be: graduating in the spring of 2010, attend either Waunakee, Middleton, or Sauk Prairie School District, reside in the Town of Springfield, and plan on furthering their education at a 2-year, 4-year, or technical college. To apply for this scholarship, please send your name, address, telephone number, high school, and future education plans, as well as a one page response to the following statement: "The person that has influenced my life the most is....."



Please send application and response no later than June 30th to:
Mae Mefford Scholarship Fund
7839 Twinflower Drive
Madison, WI 53719

MARK GROSSE CELEBRATES HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

On April 13, 2010 at the Annual Town Meeting Mark Grosse was honored and congratulated for his 20 year anniversary with the town. During that time Mark has served as the town road patrolman. Some of his duties include mowing the right of way, sign maintenance, equipment maintenance, patching the roads, plowing snow and so much more. Many thanks for the great work he has done and here 's wishing him many more years driving the big red trucks!

KOHLMANN CEMETERY

Most cemeteries in the town are affiliated with a church or a cemetery association. However Kohlmann Cemetery on the corner of Woodland Drive and Lodi-Springfield Rd. is a town cemetery. We are very fortunate to have many people who have donated time to return it to a very pretty spot after years of neglect. **Terry Middleton** has been pulling weeds, planting and watering flowers for many years and her efforts really show. Now that the bike trail goes right past the cemetery many people get to appreciate the view and stop to take in the peaceful surroundings. Thank you Terry for making a difference!

TOWN HALL AVAILABLE FOR USE:

Any resident of the town may use the town hall for private functions. You need to contact the town staff to reserve a date, fill out a form and discuss the details. You will have to put down a \$25.00 deposit which is returned if everything is left in good condition. Let us know if we can help you.

PERMITS

NEW AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS NEED BUILDING PERMIT

Beginning January 1, 2010 all new agricultural buildings will need to obtain a building permit. Contact the building inspector at 608-849-7887 Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1-800-422-5220 anytime and ask for the inspector to call you. Before starting any projects you should also check with Dane County (#266-4266) to see if you need permits for storm water run off or erosion control and to check on set backs, flood plain and driveway issues. Avoid having your project delayed once you have started by getting all necessary permits prior to breaking ground. Thank you for your cooperation.



DRIVEWAY PERMITS

Driveway permits are not only for a new driveway Driveway permits are needed if you resurface, regrade or install a culvert to an existing driveway. Of course all new driveways and field roads need a driveway permit. Contact the town hall for an application. The cost is \$150.00.

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Town contracts with the firm "Independent Inspections, LTD" for a building inspector. Office hours are Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town Hall or call # 1-800-422-5220 anytime. A reminder that permits are required for all new residential, agricultural and commercial buildings. Remodeling also requires a building permit. Re-siding, re-roofing and finishing of interior surfaces (e.g. carpeting) shall be exempt from permit requirements. Dane County also requires zoning and erosion control permits. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.



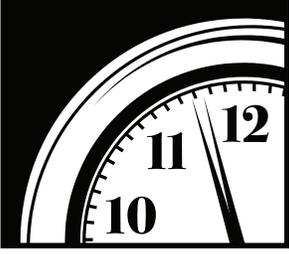
DISASTER PLANNING

Do you remember seeing the pictures and reading the stories about the tornado damage in the Stoughton area a few years ago? How quickly a small area like the Town of Pleasant Springs just outside of Stoughton looked like a war zone. We are trying to do some advance planning in case we are ever in that situation. Hopefully this plan will never have to be used but better to be ready than to have to react on the fly. We are asking some of our large land owners to let us know if they have equipment (i.e. generators, front end loaders, chain saws, etc.) that would either be available for use or rent if needed. We would like to put together an inventory of what is available and of course will have to update it from time to time. We will also need volunteers to work or access damage, so if you would like to be on our contact list let us know that as well. If you'd like to call the town hall to offer that information it would be most appreciated. Otherwise watch your mail for a form to complete and return to us.



TOWN BOARD MEETING TIMES

The Town Board holds their regular monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (6157 County Highway P). Agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Bong Excavating and the parking lot at the corner of Church Rd. and Co. Hwy. K and at www.townhall@town.springfield.wi.us. If a meeting time should be changed, it will also be posted. Our official newspapers are the Waunakee Tribune and the Middleton Times-Tribune. To be placed on the agenda contact the Clerk at 849-7887.



PLANNING COMMISSION

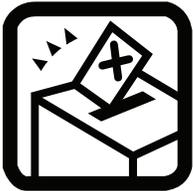
The Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall upon demand. The Commission hears zoning and re-zoning requests, land division requests and amendments to Dane County zoning ordinances. They act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board. Please contact the Clerk to be placed on the agenda and to file the necessary papers for your request.

OLD CELL PHONES

The Town Hall is a great place to bring your old cell phones. We recycle them with the Dane County Sheriff to use for battered women or send them to the Senior Centers who benefit from the proceeds. Plus the biggest advantage is they stay out of our landfills.



VOTER REGISTRATION



If you are a new resident, have an address or name change or just turned 18, remember to bring current ID and proof of residency to the polls when you come to vote. You can complete your Voter Registration form prior to the next election or on election day. Call the office at 849-7887 if you have questions. Food drives are held at every election.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is generally open at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Occasionally meetings or errands may alter that time frame, so you may want to call ahead at 849-7887. A drop box is available at the Town Hall. It is located just outside the front door. Springfield Town Hall: 849-7887 (Voice mail is available 24 hours a day.)

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LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Large print books are available from the town hall to check out for extended times. The selections change monthly. We thank the Dane County Library for this service.

TOWN HISTORY UNCOVERED...

Office Assistant Jan Barman has spent a lot of her time going through old town records and organizing them. It is amazing to see the beautiful calligraphy penmanship which was used to take minutes or keep the financial records. Although it is a work in progress she is putting together some scrap books of some of the fun historical happenings in our town. It has been a huge project and a little on the dirty side since some of the boxes contained many years worth of dust. The Middleton School District has also shared some historical information on the Springfield School which is now St. Therese/ Society of St. Pius X. If you'd ever like to stop by the town hall and look at them please feel free to do so.

SOME FUN TRIVIA:

Town Board members were paid \$7.00 for monthly meetings up until 1967. When they started meeting twice a month in 1976 they were paid \$20.00 a meeting. Poll workers were paid \$1.75/ hour in 1973. Snow plow drivers were paid \$4.00/ hour in 1970. In 1973 the road patrolman made \$800.00 a month, while the treasurer was paid \$950/ year and the clerk \$1400/yr.



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