



6th LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF COMING Saturday, October 3, 2015

If you were one of the many town residents that participated in the spring drop-off in May, you know what a huge success it was. We are having another drop-off on Saturday, October 3rd from 8 a.m. to noon; you will have another opportunity to clear out your large items for recycling. Dumpsters will be available in the Town Hall parking lot and you will need to unload your items into the dumpster. Large items include furniture, mattresses, carpet, water softeners, humidifiers but **NOT** dehumidifiers, small amount of wood products (cabinet or scrap wood), sinks, toilets, etc. We **can't** accept appliances, construction materials, stone, concrete, sod, large auto parts, tree limbs, branches, leaves, grass or stumps. A reminder that hazardous materials (paint, pesticides, petroleum products such as oil and solvents and explosives) are not accepted either but you can drop these off at the Clean Sweep program at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison. If you are not sure about an item, please call us ahead of time and we will check with Waste Management if it is acceptable. **There is NO electronic drop-off this time (only the spring event).**



2015 ROAD WORK

The road work that was scheduled for 2015 has come to an end. As we had mentioned in our last newsletter, we had borrowed funds to complete more roadwork than we budgeted for. This was because of the low oil prices, we had lower bids than we would have otherwise.



PAPE PARK

Yes, the Town of Springfield now has a park. It's located on the corner of Hwy 12 and Hwy P, just across the road from the Town Hall. The shelter will house picnic tables and there will be a permanent grill for your use. The shelter will also be available for reservations, just as we require a deposit for the Town Hall, we will also ask for a deposit to hold the shelter for your special function. We will be putting in a port-a-potty during the warmer season.

To show off our new shelter and park, we are planning an "Open House" for October 11th, starting at noon, the board and town will be furnishing the meat, beverages and utensils. We are asking for you to bring a dish to pass to make this complete and yard games if you have them. Let's get together and have some fun, hopefully we will have a beautiful fall day to relax and not talk politics.



WINTER DRIVING AND SNOW PLOWING

Tis the season we are starting to prepare for winter driving. As we start thinking about how many loads of salt we will need for the season, I guess it is time to plan ahead. Things to remember for winter driving and snow plowing:

- **Slow down, speed is the #1 cause of winter crashes.**
- **Prepare your vehicle for winter driving.**
- **Maintain your distance to avoid collisions and damage from flying salt and sand.**
- **Move your vehicle to the left of your lane so the equipment operator can see you in the mirror.**
- **Snow plows cause soft snow to swirl, making it difficult to see the plow & to see you.**
- **Snow plows usually leave a ridge of snow, making passing hazardous.**
- **Turn on your headlights and windshield wipers for additional visibility.**
- **Snow removal equipment may have to slow down, stop or back up. Beware!!!**
- **Keep your parked vehicles off the roads during snow storms.**

To assist the snow plow operators, please have the face of your mailbox off the edge of the asphalt a minimum of 2 feet and if replacing your mailbox, please consider a black or dark color, so they are more visible for the operators to locate. For those people that need to be out on the roads before the roads are cleared, our drivers that are out there at all.



2015 BUDGET MEETINGS

Our local levy is adopted after several scheduled Town Board meetings.

Then there will be a Public Hearing and a Special Town Meeting for approval. Tentative dates have been scheduled for October 1st, 14th and 22nd to prepare the budget.

During the public hearing in November, the proposed budget will be presented; following the Budget hearing there will be a Town Meeting. The purpose of the Town Meeting is to approve the 2016 expenditures, to set salaries, and adopt the 2016 tax levy. Following the Town meeting, the Town Board will reconvene its meeting to adopt the 2016 budget and finish any necessary business.



ELECTION NEWS FOR LOCAL TOWN OFFICES

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2015 and final day for filing nomination papers is January 4, 2016. A minimum of 20 signatures is needed to be placed on the ballot. All necessary papers are available from the town clerk treasurer. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held in February 2016. The spring election will be April 5, 2016. Offices up for election are:

Office: Town Board Supervisor III
Incumbent: Art Meinholz

Office: Town Board Supervisor IV
Incumbent: Dan Dresen

All terms are for two years and begin on April 19, 2016. The Town Board currently meets twice a month, the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and a per diem of \$45.00 is paid. For more detailed information on responsibilities, please feel free to contact the clerk treasurer at 849-7887.



LOTTERY CREDIT

A resident of the Town qualifies for a lottery credit on their real estate tax bill if the resident lived in their home on January 1st of 2015, and that home is considered their primary residence. The amount of the credit differs for each school district of which there are three in the Town. If you do not see the credit listed on your last year's tax bill, there is still time to fill out the paperwork to get it on for this year, if it's not on this year and should be, you will be able to claim the credit by calling the Town Hall for the necessary paper work.

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.



TO CONTACT TOWN BOARD OR STAFF -

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.)
Fax: 849-6187
Email: townhall@town.springfield.wi.us
Web site: www.town.springfield.wi.us

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OFFICE HOURS: The office is generally open at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Occasionally meetings or errands may alter that time frame, so you may want to call ahead at 849-7887. **The Office is scheduled to be closed November 26th and the 27th in honor of Thanksgiving, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday and also October 6th, for the clerk's conference.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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Jim Pulvermacher, Supervisor 2
Art Meinholz, Supervisor 3
Dan Dresen, Supervisor 4

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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, Schneider Road Business Center on Schneider Road and the parking lot at the corner of Church Rd. & Co. Hwy. K and at www.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 office at 849-7887.

PLAN 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 office to be placed on the agenda and to file the necessary papers for your request.

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Town contracts with the firm "Safe Built (formerly: 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. Permits are required for all residential, agricultural and commercial buildings. Some remodeling also requires a building permit. Re-siding, re-shingling (if you are replacing roof boards, a permit is needed) and finishing of interior surfaces (e.g. carpeting) shall be exempt from permit requirements. Dane County also requires building permits and zoning requirements. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.