

NEW THIS YEAR -DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS AND ELECTRONICS – for town residents only, on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8 a.m. to noon, you will be able to drop off 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 off of Fish Hatchery Road in 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 will be another opportunity in the fall for dropping off large items as this event will take place twice a year.

Also, on Saturday, May 5th from 8 a.m. to noon you may drop off your electronic products for recycling. A truck will be available in the Town Hall parking lot. This is for town residents only and will be held only once a year. Electronics include computers, keyboards, monitors, printers, TV's, etc. again, **no appliances.**

FUDA (Future Urban Development Area)

Help decide our area's future 25 years from now! Your participation is needed in the final round of FUDA planning from April 3 through April 30. About the project: you can review and rank 4 scenarios for future development and environmental preservation in urban areas of Middleton, Westport, Waunakee and Springfield. Maps will be presented for each scenario along with scores that measure outcomes such as walkability, livability for people 65+ and tax revenue and expenses. FUDA planning serves as a check-in on existing community development goals and will be a resource for future plan updates. You can view the maps and scenarios at the Town Hall through the month of April, so plan on spending a few minutes checking out the information when you come to vote.

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

Thank you to all of our volunteers who pick up our town roads every spring and fall. We receive many compliments on how clean our town looks. We have a few roads that need volunteers, so contact the Town Hall if you are interested in helping to keep the Town of Springfield looking its best.

CAR SEAT SAFETY

Free Car Seat Check – You can make sure your child is traveling as safe as possible by having your car seat checked by a Certified Technician on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. This is being held at the Waunakee Fire Station, 401 W 2nd St., Waunakee. To schedule an appointment, call (608)890-8999.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN ABUSE

Most people take medication only for legitimate medical reasons. It is estimated 20% of people in the U.S. have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons. THIS IS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. It is a serious and growing problem. On Wednesday, April 25th at 6 p.m. a presentation on the warning signs, side effects, as well as ways to properly dispose of unused medication will be held at the Black Earth Municipal Bldg, 1210 Mills St, Black Earth. Food & beverages will be provided and the presentation is free, however they are asking for a donation of non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.

Heroin is not just a "big city" problem any more. It is seeping out to our communities and destroying lives. On Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the Black Earth Municipal Bldg, 1210 Mills St, Black Earth, a discussion on prevention, warning signs and treatment of this ever-growing problem will be presented. Mrs. Robin Thurow will be a special guest for the evening, she will be talking about her family's battle

with addiction and the loss of her son, DJ. This event is free, however, they ask for a donation of non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

To rsvp for either of these events, please contact Deputy Clint Seltzner at seltzner.clint@danesherriff.com or by calling 608-767-4904.

TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDR) PROGRAM

A public hearing will be held on April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Town Hall, to hear comments on the following matter: The public hearing will be held to gather public input on the draft of the TDR Program. The TDR program's goals are to advance farmland preservation and growth management objectives, the Town's Comprehensive Plan advises the possible implementation of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. The program would shift some permitted housing development from areas that the Town has planned for long-term agricultural use to limited areas planned for more intensive development in the Town. A draft of the TDR program can be found on the internet at www.town.springfield.wi.us. Written comments on the draft TDR Program should be submitted (before the public hearing date) to Carolyn Hacker at Town of Springfield, 6157 CTH P, Dane, WI 53529, or via email at townhall@town.springfield.wi.us.

APRIL 3, 2012 ELECTION

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters will have an opportunity to cast votes for Presidential Preference, Judicial, County Supervisor, Dane County Executive, local School Board, Dane County referendum, Town of Springfield Board Supervisors III and IV races. The polls are accessible to all. Just a reminder that before you can vote, you must be registered, please bring appropriate identification. If you are going to be out of town on Election Day consider voting absentee. Just be sure you allow enough time to do so either by mail or in person at the town hall. More information on all of the above is available on our website – www.town.springfield.wi.us click on Government and then on Elections/Voting or call the town hall at #849-7887.

Following is the portion of the ballot showing Town of Springfield races:

Town of Springfield Supervisor III - Arthur Meinholz

Town of Springfield Supervisor IV - Daniel Dresen

As you encourage others to vote remind them that if they are not sure where they vote they can now go to <http://gab.wi.gov> enter their own information in Voter Public Access and find out where to vote, see sample ballots, etc. Check it out!

Remember Election Day Extras:

Food Donations for the local food pantries will be accepted on all election days.

Used cell phones are being collected for the Dane County Sheriff to redistribute to victims of trauma.

This is an ongoing program and the Town Hall is a collection site. No phone ever ends up in a land fill.

Dane County 2012 Posters are available in a limited quantity.

Bring your worn out US Flag to us & we'll recycle that also.

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 2012, from 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 I look up to most is.....", by June 30th to:

Mae Mefford Scholarship Fund

7839 Twinflower Drive
Madison, WI 53719

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Springfield will be held at the Town Hall, 6157 County Hwy P, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. There is no set agenda. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers in the Town will be recognized.

We'll also be introducing Carolyn Hacker, the new Town Clerk/Treasurer at the Annual Meeting. She started as the Clerk/Treasurer in September of 2011. You don't want to miss a party – do you?

OPEN BOOK and BOARD of REVIEW

The assessing firm of Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. has scheduled the Open Book for Tuesday, May 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and the Board of Review for Tuesday, May 22, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

During **Open Book** the property owners may review their assessments, check for errors and compare assessments. You may want to schedule an appointment to meet with the assessor to discuss your assessment. You can also check out their website at www.apraz.com under property search, click on Dane County, click on Town of Springfield, enter the required information to view your property.

The purpose of the **Board of Review** is to ensure that the assessment roll is fair and equitable for all property owners (real estate and personal property). The Board of Review is also responsible for identifying and correcting technical errors in local property assessments. The main function of the Board of Review is to hear objections to valuations which have not been resolved with the assessor. This formal process provides the first step in an appeal procedure if a property owner objects to the assessment on their property whether real estate or personal property. Objection forms need to be filed.

Contact the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 849-7887 if you would like to make an appointment or to obtain forms for Board of Review or if you have any questions. More information is available at www.dor.wi.gov.

Will I be notified if there is a change in my assessment?

According to section 70.356 of the WI State Statutes, whenever an assessor raises the assessment of any real estate property, the owner, if known must be notified, or else the occupant of the property is notified. The notice must be in writing and mailed at least 10 days prior to the Board of Review Meeting. Failure to receive a notice does not affect the validity of the increased assessment. The notice requirement does not apply to personal property. If you feel the assessor is in error, please call to meet with him during Open Book to understand how your valuation was determined. If you feel the assessor has made an error in the assessment and can't resolve the issue with the assessor, you may file an objection form with the Board of Review. Objection forms are available from the Town Clerk at 849-7887.

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). These dates have been subject to change with the election dates falling on the same night. If you are interested in attending one of these dates please call the number below and we can let you know the night it has been rescheduled for. Agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Bong Excavating and the parking lot at the corner of Church

Rd. & Co. Hwy. K and at www.town.springfield.wi.us. 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.

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Town contracts with the firm Independent Inspections, LTD. for building inspections. The inspector will be in the office on Wednesdays 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 residential, commercial and agricultural 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. A reminder, that Dane County also requires zoning and erosion control permits. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.

CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is looking to recruit volunteers to become Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) for the Cross Plains Area EMS. Volunteers are also needed to be an emergency vehicle operator to respond with the ambulance and crew. Current needs are weekend and daytime response personnel. Several Town of Springfield residents already are members and have been for a number of years. The Cross Plains Area EMS has very nice accommodations for members who pull shifts at the station. Training is provided through Madison College west campus and is reimbursable for members who complete and serve with the Cross Plains Area EMS. You must be 18 to apply and this is a great learning and volunteering experience for High School students. To learn more or request an application contact the Cross Plains Area EMS at 798-2720 or email cpemsdirector@charter.net.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Don Hoffman, Chairman
Dave Laufenberg Supervisor I
Jim Pulvermacher, Supervisor II
Art Meinholz, Supervisor III
Dan Dresen, Supervisor IV
Carolyn Hacker, Clerk/Treasurer
Bernie Laird, Assessor
Jan Barman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Ofc. Manager
Mark Grosse, Road Patrolman

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Gabrysiak
Jeff Endres
Karen Crook
Scott Laufenberg
George Pasdirtz
Jim Pulvermacher
Elliott Long

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

Town Hall Office Hours: The office is generally open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8-noon on Fridays, on occasion meetings or errands may alter that time frame. Please call ahead to be sure we are available. If these hours do not work for you, please call 849-7887, to set up an appointment.