### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NEWSLETTER

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This Newsletter is a communication service published by the Town Board for the residents of the Town of Springfield

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office is generally open at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday 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.

#### TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Don Hoffman, Chairman Dave Laufenberg, Supervisor 1 Jim Pulvermacher, Supervisor 2 Art Meinholz, Supervisor 3 Dan Dresen, Supervisor 4

#### TOWN STAFF

Carolyn Hacker, Clerk/Treasurer Bernie Laird, Assessor

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION

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

# 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. & 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 our office 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 a building inspector. Office hours are Wednesdays 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, commercial and agricultural buildings. Some 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 building permits and zoning requirements. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.

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# **NOVEMBER 6TH IS PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

Yes, we have had five elections this year and we are already preparing for the next one. The Presidential General Election will be held on November 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee voting is available, you can request an absentee ballet to be mailed to you by getting an application through the GAB site http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab\_forms/4/ga b 121 application for absentee ballot 2012 03 95440.pdf., mail the application to the Town Hall or stop in the Town Hall and fill one out here. The deadline for accepting applications to vote absentee by mail is on Thursday, November 1st. You can vote in person at the Town Hall starting Monday, October 22nd until Friday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Reminders: We collect non-perishable food items for the local Food Pantry on Election Day. We also have a collection for your old cell phones that are then turned over to 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.

While you're here, check out the large print library books available for check out. This service is sponsored through the Dane County Public Library System and is changed out monthly.



# 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. It's time to think about scheduling for the fall clean-up, please contact the Town Hall for the kits. Thank you in helping to keep the Town of Springfield looking its best.

# 2nd LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF COMING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th

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 the 2nd drop-off on Saturday, October 6th 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 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 is NO electronic drop-off this time (only the spring event).

## **2012 BUDGET MEETINGS**

Our local levy is adopted after the following schedule is adhered to:

## October 4, 2012:

LOTTERY CREDIT

A resident of the Town qualifies for a lottery

credit on their real estate tax bill if the resi-

dent lived in their home on January 1st, and

that home is considered their primary resi-

dence. 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 list-

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.

ed on your last year's tax bill, there is still

Budget workshop for the Town Board at 7:00 p.m. October 23, 2012:

Budget workshop for the Town Board at 7:00 p.m. **November 20, 2012:** 

Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:00 p.m. Special Town Meeting & Town Board Meeting for approval.

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 2013 expenditures, to set salaries, and adopt the 2013 tax levy. Following the Town meeting, the Town Board will reconvene its meeting to adopt the 2013 budget and finish any necessary business.



# SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

There has been a proposal brought before the Board for the Town to start a business Social Media. This would give friends of Facebook access to the option of getting information about the Town through this avenue. We are looking for your input as to whether this would be of interest to the community. Please send us an e-mail at townhall@town.springfield.wi.us with

your thoughts and ideas on this proposal.

# ELECTION NEWS FOR LOCAL TOWN OFFICES The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 2012 and final day for filing nomination papers is Januar 2013. A minimum of 20 signatures is peaded to be also

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2012 and final day for filing nomination papers is January 2, 2013. 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 2013. The spring election will be April 2, 2013.

Offices up for election are:

Office: Town Board Chair Incumbent: Don Hoffman Office: Town Board Supervisor I Incumbent: David Laufenberg Office: Town Board Supervisor II Incumbent: James Pulvermacher



All terms are for two years and begin on April 16, 2013. 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.

# TOWN HALL AVALABLE 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.



# KEEP OUR AIR CLEAN-DO NOT BURN PLASTICS

It's been a rough year for burning and cleaning up around the farm. Disposing of agricultural plastics can be an issue. Burning these plastics releases unhealthy toxins into the air and can also pollute our water supplies that can cause cancer and be especially irritating for people with asthma or heart disease. It is also ILLEGAL.

Alternatives to burning:

Put in or on top of your weekly garbage container.

Clean Sweep accepts used containers with leftover chemicals. Check with our local extension office or visit:

http://datcp.wi.gov/envionment/clean\_sweep/index.aspx.

The Container Services Net offers FREE collection/recycling of triple rinsed containers from ag. retailers, applicators and grower that accumulate at least 1,000 pounds. Visit them at http://www.containerservicesnetwork.com.

We all need to do what we can to keep our land, air and water clean.

# WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN SPRINGFIELD? SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST SERVE! IT'S SO EASY – FAST AND FREE!

Go to our website www.town.springfield.wi.us (mark as a favorite) and on the left hand side click on "Town Email List" and fill in your email (name is optional) and enter a password and you are a member. It is so easy and then you'll get the information as quick as possible. Your email is secure and will not be shared with any other list. THANK YOU to the 258 users we have signed up, but we are hoping to get many more. We keep the emails short and to the point and don't overuse the service.

What sort of things do we send?

- Emergency notices
- Changes in pick up day of garbage and recycling due to weather or break downs
- Election news reminder of dates & times, when ballots arrive for absentee voting
- Events in the area CPR classes, Dane Co Sheriff sponsored classes (drug use, internet safety)
- Recycling news special electronic drop offs
- Road conditions/closures due to construction
- Lost dogs

Just to name a few.

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SERVICE!

