



## **BURN PERMIT INFORMATION** | From the Waunakee Area Fire District:

This letter is to reinform you of open burning policies in your town. Each one of the three towns in the Waunakee Area Fire District has an open burning ordinance, which details the rules that must be followed in order to burn. The Waunakee Fire Department also requires that a burn permit be issued prior to burning. Please call (608)849-5488 to obtain a permit.

Why must people get burning permits or licenses?

1. It gives fire department personnel an opportunity to ensure that weather conditions are favorable for a burn and that the burn in question meets the requirements of local ordinances.

2. It notifies the fire department of your intent to burn brush, grass, leaves, etc....

In the event the fire department receives an emergency call on the controlled burn, it gives us a chance to contact the permit holder to see if their fire is still under control or if a full fire response is needed.

3. The DNR Forestry Program, under Chapter 26, Wisconsin Statutes, and many local governments require burning permits to prevent forest fires and protect life and property. State laws administered by the Air Management Program and many local ordinances spell out the kinds of materials that may be burned and the conditions under which burning will or won't be allowed. The only exception to the above rules is if the fire is contained within a burn barrel or a commercially manufactured outdoor recreational fireplace. The fireplace must be an assembly that includes a bowl, pit or device for holding the wood and a method of containing embers and sparks. If a burning permit or license is obtained, it does not give authority to burn materials that are illegal to burn under state or local law.

Failure to comply with the aforementioned rules may put firefighters and apparatus at risk and you may be required to pay restitution to the Fire District. Thank you for all of your support!

## **PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

If you owe the second half of your property tax you should have received a bill from the Dane County Treasurer by now. Make sure you write your check out to the **DANE COUNTY TREASURER** and mail it to them. The town does not collect taxes during this time. Payment is due by July 31, 2012 or interest and penalty will be charged. If you have questions, please call (608) 266-4151.



## **AUGUST 14TH IS PARTISAN PRIMARY**

Yes, we have had four elections this year and we are already preparing for the next one. The Partisan Primary will be held on August 14th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee voting is available, you can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you by getting an application through the GAB site: [http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab\\_forms/4/gab\\_121\\_application\\_for\\_absentee\\_balot\\_2012\\_03\\_\\_95440.pdf](http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_forms/4/gab_121_application_for_absentee_balot_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 taking applications to vote absentee by mail is on Thursday, August 9th. You can vote in person at the Town Hall starting July 30th until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 10th.



## SPCRD WELCOMES THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD!



Sauk Prairie Community Recreation Department (SPCRD) would like to welcome the Town of Springfield to the Department. The Town of Springfield has

agreed to financially support SPCRD and recreational opportunities for their citizens. Towns and Villages that currently support the Recreation Department are: Village and Town of Prairie du Sac, Village of Sauk City, Roxbury, Sumpter, Town of Mazomanie and now the Town of Springfield. The Councils in these communities see the value of recreation for their citizens and have been willing to pay a small price to offer a better quality of life for their citizens. SPCRD would like to encourage

all towns and villages within the Sauk Prairie School District be affiliated with the Department.

**Listed below is a peak at what SPCRD has to offer at special discounts:**

**Special Events:** Sauk Prairie Night at the Ball Park  
**Community Center News:** Zumba, Body Pump, Range of Motion, Open Gyms

**Sauk Prairie Aquatics:** Outdoor Pool is open, News Splash is attached

**Community Events:** Vote, Swing Crew, Farmer's Market

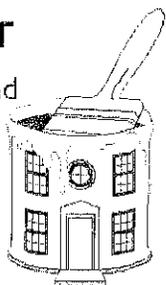
**Volunteer in Sauk Prairie:** Volunteer for the Recreation Department

**Library News:** Prairie du Sac Library, Sauk City Library

**For more information on all PROGRAMS, visit: <http://www.saukpr.k12.wi.us/recdept/regform.cfm>**

### GETTING THE LEAD OUT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has lowered the threshold for lead poisoning in blood. Lead poisoning can cause brain damage, behavior problems, and learning disabilities. Even with lead-free service, some houses built before 1927 still may have lead in their internal water fixtures. Older buildings may also still use lead pipe plumbing internally.



The major source of exposure is from lead-based paint and lead contaminated dust found in homes built before 1978. Chipping or peeling paint on the walls and windowsills may contain high levels of lead. If remodeling activities in older houses do not follow well defined safety guidelines, the process could generate substantial quantities of lead dust in the home. For more information on lead poisoning prevention see

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/healthyHomes/lead/index.cfm>

For information on lead poisoning risks to children and advice on how to avoid lead exposure during remodeling projects, see the following brochures:

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/LeadPois-Eng.pdf>

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/LeadGuide-Eng.pdf>

### DON'T LET THE HEAT BEAT YOU

Every year at this time there are numerous news stories about the heat, offering solid advice on what to do when the weather gets very hot and humid. Here are three simple points to keep in mind.



1. Check in on elderly and disabled neighbors. Extreme heat can be very dangerous for them, and some might be shy or unable to ask for help. So please risk being a nosy neighbor. It will make this situation a lot less risky for them.
2. Don't push yourself or your kids too far with outdoor physical activities. Heatstroke can sneak up on you quickly, and it often requires a trip to the emergency room.
3. Do not leave your kids or your pets in a car, even with the motor and air conditioner running. A stalled engine will produce dangerously high temperatures very quickly, putting a child or pet at risk for brain damage and death. On hot or warm days, it's best to leave your pet at home, and to always take your child with you - no matter how short you think your errand will be.

If you see a parked car with a child or pet left alone, call 911 and don't leave until help arrives.

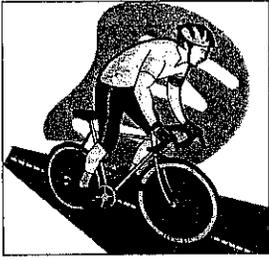
There are many more details and precautions that you should be familiar with. For more information on the impact of heat on people, check the following links:

[http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/#\\_Heat\\_Stroke](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/#_Heat_Stroke)

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/family/safetyAndInjuryPrevention/documents/KidsCarsHeat200808.pdf>

## BICYCLE SAFETY FROM DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A goal of the Dane County Sheriff's Office is to assure our roadways are safe for all who use them. We would like to take this opportunity to remind



bike clubs and individual bicyclists of a few basic bicycle laws and safety tips. With the increase of bicyclists using the county highways, and increased urban growth, we want to urge bicyclists and motorists to obey the traffic laws and encourage a spirit of cooperation and safety as they share the roads. We hope providing education to bicyclists and motorists will help foster this cooperation.

According to Wisconsin State Statutes, a bicycle is considered a vehicle. This means the operator of a bicycle is granted many of the same privileges as the operator of a motor vehicle. A bicyclist is expected to obey traffic rules, signs and traffic signals. Bicyclists should ride on the right side of the road with traffic not against it, in a single file. Some of the most common violations are failure to stop at stop signs and failure to use hand signals.

Proper clothing is also an important consideration when riding a bicycle. A safety helmet is strongly suggested and should be worn at all times. Wearing bright/light-colored clothes or clothes with retro-reflective material is also encouraged. When riding at night a white front headlight and a red rear reflector are required.

It is our goal to assure the roads are safe for all who share them. Although not all-inclusive, we hope the above information helps foster a safer biking environment and encourage a more positive relationship for all who share our roadways.



## TWELVE TIPS TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE IN 2012

Many people are making an attempt to improve their health, save money and live better. State environmental officials say this is a good time to also help the environment and go easier on your pocketbook by reducing, reusing and recycling more of your waste.



### REDUCE

1. Purchase only what food and other supplies you need. Purchasing less means you'll have less to dispose of later.
2. Opt out of junk-mail by registering with the Direct Marketing Association. <http://www.dmchoice.org/>
3. Avoid creating trash whenever possible. When ordering food, don't take any unnecessary plastic utensils, straws, etc. (ask in advance), don't accept "free" promotional products and buy products with the least amount of packaging.
4. Pack a waste-free lunch with no throwaway bags, containers, plastic wrap, etc. Use reusable containers to store food instead.
5. Avoid single-use items like juice boxes, soda bottles, paper dinnerware or plastic utensils. Buy cleaning supplies and other non-perishable materials in bulk to cut down on packaging.

### REUSE

6. Donate usable clothing, appliances, furniture and other items to nonprofits or secondhand stores in your area. Not only will you reduce the amount of waste you produce, you'll also help others in your community.
7. Switch from disposable to reusable items like plastic or metal food or beverage containers, refillable razors and pens, and washable kitchen towels and diapers.
8. When remodeling or making improvements to your home, donate usable items like cabinets, lighting, appliances, lumber, flooring and windows to construction resale shops. Habitat Restores [www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore\\_detail.aspx?place=55](http://www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore_detail.aspx?place=55) are a great option.
9. Start a swap with your friends or coworkers to trade items like books, clothing, computer equipment and games. Something you're no longer interested in could be a great find for a friend.
10. Bring your own shopping bags to the grocery store, mall and other stores.

### RECYCLE

11. Recycle in your home and workplace. Many communities have expanded the range of materials they collect – you may be surprised at what new materials are being collected. To see what recyclables are accepted by your community, visit Recycle More Wisconsin <http://www.recyclemorewisconsin.org/>.
12. Clear out the electronics that have been collecting dust in your closet. E-Cycle Wisconsin offers a list of recyclers for televisions, computers, computer accessories and more. Most items can be collected for a small fee or for free.

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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, Bong Excavating and the parking lot at the corner of Church Rd. & Co. Hwy. K and at [www.town.springfield.wi.us](http://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.