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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 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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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.

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 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 "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-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.

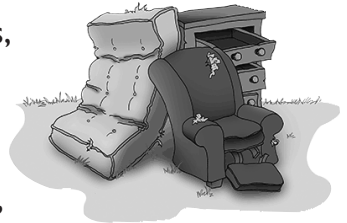


4th LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF COMING

Saturday, October 5th 2013

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 of the year on Saturday, October 5th 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, con-

crete, 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).



2013 ROAD WORK

The road work that was scheduled for 2013 is coming to an end. The seeding and some landscaping will be completed in the next few weeks. The town road crew will begin trimming trees and brush in the road right-of-way, there are some areas that are becoming hazardous for school busses and bigger trucks.

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. We are looking for volunteers for Lodi-Springfield Road, please call 849-7887 if your interested in helping out.



REMINDERS:

We 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.

2013 BUDGET MEETINGS

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

October 8, 2013: Budget workshop for the Town Board at 7:00 p.m.

October 22, 2013: Budget workshop for the Town Board at 7:00 p.m.

November 19, 2013: 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 2014 expenditures, to set salaries, and adopt the 2014 tax levy. Following the Town meeting, the Town Board will reconvene its meeting to adopt the 2014 budget and finish any necessary business.



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, 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.



NEW VOTING MACHINE COMING IN TIME FOR THE FEBRUARY ELECTION

Carolyn and Jan recently checked out the new voting machine that we will be using at the February election. After 30 years of service our current machine is obsolete as they no longer make any parts for it. The new machine is easier to read and much lighter to maneuver around the building.

The ballots will now be marked with an oval shape and when you insert it into the machine, the screen tells you that it was marked correctly and accepts it. If by chance, there is something you haven't marked it will tell you that on the screen, also. Technology sure has changed over the last 30 years.

Looking forward to showing off the Town's new voting machine when you come to vote at the polls.



WINTER DRIVING AND SNOW PLOWING

I know you can hardly believe we are mentioning winter already. But as the first 3 loads of salt were delivered last week, 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 & for the plow operator 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.



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD CEMETERIES

Thank you to Terry Middleton for taking such great care of the Kohlman Cemetery each year. You do a wonderful job Terry!

We asked for volunteers to help clean up Kingsley Cemetery in the last newsletter, thank you for those who responded. The dates that have been set to start this project are Saturday, October 12th at 8 a.m. with a rain date of October 19th at 8 a.m. If you haven't contacted us that you are interested in helping, don't let that stop you from showing up, any and all help will be appreciated.

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.

SAFETY REMINDER

There recently was a break-in at a residence in the town and we would just like to remind you to lock your doors, windows and vehicles and if you see any unusual activity or vehicles in your neighborhood, please report that to the Dane County Sheriff Deputy's Office at 608-255-2345 or if an emergency call 9-1-1.

