



5th YEAR - DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS AND ELECTRONICS

**Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8 a.m.
to noon**

For town residents only, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 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 located at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison WI

53718, (Beltline/12/18 East toward Cambridge) across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course at the Dane County Landfill. 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 7th 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. **This program has been a great success for our residents, but we need volunteers to help us to continue this service. Please call if you're able to help for an hour or two that day to keep this going.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 ELECTION

**Remember Photo ID is required
to Vote**

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, local School 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, 1st day to vote in the office is March 21st. 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 – Art Meinholz

Town of Springfield Supervisor IV – Dan Dresen

As you encourage others to vote remind them that if they are not sure where they vote they can now go to <https://myvote.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 needs to end up in a landfill.

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



BURNING PERMITS IN THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

As spring approaches, I would like to remind all our residents, to remember to call in for burn permits. This provides the fire department with the knowledge of the time, date, and type of fire that is taking place. This knowledge prevents the fire departments from having to roll multiple pieces of apparatus down the highway for someone who forgot to let us know that they were just burning leaves, brush, etc.... in their gardens.



Burning in the Waunakee Fire District call 849-5488. If burning within the Middleton Fire District, please go to their website http://www.mifd.net/mifd/Burn_Permit.html to fill out the burn permit form electronically.

If you don't have computer access, please call 827-1090 to speak with MIFD staff. If no answer, please feel free to leave a message including your name, phone number, address of burn, date and nature of the burn. Please note the following general rules regarding fires:

- An adult present at all times
- Have a means of extinguishing it
- Fire out by dusk

Please note, burn permits do not limit our response if dispatched.

A Message from your Road Patrolman

Thank you very much for your patience during the winter months as I and the other drivers strived to keep the roads clean and safe during the past few months. We sure appreciate those of you who do not push snow from your driveways out into the road and keep your cars in your driveway and not parked on the road. It all makes our job so much easier!

There seems to be more plantings and dead trees in the road right-of-way that need be cleared out. For safety and visibility it's important to keep these areas clear, and against Town policy to be planting in the road right-of-way.

Lastly, as summer construction crews are out working on all the roads remember to slow down in the marked areas. Please be considerate so we can get our work done as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you, Mark

OPEN BOOK and BOARD of REVIEW

The assessing firm of Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. has scheduled the Open Book for Wednesday, April 20th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the Board of Review for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

During Open Book the property owners may review their assessments, check for errors and compare assessments. If you feel you need to discuss the assessment with the assessor please schedule an appointment by calling Associated Appraisals at 1-800-721-4157. You can also check out their website at www.apraz.com under property search, click on Dane County, click on Town of Springfield, and 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?

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 will be in writing and mailed at least 15 days prior to the Open Book 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 1-800-721-4157 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 at Open Book, you may file an objection form with the Board of Review. Objection forms are available from the Town Clerk at 849-7887 feel free to contact the clerk treasurer at 849-7887.

PAPE PARK UPDATE

If you haven't already noticed, we have a shelter in our park. We are hoping to get some youth soccer teams interested in using this area. We will also take reservations for residents to have family gatherings under the shelter. We would like to give a big thanks to our volunteers, residents, our board members and their families for constructing the shelter, Dan Dresen for furnishing the stain/paint and the Art Meinholz family for the donation of the picnic tables. We owe them all a big THANK YOU for what they were able to accomplish.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SNOW PLOW DRIVERS WHO SERVED US WELL THIS WINTER!

Even though it was a mild winter we had fewer snow falls but a lot of drifting, these guys put in some very long days & nights in the worst of weather. Nice job guys! Next time you see Mark or Dave, please give them a BIG thank you. Enjoy the spring, summer and fall – you deserve it! NOTE: We are looking for snow plow drivers for next season

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have extra time and you want to feel like you're really contributing to the community, consider volunteering to help clean the Kohlman and/or Kingsley Cemeteries, we need volunteers to help clear brush, rake and fixing/replacing the fence in Kingsley. Please call the Town Hall at 608-849-7887 to be added to the list and we will notify you with the scheduled dates. Any help that we get is greatly appreciated.

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.



DOG LICENSES ARE DUE!

State law requires an annual license and a current rabies vaccination for all dogs 5 months of age or older. License fee for neutered male and spayed female is \$15.00, and \$20.00 for unneutered male and unspayed females. All licenses will be for the year 2016. The animal owner must annually provide proof of rabies vaccination for dogs before the license can be issued. Please send the rabies certification or a copy along with the completed application payable to the Town of Springfield. The rabies certificate will be returned to you along with your dog license. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your license. Reminder, after April 1, a late fee will be applied of \$5.00 per dog.

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.

TRANSFER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM (TDR)

The TDR Program has been adopted by the Town Board and will be added to the updated Comprehensive Plan. All the details and procedures need to be worked out yet, but we are getting closer. Watch the town website for further information and public meeting dates.

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 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. There is no set agenda. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers in the Town will be recognized.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NEWSLETTER

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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, to set up an appointment. Office will be closed on the following days, May 27th & 29th, July 1st & 4th, and September 2nd & 5th.

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
Jan Barman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Grosse, Road Patrolman
Bernie Laird, Assessor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Endres, Chair
Bill Acker
Ron Koci
Steve Resan
Elliott Long
Jim Pulvermacher, Board Rep
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 and on our website 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 SafeBuilt. 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. Dane County also requires zoning and erosion control permits. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.