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NEW LOOK AT THE POLLS

Do to the expected heavy turnout in November, we are going to split the poll book in two. When you come in the hall, look up and see if you go to the table A-L or M-Z. We are hoping that this will reduce the wait time in line.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2016 PARTISAN PRIMARY 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 Partisan Primary for the November General Election. 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 July 25th. 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.

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 ends up in a landfill.

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

BOOK MOBILE LOCATIONS IN SPRING-FIELD

The Dane County Library Service has the Book mobile scheduled for Saturdays at Don's Mobile Manor, Kalesey Ct. from 9:30-10:30 a.m., St. Martins Church from 1:30-2:15 p.m. and at St. Peters Church from 2:45-3:45 p.m. in Ashton. Besides loaning out books, DVDs, magazines and music CDs, there will be a Crafts and Fun Summer Reading Program at the Don's Mobile Manor location. You can also find large print books at the Town Hall delivered once a month from the Dane County Library. These are available for check out to all residents. We encourage you to use these services as your tax dollars support them. If you want more information about these and other programs available through the Dane County Library, visit them at www.dcls.info, or go to your nearest library.

NEW: We now have a red "Little Free Library" in front of the Town Hall, provided by Wingra School students. The books in the red box are geared to the younger readers, but are for all ages. The idea behind the "Little Free Library" is take a book but leave a book in its place. Available 24/7, Happy Reading!



DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS-

for town residents only, on Saturday, October 1, 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 at 7102 US Hwy 12/18 in Madison (call 608-243-0368 for details on the Clean Sweep Program). 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 spring for dropping off large items as this event will take place twice a year.



PAPE PARK UPDATE

If you haven't already noticed, we have a shelter in our park. We will take reservations for residents to have family gatherings under the shelter. Like the Town Hall, we will take reservations to reserve the shelter for your event. Plan to bring your yard games for a great day of fun with the great people around you.

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.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

- Please keep your dog on your own property. This includes keeping your dog from GREETING neighbors as they walk by or bikers as they ride by, it can be very intimidating to the person and their dog.
- Barking dogs do not make for good neighbors. We have gotten several complaints about this, we encourage residents to call Dane County Sheriff's office. Do you want that knock on the door?
- Dogs on the loose love to dig in the garbage and make a mess for everyone. Keep your dog on your property or on a leash when out.
- When you take your dog for a walk, be sure to clean up after him/her. No one appreciates cleaning up after someone else's pet.
- Dogs over 5 months of age must by law be licensed. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for the staff at the town hall to issue a license.

Please call 849-7887 if you have any questions.

MAJOR ROAD WORK FOR 2016

Bids have been awarded to Scott Construction for the 2016 road work on Fisher Rd from Kalesey Ct-Pheasant Branch Rd, Schneider Rd from Capital View-Hwy 12, Ripp Rd from CTH K-Riles Rd. Schneider Road & the culvert on Enchanted Valley Road. Improvements may include wedging, shoulder restoring, seal coating and ditch excavation. Please use cau-

CONSTRUCTION tion when you are in a construction zone by lowering your speed and watching for flag men. These roads may be closed to traffic for a few hours but nothing more than that. As state aid continues to be reduced we are not able to do as much road maintenance as the town board would like to do, but rather trying to do those in most need on a priority basis.

MSA Professional Services are working with our Road Patrolman, Mark Grosse and DOT for improvements scheduled for the Town Hall parking lot.

ZONE

SHOOTING AND OTHER VIOLENCE CAN HAPPEN HERE

The Town of Springfield will be sponsoring Dane County Sheriff Deputy Josalyn Longley to speak to you concerning "PRE-



PAREDNESS FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER & VIOLENCE WITHIN THE WORKPLACE & COMMUNITY". This is a free presentation scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6157 CTH P. If you are planning to attend, call 608-849-7887, snacks and drinks will be provided.

HISTORY LESSONS FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

Taken from information available in the Town's history books and licenses issues:

In 1958, Emma Simon owned and operated Simon's Tavern and Dance Hall, many wedding dances were held there on Saturday nights. Simon's is now Springfield Inn and operated by Kendall Duhr, at Hwy 12 & P.

In the early 1960's Charles Mislivecek, Sr & Jr owned and operated a tavern called Chuck & Charlie's, later this became Smitty's Bar owned and operated by Stan & Illene Schmitz, then Rocky's Tap owned and operated by Mark (Rocky) & Joan Acker and is now Game Time Sports Bar & Grill owned and operated

by Tammy Maier, corner of Hwy 12 & K. Melvin Busser operated Mel's Cheese Shop in this same area.

On the southeast side of Hwy K & 12 was a small grocery store with gas pumps called Shelly Jack's, Owned and operated by Jack Laufenberg, later



owned by Sylvester Hellenbrand (Sy). It was demolished with the Hwy 12 changes.

Missouri Tavern was owned by Albert & Mae Mefford and included gas pumps, also. Eventually, it became a tavern only and was operated by Mae, fondly known as "Ma Mae" to many of us in the area. Carly & Travis Hasse now own and operate the tavern and in honor of Mae have left the name the same and kept the original bar.

If you have interesting items to tell from the past, write it up with details and we will consider putting it in future newsletters.

To be continued......

Reminder to all those residents that pay their taxes in 2 installments;

Dane County Treasurer will be sending you the invoice for the 2nd installment. The payment is to be made out to the Dane County Treasurer and due by July 31st. There will be a blue envelope that comes with your invoice to return your payment to the correct address.

ATC PAYMENT TO TOWN



The Town has received an Environmental Impact Fee payment from the American Transmission Company. We received a check for \$410,000. Of this \$366,000 is a one-time fee that must be used for environmental programs unless a different use is approved by the Public Service Commission. Annual amount of \$44,000.00 that the town received that can be used for general expendi-

tures. The Town Board has been discussing the options as to what the one-time payment can be used for. A portion of the Environmental Impact Fee will be used to repair the Town Hall parking lot. We will need to consult with the Public Service Commission to determine what the allowable uses are.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NEWSLETTER

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8-noon on Fridays, on occasion meetings or errands may alter that time frame. Office will be closed on the following days, July 1st & 4th, and September 2nd & 5th. 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. 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

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Or Current Resident

A drop box is available at the Town Hall. It is located just outside the front door.



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, 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.

PLAN COMMISSION

The Plan 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 Deputy 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 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.

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