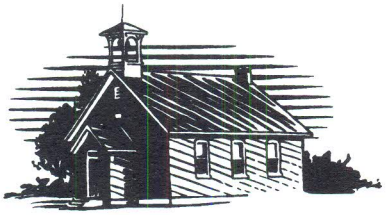

Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Farmington Town News:

Town Hall Update –

The new Town Hall expected date of completion was October 31st. However, November elections were held in the old Town Hall because of many days needed to organize plus moving equipment, furniture and files. We are planning an **Open House** for the public on **Sunday, December 14th from 1 to 4pm.** We hope that everyone will come to visit. We want to thank the Waupaca Historical Society and Ron Reynolds for their help with providing pictures that we copied for our displays.

New Chairman –

With the resignation of Dale Trinrud at the Town Board meeting on October 20th, the Board and Clerk appointed Kevin Will to finish out the chairman term. Kevin has been involved with our Town Planning Commission, served as caucus chairman the last several years, is knowledgeable about town business and interested in filling this position. We want to thank Dale for all of his service and work for the Town. We will be holding our caucus on January 19, 2015 to nominate people for all Town Board positions.

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Summer road work: The Town seal coated the following sixteen roads: Birch Tree, Browne, Bruce, Chad, Cobbtown, Covered Bridge, Haase, Julie, Lind, Melody, Morgan, Patricia, Pleasant Park, Rainbow, Richard, and Westgate Acres N.

Seal coating was used to extend the life of a road at an economical cost. Primarily, we were able to do all of the above roads (8 miles) for the approximate cost of 1 mile of overlay blacktop. By making a timely application of a new sealcoat surface before the old one deteriorates completely, we can extend service life 7 to 10 years and maintain a good riding surface. We wedged four roads and crack sealed twenty-four. Thank you for your patience with the road maintenance workers.

Because of that lengthy rain downpour we had in August, Faulks Bros. and Town maintenance crew worked on repairing several washed out right-of-ways.

Tom Simpson has been busy trimming back trees in the road right-of-ways for your driving safety.

- ✓ **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @ 7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q.
- ✓ **Public Hearing** on the 2015 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 17, 2014 @ 7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board meeting.
- ✓ **Taxes** will be mailed out mid **December** with 1st installment due **January 31, 2015.**
- ✓ **Dog licenses** also due January 1, 2015. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (M/F - $1(N/S - $5)

Municipal/County Recycling Partnership.....by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

Following the passage of the 1989 Wisconsin Recycling Law mandating recycling for all residents and businesses, Waupaca County entered into an agreement with 31 of the county's 34 municipalities to establish an effective recycling program to meet the requirements of that law. The initial term of that agreement was 10 years, at which time an addendum was agreed upon by all municipalities and the County for a 5 year extension, renewable annually thereafter.

The Municipal/County Recycling Agreement outlined the responsibilities of each party to insure compliance with the requirements of the State Recycling Law:

- Municipality: collection of recyclables and associated costs
- County: administration (grant applications, final reports), contract management, educational outreach, implementation and enforcement of the County Recycling Ordinance, transportation, processing and marketing of recyclables. State recycling grant funds, revenue from the sale of recyclables processed at the County's Processing & Transfer Facility, and user fees are the funding sources to offset County=associated program costs.

In 2011, State funding for recycling was cut 40%. This, combined with poor markets for the sale of recyclables, made a municipal assessment necessary to cover outstanding administrative and operational expenses. As per the Municipal/County Recycling Agreement, each municipality in the Responsible Unit area shall be responsible for paying their share of any outstanding recycling costs.

Solid Waste and Recycling Program staff has been and continue to work at reducing costs while still maintaining an effective recycling program, meeting the required needs of the citizens and businesses of Waupaca County. What we have accomplished so far is listed below:

* Streamlining curbside collection to reduce municipal costs with increased participation and tonnage
* Redirecting recyclables from the PTF to Outagamie County's facility for processing thereby reducing costs associated with processing (elimination of Waupaca County Industries' labor force)
* Processing-line modifications for more efficient, cost-effective sorting of recyclables
* Coordinating educational outreach with other county programs
* User fee adjustments at the PTF
* Winter season staff layoffs

The County/Municipal recycling program has been in place for 21 years. This will be the first year an assessment has been needed to cover program costs. This assessment has been recommended and approved by the Recycling Implementation Council, of which the Town of Farmington is a member through the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Commission, and the Solid Waste Management Board. The assessment amounts to $2.39 per capita for the 2014 program year, a total of $9,581.51.

The Town of Farmington is also a party of 5 municipalities that support the Recycling Center in Waupaca. It was voted at their Recycling Compost Commission to use reserves to cover expenses for next year. **REMINDER:** We are a **'point of sale'** location for the **orange trash tags**. Cost for tags: $2.00 for one; $10.00 for a sheet of five.

Fill your propane tanks early ...by Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management

Governor Scott Walker is encouraging citizens who use propane to heat their homes to fill their fuel tanks early this season. In addition, State energy officials are reaching out to 25,000 households across Wisconsin that participate in the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) to help fill their propane tanks before cold weather sets in. The amount of the energy assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs.

"While many people may not want to think about winter heating during the warm summer months, customers are generally able to purchase more propane at a lower price in August and September when supply is less in demand," Governor Walker said. "Weather, grain drying, and several other factors put a strain on supply across the Midwest last winter and some of those same factors could be in play again this heating season. We encourage our citizens to take action now to be better prepared for the upcoming heating season and save money in the process."

The Department of Administration's WHEAP program will begin processing applications now for the 11 percent of WHEAP households that use propane. WHEAP will estimate the amount of heating benefit a customer will receive and then lock in the lower summer price with a propane dealer who will work with the WHEAP customer to establish a future delivery date.

In addition to ensuring propane gets into customer tanks sooner, this will allow the State to potentially purchase approximately 15 percent more propane, resulting in as much as $1 million in savings that could be used to help additional residents in need. Currently, the average propane retail price is $1.69 per gallon compared to an average of $3.04 per gallon that customers paid at the end of February 2014.

Customers benefit from filling their propane tank in the summer:

- Customers are generally able to purchase more fuel at a lower price.
- More fuel means customers will have a better supply at their home or business going into the winter
- Retailers will have a better supply to offer customers during the heating season
- More efficient utilization of the entire supply chain.

POWER: Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.....by Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management

Using a properly connected generator of adequate size during a power outage will reduce or almost eliminates the impact a power outage has on your life. Before you buy a generator, talk to an electrician about the size and type you need. Think about what you want your generator to run. Generators can be used to keep food cool, provide lights and electricity for phones and televisions, power furnace blowers and pumps.

The best way to use a portable generator is to connect it to your home using a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician. This will keep the power from overloading the wiring in your home. It will also keep the power from your generator from traveling back into the power lines, which can injure or kill people working on power lines, or can unexpectedly re-energize downed power lines near your home. You may also connect equipment directly to the outlets on the generator, but be sure that any extension cords are of the proper length and gauge to handle the power requirements.

REMEMBER: Always run generators outside. Never use a generator inside a house, in a basement or garage. Never use a cord from a generator to back feed a circuit in your house.

CODE RED.....by Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management

CodeRed is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications including **Tornado, Thunderstorm, and Flash Flood Warnings**. Also included are AMBER alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories or evacuation notices. This system is an enhancement to existing means of communication and is meant to supplement current or past systems used for mass notification.

In order to receive weather alerts, you need to sign up and verify your address information. The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The home page of the Waupaca County website, www.co.waupaca.wi.us., has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page where you can register online; you may also register at your local public library if you don't have internet access. If you have questions or problems registering, please call 715-158-4464. Businesses located in Waupaca County can also register but be sure to select the "This address is business" option. Emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered.

Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. DO NOT call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the police or fire department. The CodeRED system will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. The CodeRED system will leave the entire message in one pass. If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two more times to connect.

Circumstances preventing a message from being delivered are:

- If your contact information has changed and you have not registered your new information.
- If you have only cordless phones in your residence, the power is out and you did not register an alternate phone number.
- If your line is busy for an extended time and your calls do not forward to voicemail or an answering machine.
- If you have a privacy manager on your main phone and you did not register an alternate phone number.

Waupaca County will receive a report of undelivered calls and can instruct the CodeRED system to begin another round of calls to busy numbers. It is best to have an alternate phone number in the calling database for these situations.

CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications network which takes security and privacy concerns seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data citizen supplied data to third parties.

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact' and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

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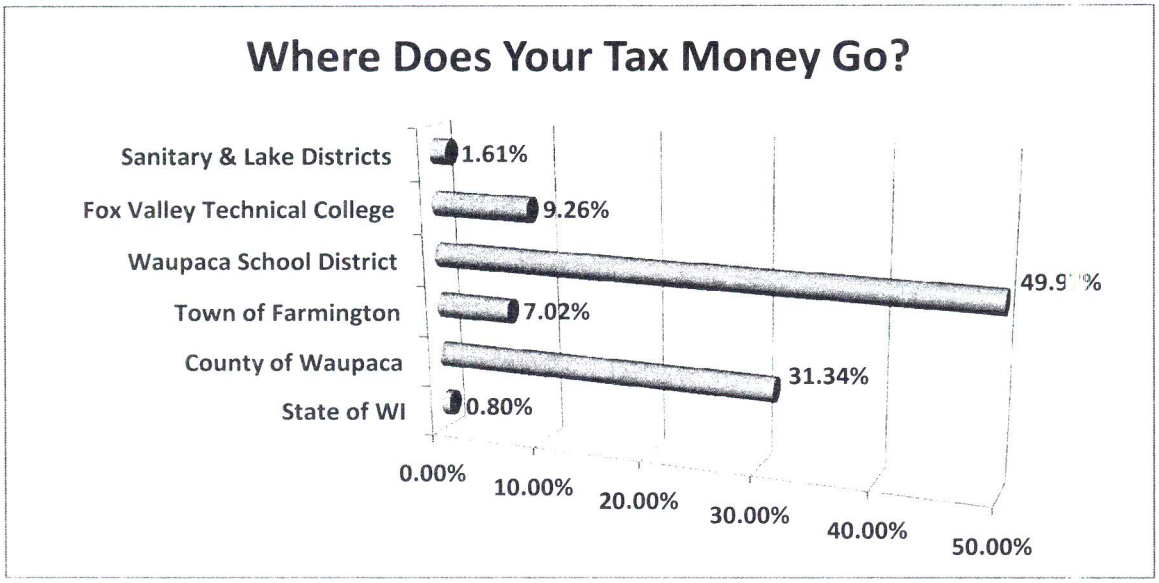
Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club was approved to run trails in the road right-of-way at our September Board meeting. **Please** be vigilant and courteous while driving at night for the snowmobilers. **Safe** driving for everyone is our concern.

Winter snow removal contract continues with Faulks Bros. Contact either Kevin Will (715-281-8584), Eugene Engebretson (715-412-0117) or Sandy Grenlie (715-258-2779) with any concerns. **Reminder:** Please do not snow blow or shovel snow into the roads. Once it becomes ice and solid, it makes it harder for the plows to clear. **THANK YOU!**



FROM 2013 STATEMENT OF TAXES

State of Wisconsin	$73,876.97	00.80%
County of Waupaca	$2,909,008.34	31.34%
Town of Farmington	$651,317.00	07.02%
Waupaca School District	$4,638,155.20	49.97%
Fox Valley Technical College	$859,096.55	09.26%
Sanitary & Lake District	$149,652.65	01.61%
Total Levy	$9,281,106.71	100.00%

2014 TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES

Road Projects	$223,441.00
Road Maintenance	$28,805.00
Sweeping Roads	$9,533.00
Shouldering Roads	$6,903.00
Crack Filling/sealing	$35,344.00
Snowplowing (2013 - 2014)	$135,607.00
Roadside cutting	$10,480.00
Tree Trimming r/w & Storm Damage	$26,720.00

2014 - Transportation Aids are $2,117 per mile of town road - $163,813
2015 - Transportation Aids are $2,202 per mile of town road - $170,390
Shared Revenue for 2015 payment will be $57,482

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET of the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2015 budget.

General Fund	Year 2014 Adopted Budget	Year 2015 Proposed Budget	% Change
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	$ 651,317	$ 651,317	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	258,091	267,333	3.58%
Licenses and Permits	53,200	54,350	2.16%
Fines & Forfeits	100	100	0.00%
Public Charges For Services	5,284	5,146	-2.61%
Commercial Revenues	50,500	50,500	0.00%
Other Financing Sources:			
Fund Balance Applied			
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 1,018,492	$ 1,028,746	1.01%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	$ 179,026	$ 170,392	-4.82%
Public Safety	175,645	175,254	-0.22%
Public Works and Transportation	502,550	502,550	0.00%
Sanitation	61,205	49,582	-18.99%
Health and Human Services	11,170	11,257	0.78%
Culture and Recreation	59,266	59,266	0.00%
Capital Outlay	20,000	46,600	133.00%
Other Financial Uses	9,630	13,845	43.77%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 1,018,492	$ 1,028,746	1.01%

All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined	FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION
	$830,524	$1,028,746	$1,028,746	$830,524	$651,317
Restricted Fund - Cemetery		$39,929			
Unassigned Funds -		$310,320			
Committed Funds - Landfill		$312,000			
Committed Funds - Town Hall		$68,275			
Committed Funds - Roads		$100,000			

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 17th day of October, 2014

s / Sandy Grenlie CMC,WCMC Clerk

Following this Public Meeting on the 2015 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of the Electors Followed by Monthly Board Meeting

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2015

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Estimated	**2014** Budget	**2015** Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	$ 651,291	$ 651,214	$ 651,317	$ 651,317	$ 651,317
Other Taxes	2,831	2,868	3,624	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	267,474	278,583	262,266	258,091	267,333
Licenses and Permits	52,033	58,802	57,488	53,200	54,350
Fines and Forfeits	89	116	839	100	100
Public Charges For Services	8,074	8,516	4,194	5,284	5,146
Commercial Revenues	56,582	53,151	51,100	50,500	50,500
Total Revenues	1,331,332	1,053,250	1,030,828	1,018,492	1,028,746
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	155,868	155,118	155,349	**180,016**	**170,392**
Public Safety	170,121	179,690	174,449	175,645	175,254
Public Works and Transportation	452,402	554,348	465,720	502,550	502,550
Sanitation	56,928	57,553	51,651	61,205	49,582
Health and Human Services	8,713	9,573	8,064	11,170	11,257
Culture and Recreation	59,526	59,176	59,006	59,266	59,266
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	2,181	740,880	20,000	46,600
Other Financial Uses				**8,640**	**13,845**
Total Expenditures	903,558	1,017,639	1,655,119	1,018,492	1,028,746
Net Change in Fund Balances	134,816	35,611	(624,291)	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,284,388	1,419,204	1,454,815	1,454,815	830,524
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 1,419,204	$ 1,454,815	$ 830,524	$ 1,454,815	$ 830,524