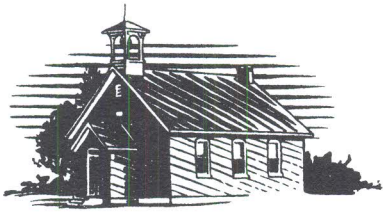

Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Farmington Town News:

We had our Town Hall **Open House** on December 14,2014 welcoming many residents, and hearing positive comments on design and display of old-time photos. Please stop by for a visit if you haven't come already.

April 21,2015.....Annual Town meeting of Electors....7:00pm.....TUESDAY

Agenda items are the audit and financial report by Chairman Will followed by any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Open Book/ Board of Review:

Each year residents are given the opportunity to meet at the Town Hall with the assessor during Open Book to discuss their current property assessments. If you choose after that meeting to appear before the Board of Review to contest your assessment, you will need to submit the necessary objection form in advance and receive an assigned appearance time from the Town Clerk. The burden of proof lies with the property holder to provide their case for change in assessment.

Open Book and Board of Review are held at the Town Hall. Specific dates published in *Waupaca County Post.*

2nd half taxes are due July 31st to the
Waupaca County Treasurer
Waupaca County Courthouse
811 Harding St.
Waupaca, WI 54981

Town Elections:

The Town Board of Kevin Will, Chairman, Caroline Murphy, Supervisor I and Craig Nelson, Supervisor II were unopposed and wish to **THANK** our residents for their support in the April 7th election. We are elected to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. We work to: provide town roads that are safe and well-maintained, protect property rights, establish lowest possible property taxes and maintain fire protection and ambulance service.

Town Board meetings are held every **third Monday @ 7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Hwy Q.

Garbage Tags.....

The Farmington Town Hall is a "point of sale" location for the **orange trash** tags used with the "Pay-By-The--Bag" garbage service provided by the **Recycling Center** at 601 Lakeside Pky (Cty K). Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of $15.00 per sheet or $3.00 for one tag at the Town Hall.

Spring Clean-Up.....

The Town appreciates any walkers who pick up litter found in the ditches and on the road shoulders. Many neighbors will take a small garbage bag along with them on their walk for that reason. **THANK YOU** for keeping Farmington looking good.

ROADS:

The Town Board will be taking their spring road tour on April 13th to finalize road work plans for crack sealing, pothole repairs and sealcoat applications. Residents will receive a postcard when major work will be done. **Thank you** for your cooperation.

Winter was relatively mild compared to out East! Our Faulks Bros expenses for snow removal and sand/salt spreading for the 2014-2015 maintenance was $68,058.45 to time of publication.We spent $135,607.62 for the 2013-2014 winter season.

Chain O' Lakes skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia, Long lakes…….

Monday, Friday – 10am – 4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 10am – 7pm
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays – 10am – 2:30pm

The Chain Skiers were approved at our March 16, 2015 Board meeting to practice during the summer on Rainbow Lake beginning at 8am on Saturdays. We support their program for our youth.

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Cats decision…….

The Town Board has talked for many meetings regarding feral cats. Several residents have helped provide research material and information to assist in clarifying the obligations of the Town.

Jeanette Newell, Waupaca County Humane Officer, provided information stating that the Courts have decided that once a resident has furnished an animal with **shelter, protection, or food,** that have become the **keeper** of that animal and have been held legally responsible for those animals. Therefore, the Town will not be intervening with the removal of these cats.

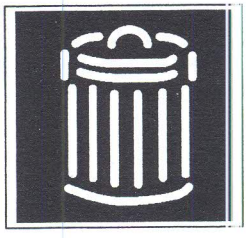
Town of Farmington currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem, and Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at $300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Sandy Grenlie at the Town Hall, 715-258-2779.

Operator licenses for bartenders are valid July 1st thru June 30th and renewable each year for $20.00. Any person not already holding a license in the Town of Farmington will need to have proof of completion of the ***Responsible Beverage Service Coarse*** when making application. Please contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 or stop at the Town Hall.

As a reminder…… Emergency fire numbers are provided for your protection. Fire numbers are **required, not optional.** Numbers must be visible at eye level for the ambulance and fire department. If a post has been loosened or damaged, please contact the Town Hall at 715-258-2779. Residents are also responsible for checking their numbers to see if branches or weeds need to be removed to make the number visible from the road.

A Gift for that Gardener in Your Life…..

Help your garden be the best it can be! Feed it COMPOST! Compost bins will be available for sale at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Dept. 811 Harding St. Waupaca and the Waupaca County PTF, Manawa starting May 1st until sold out. Price is $55.00 which includes the bin and a "How-To" handbook. Questions? Call 715-258-6240.



Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca County.....by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician DNR

*** Burning permits are required January 1 thru May 31** for residential burning when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages. For burning restriction within city and village limits, contact local officials.
*** Burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone **(1-888-947-2876)**, online **(dnr.wi.gov.) (search keyword "burn permit") or (search keyword "burning restrictions")**, or from Emergency Fire Wardens:
-Wisconsin Veteran Home: 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm (715)258-4241.
-K&E Builders: E1022 Hwy 54, (715)258-5410.
-Waupaca Cty PTF: E4981 Swan Rd Manawa, (920)596-5370
-Waupaca Cty Sheriff Dept. 1402 E Royalton St. (715)258-4466
*** A special burning permit** must be obtained from a DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.
Residential burning is restricted to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush,unpainted/untreated wood, and confidential papers. Restrictions apply all year. Businesses are restricted from outdoor burning.
*** Campfires for warming or cooking purposes** do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.
*** Your fire must be attended at all times** until completely extinguished and cold to the touch. Failure to extinguish is a crime and may result in a $500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages.
*** Burn Barrels:** Burning of trash, whether in an open pit, burn barrel, or household incinerator, is unhealthy, un-neighborly, unnecessary and illegal. It is the #1 source of wildfires.

Solid Waste & Recycling Program Updates... by Deb Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

*** Unwanted Medication Disposal.** Medication collection boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Waupaca County Sheriff Dept and the Clintonville, New London and Weyauwega Police Depts. Please keep medications in their original containers with the name of the medication visible. Place liquid medication bottles in a sealed clear plastic bag. There is **NO CHARGE** for this very popular program!

*** Tire Round-up.** For the first two weeks of May, residents can dispose of tires at a reduced rate at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Car tires without rim will cost $2 per tire; with rim, $4 per tire. Car tires in quantities greater than 4 and all other tires will be weighed, with the cost of disposal based on $160 per ton.

*** TVs, Computers, VCRs, DVRs, DVD Players, Printers, Scanners, etc.** are required to be recycled under State Law. These items are accepted at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost: $0.25 per pound for residential electronics; $0.30 per pound for business electronics.

*** Household Hazardous Waste.** The Household Hazardous Waste collection program begins May 1 and runs through October 31 at the Waupaca County PTF and is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Call 920-596-5370 to set up an appointment.

***Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** Don't forget about this very popular program at the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center, 601 Lakeside Parkway, Waupaca. The less garbage you have (by recycling all you can), the less you pay to get rid of that garbage! Stop in during hours of operation:

Monday – 12 – 6
Friday - 7 – 4
Saturday - 7 - 5

For more detailed information, or visit
www.waupacacountyrecycling.com
and click on the *Waupaca Pay-As-You-Throw Program* on the right side of the screen under Programs.
Larger, bulkier items, such as furniture, carpet, drywall, can be brought to the Waupaca County PTF. Minimum charge of $10 up to 300 pounds or $67 per ton.

New For 2015.....
Residents can now recycle **ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS!** The Waupaca Recycling Center in Waupaca now accepts produce, bakery, and deli containers (berry, donut, cookie, potato salad, etc) and all dairy containers (yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc) and the lids! Items that cannot be accepted (which are only a few) are motor oil bottles, plastic bags, plant pots, 5-gallon pails

Make a Plan…Build a Kit…Now What Do I Do?..Eric Halverson, Waupaca County Emergency Management.

Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it might take days.

Basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer. Or, you may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You probably will not have the opportunity to shop or search for the supplies you need.

A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items that members of a household may need in the event of a disaster. Supplies such as food and water should last for at least three days.

Start out thinking about the basic of survival – fresh water, food, safety, warmth, sanitation and clean air.

For everyone: water (1 gal. per person per day for 3 days), **food** that does not need electricity for storage or preparation, battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio, flashlights and extra batteries, sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person, first aid kit and emergency medical reference manual, prescription medications and eyewear, mess kits, complete change of clothing.

For baby: formula, bottled water to mix with formula and to wash bottles, blankets, diapers, disposable wipes, copy of current shot record, bath towels and wash cloths, bibs, cotton swabs, medications, diaper rash ointment, toys,

For pets: identification tags on collars, medications, immunization records, food, bowls, leashes or carriers, towels or blankets, photos of pet, beds, toys.

Additional items: cash in small denominations, copies of important family documents (insurance policies, identification and bank account records in waterproof, portable container, matches in waterproof container, dust mask, plastic sheeting/duct tape (to shelter where you are), local maps, books, games, puzzles or other activities for children, paper and pencil, fire extinguisher, whistle to signal for help.

Source: Ready Wisconsin is a part of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Team

Lightning: What You Need to Know

Eric Halverson, Waupaca Cty Emergency Manage.

- ***NO PLACE*** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, *immediately* move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If you are caught outside ***with no safe shelter anywhere nearby*** the following actions *may* reduce your risk:

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks
- Never lie flat on the ground
- Never shelter under an isolated tree
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN
General Fund
Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2013)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
Taxes					
General property taxes	$ 651,317	$ 651,317	$ 651,058	$ (259)	$ 651,214
Woodland/forest crop/managed forest crop	-	-	3,624	3,624	2,850
Interest on taxes	-	-	-	-	18
Total Taxes	651,317	651,317	654,682	3,365	654,082
Intergovernmental					
State shared taxes	57,481	57,481	57,512	31	57,680
State aids					
Exempt computer aid	295	295	295	-	395
Fire insurance dues	13,794	13,794	15,741	1,947	13,827
Water patrol	2,500	2,500	3,016	516	2,020
Transportation	163,813	163,813	163,813	-	163,813
Managed forest lands	-	-	2,517	2,517	17,116
Municipal service aid	19,024	19,024	19,021	(3)	21,776
D.N.R grant	-	-	-	-	783
Managed forest lands	568	568	559	(9)	559
PILT - State conservation aid	289	289	289	-	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	327	327	326	(1)	325
Total Intergovernmental	258,091	258,091	263,089	4,998	278,583
Licenses and Permits					
Business and occupational licenses					
Liquor and malt beverages	5,700	5,700	5,675	(25)	5,735
Cigarette license fees	1,150	1,150	1,310	160	1,170
Dog licenses	2,000	2,000	1,783	(217)	2,024
Building permits	14,400	14,400	21,631	7,231	19,590
Cable franchise fees	29,000	29,000	29,975	975	29,129
Total Licenses and Permits	52,250	52,250	60,374	8,124	57,648
Fines and Forfeits	100	100	849	749	116
Public Charges for Services					
Clerk/treasurer fees	200	200	200	-	418
Liquor license advertising fees	110	110	110	-	110
Culverts and snowplowing	100	100	150	50	50
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	1,200	1,200	-	(1,200)	2,700
W.V.H. street light reimbursement	536	536	536	-	536
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	2,581	(419)	4,162
Fire sign fees	50	50	550	500	150
Recycling tag fee	238	238	120	(118)	590
Fireworks application fees	-	-	500	500	-
Total Public Charges for Services	5,434	5,434	4,747	(687)	8,716
Interest on Investments	2,500	2,500	3,189	689	5,150
Miscellaneous					
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	48,000
Building Inspector Ed. Fund	800	800	1,025	225	955
Total Miscellaneous	48,800	48,800	49,025	225	48,955
Total Revenues	$ 1,018,492	$ 1,018,492	$ 1,035,955	$ 17,463	$ 1,053,250

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2013)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
General Government					
Town Board	$ 30,200	$ 30,200	$ 30,746	$ (546)	$ 29,969
Legal	2,000	2,000	2,175	(175)	1,378
General administration	11,300	11,300	12,968	(1,668)	11,047
Elections	12,000	12,000	11,037	963	4,133
Accounting	6,050	6,050	6,050	-	7,010
Town clerk/treasurer	62,077	62,077	53,695	8,382	51,559
Assessor	22,000	22,000	21,944	56	21,368
Town hall maintenance	12,100	12,100	12,349	(249)	7,595
Employee life and disability insurance	7,439	7,439	7,439	-	8,241
Liability, property and worker's compensation insurance	11,500	11,500	6,356	5,144	10,095
Total General Government	176,666	176,666	164,759	11,907	152,395
Public Safety					
Law enforcement	9,850	9,850	6,453	3,397	10,920
Fire protection	101,518	101,518	104,023	(2,505)	101,737
Ambulance	51,827	51,827	51,844	(17)	51,844
Building inspector	13,500	13,500	17,156	(3,656)	16,471
Total Public Safety	176,695	176,695	179,476	(2,781)	180,972
Public Works					
Highway maintenance	461,140	461,140	380,948	80,192	513,343
Highway marking and signing	25,000	25,000	10,768	14,232	16,553
Street lighting	25,550	25,550	24,934	616	24,983
Sanitary landfill	40,000	40,000	30,582	9,418	45,440
Recycling	21,205	21,205	11,722	9,483	12,113
Total Public Works	572,895	572,895	458,954	113,941	612,432
Culture and Recreation					
Parks and recreation	57,091	57,091	57,091	-	57,091
Fire works display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior Center	500	500	310	190	410
Historical society	-	-	50	(50)	-
Total Culture and Recreation	59,266	59,266	59,126	140	59,176
Health and Human Services					
Cemetery	9,800	9,800	8,221	1,579	8,426
Humane shelter/dog pound	2,170	2,170	1,359	811	1,670
Total Health and Human Services	11,970	11,970	9,580	2,390	10,096
Conservation and Development					
Comprehensive planning	1,000	1,000	1,174	(174)	687
Capital Outlay					
Office equipment	-	-	19,749	(19,749)	1,398
Town hall	-	800,000	703,927	96,073	-
Water patrol	20,000	20,000	9,155	10,845	783
Land	-	-	52,834	(52,834)	-
Total Capital Outlay	20,000	820,000	785,665	34,335	2,181
Total Expenditures	$ 1,018,492	$ 1,818,492	$ 1,658,734	$ 159,758	$ 1,017,939