



# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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## **Election Information:**

Since 1976 Wisconsin voters have been able to register in person at the polling place on Election Day. A qualified elector (voter) is a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has resided in the election district for at least 10 days before any election without any present intent to move, and who is not otherwise disqualified. In Wisconsin, individuals can **register** to vote **in person** or **by mail**.

The polling place for Town of Farmington is located at Farmington Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q, Waupaca, WI 54981. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm on the day of the election and are handicap accessible.

All eligible electors must be registered before voting. You may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day or contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 to receive and complete a Voter Registration Application. On **Election Day** you will need to provide your driver's license number, if you drive, if not, the last four numbers of your social security number and proof of residence in order to vote. **Proof of residence** is a document that contains a complete name, including a numbered street address, if any, and the name of a municipality. Forms which have an expiration date must be valid on Election Day.

If submitting a registration application **by mail** you will need to provide a copy of acceptable proof of residence. Forms of identification which constitute acceptable proof of residence are current and valid photo identification, or one of the following:

- \* A current and valid Wisconsin driver license. (a driver license used as proof of residence must be current with the voter's name, current address and with an expiration date that is after the Election Day. If the voter has an expired driver license, it cannot be used as proof of residence. In order to register, the voter would have to provide another form of proof of residence or use a corroborating witness.)

- \* A current and valid Wisconsin identification card.

- \* A university, college or technical institute identification card or fee (must include photo).

- \* Any other official identification card or license by a Wisconsin governmental body.

- \* An identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.

- \* A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day (NOT a first-time voters registering by mail).

- \* A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.

- \* A copy of a current utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day.

- \* A bank statement, pay check or government document that show name and address of the voter.

**Absentee ballots** can be requested for all elections in a calendar year. Contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 or stop at Farmington Town Hall. The deadline to make application to vote by mail is 5:00pm on Thursday preceding the election.

## **Dates to remember:**

**September 14, 2010 – Tuesday – Partisan Primary Election**

**November 2, 2010 – Tuesday – General Election**

**Location: Farmington Town Hall**

**Time: 7:00am to 8:00pm**

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**New Recycling Program for Computers and TVs!**

The State of Wisconsin recently passed legislation requiring the recycling of the following electronics: TVs, computer monitors, computer towers, laptops, desktop printers/scanners/copiers, fax machines, VCRs, and DVD players. Residents in Waupaca County can take these electronics to the Waupaca County Processing & Transfer Facility (PTF) for recycling at the LOW COST of \$1 per unit. Computer mice, keyboards, and external speakers are accepted at no cost. (Note: business-generated electronics carry a charge of \$0.25 per pound).

The **PTF** is open **Monday – Friday, 7am to 3pm; Saturday 7am to 11am until April 30 when Saturday hours will be 7am to 1pm for the summer.**

If you have any questions on this program, please call the Waupaca County Solid Waste Department at 715-258-6240 or the PTF at 920-596-5370.

Contributed by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

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**News from your Animal Control and Humane Officer.....Diane Neelis**

I started out 15 years ago as Farmington’s Animal Control Officer and the Dog Pound for your stray or lost dogs. When a stray/lost dog comes in, Wisconsin says that we have to hold that dog for seven days, to give the owner a chance to pick it up. If the owner does not come, the dog is put up for adoption.

In 2003, H.E.L.P. (Help Every Lonely Pet) Shelter Dog Rescue was formed, to help find homes for the dogs that end up after the seven days with no owner. It is a tax exempt/non-profit organization. In 2004, I took the Humane Office Training Course and was awarded my license by the state. This additional knowledge of the Wisconsin laws helped to provide further insight into the identifying factors of animal abuse. If you feel that someone is abusing their animals, do call and I will check it out. Many times those who appear to be abusing their animals just need some help in understanding the needs of the animals and the laws involved. I enjoy and welcome the opportunity to help owners learn how to deal better with their animals, if that is at all possible. I am delighted to say it is, most of the time.

When you find a stray dog, please call and it will be picked up. It will be much easier for the owner to find their dog sooner, if it is in the pound, under our care. These dogs are well taken care of in the pound and/or the other building which houses adoptive dogs and puppies. They are housed in large roomy pens, have good food, plenty of fresh water, blankets, toys, treats and exercise. It is a building that is warm in winter and cool in summer. We have No Deadline on the length of time a dog will be here. Our operation is a 98% no kill facility. We also work with other Dog Rescue Shelters to find these animals good homes.

Just in the last few weeks, we were able to find homes for three dogs that have been here for 5-6 months. It is a rewarding feeling when we can place a dog in a new home with a new family and a second chance for a better life. We are very proud of our records and in 2009 we found new homes for over 300 dogs and puppies. Of course this is no cheap venture, since every day they are here they must be fed, kept clean, healthy and happy. We are always in need of blankets, sheets, towels, cleaning supplies (paper towels, laundry and dish soap). If you’d like to donate any of these items, please call to ask what might be in need of. We also need monetary donations to help cover the Vet bills. Donations can be sent to: HELP Shelter Dog Rescue, E2011 Kind Rd. Waupaca, WI 54981. These donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions concerning Animal Control, please feel free to call and I will be happy to do my best to discuss it with you. Phone 1-715-258-6929.

## **Farmington News:**

- \* **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 & County Road Q.
- \* **2<sup>nd</sup> half taxes** are due July 31<sup>st</sup> to Waupaca County Treasurer office at the Courthouse, 811 Harding St. Waupaca.
- \* **Operator licenses for bartenders** are valid July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Course** when making application. Please contact Sandy Grenlie at 258-2779 or stop at the Town Hall.
- \* **Reminder for burning permits.** Please call 888-WIS-BURN or check DNR website to confirm daily burning restrictions for our county. Contact Wisconsin Vets Home 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm and/or Ken & Jill Vergauwen E1022 State Hwy 54.
- \* The 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, 258-2779.
- \* **Chain O' Lakes** waters will again need your help in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, zebra mussels and VHS fish. For more information go to [www.WaupacaLakeDistrict.com](http://www.WaupacaLakeDistrict.com).  
Enjoy the Chain Skiers performances on Rainbow Lake at the Wisconsin Veterans Home site. Ski shows are Saturdays and July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. **Reminder of skiing hours:** Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long Lakes – Monday through Friday 10am-4pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-7pm; Saturday, Sunday, Holidays 10am-2:30pm.
- \* **Our website** has lots of information – check it out at [www.farmington-waupaca.com](http://www.farmington-waupaca.com)
- \* **Winter** was moderate. Our Town expenses for the 2009-2010 winter maintenance (snow removal, sand/salt) was \$56,889.30.
- \* **Road work plans** include overlay on Amy St., Morey Dr. and a section of Oakland Dr. Also a slurry seal to Tomahawk and Arrowhead. Property owners living on these roads will receive a postcard with approximate starting date. Crackfill and filling potholes on others will also take place.
- \* **There are 10 roads** classified as private driveways. They are Blackberry Trl., Doe Hill Dr., East Taylor Lake Ln., Heavens Way, Hidden Otter Trl., Indian Hill Trl., Morning View Ln., North Sunset Lake Ln., Otter Channel Dr. and Serenity Ln. Chapter 11 of the Waupaca County Ordinance state that when a drive-way becomes the principal access for a third structure, that drive-way shall be redefined as a private road and present principal structures accessing upon the new roadway shall be renumbered. The Town of Farmington has ordered and installed new road name signs & new fire numbers. Although these private roads are not town roads, as Farmington does not receive state revenue, it is still the responsibility of the property owners to maintain.
- \* **Thinking** of building a new home, garage, shed, deck or remodeling? Contacts for permits can be made with: **Richard Mann**, Deputy Zoning Administrator (248-5246) for land use permits; **Robert Underberg**, Building Inspector (715-281-1060) for building permits.

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\* **Waupaca Recycling Compost Commission** meeting was held February 28, 2010. As a reminder, the Town of Farmington also endorses the "Pay-By-The-Bag" garbage service provided by the *Recycling Center* at 601 Lakeside Pkwy (Cty K) Waupaca by having available **orange trash tags** for purchase. Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of \$7.50 per sheet. ....  
Caroline Murphy Supervisor II

**Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Programs** are sponsoring two of interest: First, **beginning May 1st**, they are selling **compost bins** at the Courthouse for \$45 (includes tax). Bins are large 13 cu. ft. capacity, easy to assemble, have locking lid, dual access doors and a "How-To" handbook. **Turn your yard & kitchen waste into "Black Gold"!** Second, **May 20** from 9am to 1pm, at the Courthouse, **Medication Collection**. You can do an early "spring cleaning" and bring in old/no longer used prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet meds. Keep medications in original container with med name visible (They black out your name and prescription #). Do not mix medications. This is for households only.

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**Census 2010:** Census questionnaires were mailed out last month and it is imperative that information be accurate for each household. Census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. Census affects your voice in Congress and your representation in state and local government. Please respond to only 10 questions!

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**All new buoy markers** on Chain O'Lakes have been purchased this year for your continued safety on the water. ENJOY!

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**Waupaca Park and Recreation:**  
For many years, the Town of Farmington has paid the City of Waupaca's Park and Recreation program a fee. In return, Farmington residents enjoy the benefits of the Park and Recreation program for the same cost residents of the city of Waupaca pay. The fee is \$57,091 per year, which is 6% of the total budget for the Township.

The Town Board is currently evaluating the total number of residents using the City Park and Recreation program to see if we are overpaying for these benefits. But for now, we encourage everyone from the Town to use the City Park and Recreation program and take advantage of these cost savings.

Any concerns or comments can be directed to Joel Bartel, Supervisor I, who represents the Township on the Waupaca City Park and Recreation Board. Contact at [joefarmer3020@yahoo.com](mailto:joefarmer3020@yahoo.com) or 715-412-0764.

Joel Bartel, Supervisor I

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**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 assessment. 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** – May 4, 10am-noon at the Town Hall

**Board of Review** – May 19, 10am-noon at the Town Hall by assigned appearance time.

**Spring Clean Up:**

Another long winter is winding down and, as the snow disappears, the garbage begins to appear. Our Town is very unique with our rural farm lands, woodlands and beautiful Chain O'Lakes. The Township of Farmington has not routinely hired anyone to pick up garbage in the ditch ways. Due to cost containments, there are no plans to do so this year. Instead, if you are out for a walk, and you see any garbage in the ditch, we would ask you to pick it up and dispose of properly. Let's work together and keep Farmington looking green and clean. The Town Board truly appreciates everyone's help.  
Joel Bartel, Supervisor I

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**Volunteers Contribute!**

**THANK YOU** to Ann Unertl and her volunteer crew for cleaning areas along Pryse, King, Golke and Hartman Creek roads on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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We also appreciate hearing from Eugene Engeberson, informing us of Town residents cleaning up ditches and roadways on Larson and Anderson roads. **THANK YOU residents for helping to keep Farmington clean.**

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