



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- October 21:**
Public Hearing
Town Board Meeting
- October 23:**
Faulks Blasting Meeting
- October 30:**
Community Mining Meeting
- November 11:**
Planning Commission
- November 18:**
Budget Hearing
Elector's Meeting
Town Board Meeting
- December 9:**
Planning Commission
- December 16:**
Town Board Meeting
- December 28:**
Tax Collection
- January 25:**
Tax Collection
- June 19:**
Food Truck Rally

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Town of Caledonia

WAUPACA COUNTY, WI

FALL 2019

CALEDONIA NEWS

Want to keep updated on Caledonia news in between newsletters? The most up-to-date information can always be found at www.townofcaledonia.com and you can sign up to have updates automatically emailed to you. The Town of Caledonia also has a Facebook page. Please welcome Emily Miller as the appointed town clerk in Caledonia! A resident of Caledonia, Emily comes to us well qualified and has a passion to serve the community. Natalie has graciously agreed to serve as deputy clerk and transition Emily into the position. Join us in wishing Natalie Snyder the best as she transitions to her new role as Director at Fremont's Neuschafer Community Library. We are very grateful to Natalie for her past and present commitment to our community.

NON-METALLIC MINING STUDY

During the summer of 2018, the Town Board created a team to address the current and long term situation with non-metallic mining and sand processing in the township. This was in response to a number of resident concerns about blasting, truck traffic, and other mining related issues. The team was created with Town Board leadership, impacted residents, a Planning and Zoning representative, a number of local mining company representatives, and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Mine Reclamation leader serving on the team. This was a very comprehensive assessment of the mining situation in the township including frac sand, current regulatory controls, the geology of the township, resident concerns, current mining activity, and the potential future of mining in the town. The team met from September 2018 through May 2019 and presented its findings to the Board last spring. It is now time to present our findings to the residents of Caledonia. We chose to schedule the meeting in the fall in hopes of higher attendance, rather than in the summer months. We have scheduled two meetings in October with the times and subjects listed below:

Blasting Review - Faulk's Brothers Quarry in Readfield - October 23, 2019, from 7 - 9 PM at the Community Center - In this meeting the Faulk's Brothers team will review blasting at their quarry. A similar meeting was held in the fall of 2018 for the Go Green Quarry.

Town of Caledonia Non-Metallic Mining Final Report - October 30, 2019, from 7 - 9 PM at the Community Center - In this meeting, the same report given to the Town Board will be presented to the community and it will summarize all of the learnings from this effort.

Please RSVP to the meetings if possible, by calling the office and leaving a message detailing which meetings you are interested in attending. 920-667-4773 More information can be found on our website.

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LAND USE & BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits can be obtained by calling Jim Emmons at (920) 779-6810. Failure to obtain a permit will result in double the permit cost.

Land Use Permits are required for any structure built or moved onto your property that will remain for more than 60 days. Contact Waupaca County Planning & Zoning at (715) 258-6255 before starting your project.

FIRE NUMBER SIGNS

Fire number signs are essential for emergency personnel to locate your address. If your fire number is faded, damaged, or missing please call Bill Abba at (920) 667-4953

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage is picked up every Thursday
Recycling is picked up the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Need barrels? Call Graichen Sanitation at (920) 982-4116

RAWHIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Over the past several months, Rawhide has been hosting a number of meetings with various local government groups and Caledonia residents to work together to improve communication and collaboration. A few high profile incidents with some of the resident boys caused concern and a desire to do everything possible to ensure community safety and limit the number of incidents in the future. Residents from the area around Rawhide, a Caledonia town board representative, and Waupaca county departments including the sheriff's office, district attorney, and health and human services have been involved. During the recent meetings, a number of changes have already be made including:

- Creating a resident advisory board to work directly with Rawhide leadership to provide residents with a direct connection with Rawhide
- Improved and created more timely communication of incidents as they occur
- Improved Red Alert telephone notification system
- Created more consistent procedures for alerting the Sheriff's Office and defined the response process
- Increased the presence of on site officers
- Improved the process for dealing with individuals that have caused issues at the facility including improving connections back to the communities they came from

It is important for all community members to realize the important role the Rawhide organization plays in helping at risk boys improve their situation. While some incidents do occur and we need to be better prepared to handle them, the very positive impact Rawhide has had on the lives of numerous young men in the past is a testament to the important role Rawhide provides.

The Town of Caledonia Board is very supportive of these efforts and believes we can make improvements that will help maintain a safe environment in our town while supporting Rawhide in its mission. The Board is also looking into ways we can help integrate Rawhide boys into our community to help teach positive community responsibility. The boys and staff from Rawhide have helped set up for community events including the Food Truck Rally, will be helping build park equipment, and will help maintain the flags along Highway 96 in Readfield. We hope many other projects like these happen in the future.

More to come as this effort continues!

~ Supervisor Abba

RECYCLING UPDATE

As you are all well aware, there is a serious problem with debris blowing from our recycling trucks. We have addressed the issue with Graichen Sanitation. We have been informed that this is a truck design issue experienced throughout the industry. They have tried a number of driver implementations to try and correct this with little success. The air gets under lightweight items as the truck moves and blows materials out of the entrance chute. The best solution at this time is to put your lightweight items and or paper recyclables into a paper bag or loosely tie them together to create a heavier object. Graichen will keep working on the issue the best they can. Also please remember most plastic bags from stores are not acceptable for recycling. We deeply appreciate your help in these matters.

~ Chairperson Pagel

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Town Board Meetings

3rd Monday

of every month

Caledonia Community Center

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ROADS REPORT

2019 has been a challenging year for road maintenance and has proven yet again that the best laid plans will need to be changed. Last winter was considerably worse than expected, and extended the series of difficult winters we have experienced. The amount of snow, the number of snow days requiring plowing, and the extended length of the season caused snow plow budgets to be blown away. The town's spending on snow removal was more than twice the budgeted amount. This coupled with the early and heavy rains that caused flooding and road washouts along with some of the serious storms that caused considerable power line and tree damage, resulted in significantly more being spent on maintenance. The Board is committed to staying within our budgets so adjustments to other maintenance items had to be made. A number of road repair projects, including the rebuild of Popeye Road and chip sealing in Nathan's Creek, had to be delayed and will be addressed in future road plans.

While some projects had to be delayed, other major projects were completed. The rebuild of the Guhl Road truck route was finished. The new wider road will improve safety given the greatly increased use of the road by haul trucks. Additionally, the road was built to heavy truck standards to ensure longevity. Pavement patching will be completed by the end of October on Schroeder Road and Brehmer Road, and the rebuild of Bellin Road will begin with a start to pavement patching yet this fall. The work on Bellin will continue into 2020. The Town continues to focus on controlling Wild Parsnip in the road right-of-ways. Full right-of-way mowing was done in July as in the past, but the Wild Parsnip flowered early this year so we may not have had the desired impact on the spread of this invasive species. The Town is looking at changing our control approach in 2020 to improve our success in managing this weed.

Road maintenance plans for 2020 are being prepared along with revising the 5 year road maintenance plan. This will be shared in the spring 2020 newsletter. Drive safe into the upcoming winter months.

~ Supervisor Abba

TAX BILLS

It's that time of year again where you can expect your property tax bill. Please check the Waupaca County Tax Information Search page to verify that your mailing address is correct to ensure you get the bill in a timely fashion. If you need to correct the address, you can do it online or contact Waupaca County. Whether you pay in full or just the first installment, the first payment of your property taxes gets paid to the Town of Caledonia on or before January 31. Payment instructions will be printed on the tax bill. If you pay with installments, the second installment gets paid directly to Waupaca County. The tax bill includes your property taxes for the New London School District, Fox Valley Technical College, Waupaca County, and the State of Wisconsin in addition to the Town of Caledonia. While we collect the taxes, a very small portion of your bill stays with the town. Tax Collection at the Community Center will be on:

Tax Collection: December 28th & January 25th 9am-3pm at the Caledonia Community Center

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY CENTER & READFIELD PARK SHELTER RENTAL INFORMATION

The Caledonia Community Center and Readfield Park Shelter are great places to host holiday parties, birthday parties, family reunions, graduation parties, bridal/baby showers, and other events!

The Community Center will comfortably fit 70 and features a full kitchen, updated interior and 8 tables.

Readfield Park's shelter has electricity, serving tables, and approximately 18 picnic tables.

Rent them together or separately depending on your party needs! See the website for more information!

Rental Process:

1. Use the event calendar on the town website to determine the availability of your date.
2. Review the rental rules and cost of facilities to determine what option you'd like for your event.
3. Print, fill out, and return the Rental Agreement along with required fees to the Town of Caledonia.
4. Your reservation is confirmed once the town website is updated with your rental information.



Fees:

Community Center -or- Park Shelter

\$75 plus \$75 security deposit

Community Center -and- Park Shelter

\$125 plus \$75 security deposit

The payment, including the security deposit, will be deposited at the time of rental. Once the post-event inspection is completed your security deposit will be refunded following the next town board meeting.

DISSOLVING THE COMMUNITY CLUB

In January 2005, a group of dedicated and community minded people moved to create a club to serve the Town of Caledonia in providing community activities and fund raising activities. Their accomplishments were remarkable, noteworthy, and often challenging. Over the years, membership has declined and it has become impossible to function in accordance with the group's by-laws AND provide enough volunteers to carry out fund raising projects. The remaining members have requested that the Community Club be dissolved. In accordance with the resolution which formally created the Community Club, it can only be dissolved by the electors of Caledonia. Therefore, the town board will add "*Dissolving the Town of Caledonia Community Club*" to the agenda of the Electors Meeting that will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 immediately following the Public Budget Hearing which begins at 7pm. If the action to dissolve is approved, the town board wishes to sincerely thank the past and present members for their generous work and commitment to making our community, especially the park a beautiful place to live. This group was the catalyst to the remarkable community spirit that exists in our town today.

WALKING TRAIL COMING SUMMER OF 2020!

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the generosity of many donors, and the amazing grant writing skill of Supervisor Abba, the walking trail will be installed during the summer of 2020!

The community is looking forward to a safe off-road space for residents to walk. The trail will be a half-mile path around the perimeter of Readfield Park and Readfield Elementary School

A heartfelt thank you to Bill Abba for all of his hard work on the DNR grant application! This trail would not have been possible without the generosity of all of the donors - a list of donors can be found on the town website.

PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

Now that the walking trail is underway, the Community Enrichment Committee is focusing their efforts on the playground expansion. The expansion will include obstacle-style equipment that includes fitness stations. Donations can be made using the information on the next page. Thank you for the continued support of improvements within our community!



STORAGE BUILDING

Under the direction of Supervisor Vance Knuth, Caledonia will be building a much-needed storage building behind the Community Center. Plans are near completion and the project is scheduled to be completed early next summer. As with the other park projects, the storage building is being completed without any taxpayer funds

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Donations are very important to implementing the park plan. Businesses, groups, and individuals can all make donations or create memorials by using this form or the form available on the town website at townofcaledonia.com/donations-and-memorials-

Donated by:

Address:

Telephone Number & Email

Donation Amount:

Acknowledge this gift:

In memory of In Honor of From

No acknowledgement

Make checks payable to Town of Caledonia and mail this form to PO Box 190, Readfield WI 54969 or put it in the mailbox outside of the Caledonia Community Center.

Donations will be acknowledged on the town website

SEEKING LAND DONATION FOR SECOND PARK LOCATION

Adding a second park location in in the Town of Caledonia is the next project the Caledonia Enrichment Committee (CEC) plans to pursue. The CEC is already having conversations with a company that donates materials for sledding hills to determine whether Caledonia would qualify to have a sledding hill built at no charge on the new park site. Watch the town website for information as we learn more!

Ideally, the new park location would be 15+ acres of flat, clear land away from waterways or wetlands. If you are interested in donating land for a park, please contact Bill Abba at (920) 667-4953.



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2020 ELECTIONS

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Register online, request absentee ballots, find your polling place, see what's on the ballot, update your information, and more!

February 18, 2020 Spring Primary
April 7, 2020 Spring Election
August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary
November 3, 2020 General Election

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