

# TOWN OF HOLLAND, BROWN COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## STAYING CONNECTED

Welcome to the New Year! May 2019 be a good one for all of us!

We are already well into winter, and hope that the typical winter challenges remain easy to solve. This is the second publication from the Town of Holland, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Hopefully the information provided will be helpful to you.

If you know of a resident of the Town who has not received this newsletter, and would like to, please have them contact Gloria Kennedy with their name/address. In the same way, if you receive this and would like it discontinued, please let us know.

## DIGESTER FACILITY CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

The Planning Board continues to consider information regarding the bio-digester facility's request for a Conditional Use Permit. The next Planning Board meeting will take place on February 4 at 6pm at Van Abel's in Hollandtown. In the meantime, your comments are welcomed and will be taken under consideration by the Planning Board and Town Board. Please send in writing any comments you may have on this issue to Bill Clancy, 7226 Old 57 Rd, Greenleaf, WI 54126.

## DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

Residents of the Town of Holland should remember to obtain your dog license. **Per State Statute, all dogs over 6 months of age are required to be licensed each year.** Spayed or neutered dog licenses are \$4 and non-spayed /non-neutered dogs are \$9.

Please send your payment (payable to the Town of Holland), along with a copy of the veterinary information on the dog showing rabies vaccination dates and serial numbers to Gloria Kennedy, 7928 St. Pat's Church Rd. Greenleaf, 54126, and the

## SPRING VOTING INFO

Spring Primary:

Tuesday, February 19

General Spring Election:  
Tuesday, April 2

Polls are open from 7 am  
until 8 pm at the Town Hall,  
1671 Hill Road, Greenleaf.

Absentee Ballots are  
available from Bill Clancy  
(Clerk).

license and papers will be returned to you promptly.

## **SPRING RECYCLING EVENT**

Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:00 am until noon at the Hollandtown Community Park in Hollandtown (County CE), the following items for recycling will be accepted:

Free Items Include: Computer towers, Laptops, Cell Phones, Servers/routers, Wire & cable, Keyboards, Mouse, Copiers, Printers, Fax Machines, Phone systems, DVD/VCR, Stereos, CD players, Rechargeable batteries, washers, dryers, stoves, Household appliances- big & small, anything metal, Freon Items also accepted.

Items for a fee include: Monitors \$10, TV's \$15, LCD TV's \$15, TV's over 30" \$30, Console TV's \$30.

## **YARD WASTE DROP OFF**

The Yard Waste Program in the Town of Holland has become a popular program and is open to ALL Town residents. The dumpster is located at the south end of the Community Park parking lot in Hollandtown (on County CE), and is open from 8 am until 12 pm (noon) on the following Saturdays:

April 20*	July 20	October 5*
May 18 (also Recycle Event)	August 17	October 19*
June 15	September 14	November 2* (cancelled if snowing)

Note that (asterisk \* dates) April 20, October 5 and 19, and November 2, will have an area set aside for branches only. These will later be chipped up by Brown County, and will be available to anyone who wishes.

Accepted yard waste includes, but is not limited to branches less than 6" diameter, hay, straw, leaves, grass clippings, brush, and shrubs.

- Only yard waste, garden waste, and small brush will be accepted.
- Yard waste must be in paper bags or trash cans for dumping. NO plastic bags of any kind will be accepted.
- Grass clippings will be accepted, however, the Town of Holland and the DNR encourage residents to leave the grass clippings on the lawn as a good source of fertilizer.
- The dumpster will be locked before and after the times listed above
- No other items will be accepted.
- Items left outside the dumpster after hours will be subject to a \$200 fine per town ordinance.

## **A WORD FROM OUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Dear Families of Holland,

I wanted to share what I have heard from constituents concerning the BC Organics proposed digester. Below is a summary of their feedback:

- A 60 million dollar industrial plant piping and trucking in over 700,000 gallons total per day of ag, commercial, and industrial waste from the region is not an 'Agricultural' facility and does not belong on land zoned 'Exclusive Ag'.
- As an 'Agricultural' facility, there is very limited, if any, ability to enforce noise or odor regulations. Many expressed a deep concern for both. The BC Organics' proposal to limit work that will generate more than 75dB during the day is still an oppressive noise level and may severely limit future development in that area (their careful wording does not limit daytime noise in any way).
- According to the Holland Fire Department, as an 'Agricultural' facility, the facility is 'off limits' to the Fire Department for inspections. It is estimated that this facility will impose upon the Volunteer Fire Department an estimated cost of \$20,000 for confined space and other specialized equipment. It will also impose training requirements on all local Volunteer Fire Departments to handle the unique hazards of this plant.
- There are concerns over the effluent discharge of over 300,000 gallons a day of treated waste water into the East River tributary. Concerns include the quality of the waste water discharged and doubt over the proposed technology's ability to properly treat that volume of waste water.
- Because this development plans to produce 'alternative energy', this facility will pay NO property taxes to the Town of Holland. Every Holland resident will subsidize this plant (and those partners benefiting from it) for everything from fire protection to road damage. This and the additional 15 million dollars that State taxpayers are forfeiting does not sit well.
- The BC Organics PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) proposal is a slap in the face to the Town's taxpayers. Residents have said that BC Organics must think we are extremely gullible to even consider the very onerous conditions it imposes for the ridiculously small payoff. Also expressed is the desire that BC Organics reimburse the thousands of dollars the Town is spending in their review of the permit application (without strings attached).
- Residents have expressed that BC Organics' public scheme to build this plant, get it operational, and then sell it does not sound like a plan that cares about the long term viability of the plant, the impact to Holland families, or the environmental well-being of the Town.

I have personally met with one farmer partner of BC Organics and have spoken to another on the phone. I shared with both of them the concerns of residents and the quiet undercurrent of deep

frustration that residents feel about the partners choosing to sign BC Organics' contracts before the costs and impacts to the Town and its residents were known. The farmer partners expressed to me the real and ongoing pressure to spread less manure on less land and that they are attempting to address this problem with the digester being one component of a possible solution. Now that the impacts are well known, a number of constituents have suggested that the local partners make every effort to pressure BC Organics to proactively improve their proposal, and/or attempt to withdraw themselves from the project.

There is a sign up the road from my home that reads "GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS DO NOT TAKE A COMMUNITY BY FORCE". It is my hope that, as a community, we continue to be involved by contacting the Holland Plan Commission members, the Holland Town Board, and Brown County so that whatever decision is made serves all of the Town, is environmentally responsible, economically viable, and a development that unites the community instead of dividing it.

Sincerely,

***Steve Deslauriers***

Brown County Board Supervisor  
District

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