

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024 FROM 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Under the new waste disposal contract with GFL, one significant change the residents will notice is how the annual bulky waste will be collected. Going forward there will be NO curbside pickup, but rather the village will hold an event where residents will be able to drop off their bulky waste in a 30 yard container provided by GFL.

This annual event is for Fairwater residents only and will be held in the parking lot of the Fairwater Civic Center on Saturday April 27th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. During this 4-hour event, village staff/officials will be onsite supervising, but will not be assisting with lifting or unloading.

To help you prepare we have included some guidelines below:

MATERIAL ACCEPTED: Furniture, including, but not limited to: couches, chairs, tables, cabinets/ countertops, mattresses/box-spring, carpeting, doors/windows, other items too large to fit into weekly cart, and any items eligible for disposal into a WI landfill.

MATERIAL EXCLUDED FROM BULKY WASTE COLLECTION: Appliances (air conditioners, boilers, clothes dryers, clothes washers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, freezers, furnaces, microwaves, ovens, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters), tires, automotive and marine batteries, electronic items (TVs, DVD Players, VCRs, stereos, computer equipment, office equipment, etc.), and NO yard waste.

MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

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Eric Furtkamp, Trustee
Debbie Hinchcliffe-Sanders, Trustee
Marla Geerdt, Trustee
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PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION

The Markesan Lions Club has placed a collection bin in the lobby of our municipal office.

Before you throw them in the trash, please consider dropping them off for recycling. Includes: produce bags, store bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic e-commerce mailers.



Village of Fairwater

2024 NEWSLETTER



Photo taken by Jerry Sanders March of 2024 on Fairwater pond.

The Fairwater Village Board meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Civic Center. These are open meetings and all are welcome to attend

NEW CONSTABLE

Warm welcome to Gary Durkee, our newly appointed village constable! We are excited to see the positive impact he will have in our community. Constable Durkee will be responsible for enforcing non-emergency village ordinances such as those regarding pets, snow shoveling, zoning, etc. He will **not** be responsible for typical policing activity such as violent crime, traffic violations, etc. For non-emergency police situations, residents should contact the County Sheriff's Office at (920) 929-3390. For any emergencies call 911. Constable Durkee is available at his downtown municipal office on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. He can also be contacted via text or voice call to (920)-597-3786 or by email at fwconstable@gmail.com.



BADGER MINING TOURS



Badger Mining Corporation is celebrating 75 years in business in 2024. To mark this proud milestone in the community, tours of the Fairwater mine will be given on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Tours depart from the Fairwater Historical Society, located at 106 Main Street in Fairwater. Food and refreshments will be available both at the quarry, and at the Historical Society.



FAIRWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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UPDATE FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, and this is especially the case at the Brandon Public Library. Besides books, there are books on tape, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines available, as well. We can get anything you need. Our Library is a part of the Winnefox Library System. So, if we don't have what you're looking for in-house, we can "borrow" from any of the other 29 libraries in the Winnefox System with a 5-day delivery, or they can even acquire from outside the system (state or nation-wide). You can stop in any time to use our fax machine, color printer/copier/scanner, public computers and find Wi-Fi available 24/7. In addition to all these resources, we offer many programs throughout the year. With the support from the Friends of the Brandon Public Library, a non-profit group of volunteers that raise money to assist in the library's programs and services, the library offers monthly craft nights, WIFI HotSpots - connect to the internet wherever US Cellular works, additional Roku Devices with streaming services - using high-speed home internet service (or a HotSpot borrowed for free from the library), you can enjoy Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Paramount+ and more all with one Roku, and STEM Kits for checkout, including GPS and Maps, Astronomy, and Circuits. – all you need is your library card. (for more information to join the Friends Group, contact the library for details). Soon, we are implementing a new collection of board games and card games available for checkout.

HOWEVER, the problems we now face include having outgrown our 19th century facility that is not capable of fully supporting our service area to the fullest. Upgrading and expanding the library facility to provide 21st century accommodations will ensure the library's continued ability to serve the needs of the area. Our expansion project is out for bid, and we hope to get started on an expansion soon. With this new space, we will be able to offer more services and resources. Find us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter from our website, or check our website at www.brandonlibrary.net to stay up-to-date.

Free library card, free resources, stop in,
Christy Ross, Director

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Save the Dates!

Fairwater Historical Society will once again be hosting a Polka Service on Sunday, July 21, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD

We would like to thank Nortera Foods for the many years of allowing the Village of Fairwater to use their land for our village compost site. Due to the installation of solar panels, this location is permanently closed. Please know this topic is very important to us and as your village officials we are working diligently to find a new location.

**April 8-12, 2024 is
Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin.**

It's a great time to review your plans in the event severe weather strikes.



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NEWS FROM NORTERA FOODS

The Compost Site on Hwy. 44 is PERMANENTLY CLOSED due to the solar panel field. There is NO LONGER ANY DUMPING PERMITTED.

Nortera Foods will NOT be providing a new location for a compost site at this time.

Nortera Foods will be doing Earth Day on the morning of Monday, April 22nd. This year we are offering to assist Village residents with their lawn clean ups, but due to time constraints we can only help two residents with their yards at this time. It will be a first come, first serve basis and Julie Dougherty will contact those residents in advance with more details as the date gets closer.

Nortera Foods would like to do a Blood Drive in late April early May, but we need Village Residents assistance to make this happen. In order to make the Blood mobile arrive on site, we need to have 25 people presigned up to donate. If you are interested in this please call Julie Dougherty (920) 346-2218 ext. 23106 or Morgan Verduin (920) 346-2218 ext. 23132. There will be signs posted in the Fairwater Post office with official dates when the event will happen and interested parties will be personally contacted back by Julie or Morgan in advance.

At this time the community garden will not be available for this year due to changes in resources that we have available to keep the weeds under control for tilling. If something changes with the garden, a notice will be posted in the Fairwater Post Office.

IS YOUR HOME RADON SAFE?

Radon is a gas that you cannot see, smell, or taste – but it can be dangerous. Radon is in the ground naturally and can enter homes through cracks in the floors or walls.

Testing is **inexpensive** and **easy**. Protect yourself and your family. Short-term radon test kits are available for \$10.00 at the Village Clerk's Office.



DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION:

- Our group of citizens began meeting 2 years ago to discuss what could be done to make the downtown area of Fairwater more appealing. You may have noticed some of the improvements that have taken place such as planters, painting and decorative items. Please watch for the solar lamp posts that will be installed this spring!
- At the request of our committee, local artist and painter, Jason Buteyn has designed a mural (see rough draft below) that can be painted on the north side of the One More building. The cost is \$6,000.
- We are inviting our residents & businesses to support the mural project with a donation. If you are willing to donate, please reach out to one of our committee members by using the contact information listed. Thank you!



We hope you'll consider joining our efforts!

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