

TOWN OF CENTER  
N3990 STATE ROAD 47  
APPLETON WI 54913

THE “CENTER” NEWS  
Fall/Winter, 2024

CURRENT RESIDENT  
(INSERT ADDRESS)

*Inside this Fall/Winter Newsletter...*  
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**2025 ANNUAL MEETING** will be Tues, Apr. 15, 2025. An annual report will be mailed to residents in early April.

**TOWN CONTACTS:**

Chairperson: Gary Timm .....	920-841-6177	Fire Chief: Joe Hofacker.....	920-851-5864
Supervisors: #1- Gary Blank.....	920-475-5473	First Responders: Lori Pynenberg	920-851-3112
#2- David Vander Bloomen	920-562-2130	Building Inspector: Paul Hermes...	920-858-0102
#3- Ron Klemp.....	920-585-5386	Public Works: Tom Brown.....	920-851-5826
#4- Pete Hofacker .....	920-585-8551	Animal Control: Andrea Dobson...	920-427-0876
Clerk/Treasurer: Amy Olson.....	920-731-7229	Assessor, Borree Appraisal: .....	920-766-9166
Town Hall: .....	920-731-7229	Harter’s FV Disposal:.....	1-888-804-8556

Regular Town Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Committee Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (as needed), 5:30 p.m.  
Office Hours: Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & by appointment  
Clerk’s e-mail: [clerk@centerwi.gov](mailto:clerk@centerwi.gov)

**TOWN WEBSITE** — Go to [www.centerwi.gov](http://www.centerwi.gov) for information on dog licensing, hall/pavilion rental forms & calendar of availability, recycling and garbage pickup dates, Fire Department and First Responders, Town Board agendas, minutes and more.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!** Search “Town of Center WI” on Facebook to find us. The page is intended to be used as a message board to inform you of upcoming meetings, election information, road reports and other general town information. In the event of an emergency, it will also be a quick and easy way for us to communicate with residents. We do not allow public comment on the page. If you have a comment or question, please call or e-mail us, or go to our website and click on “Contact Us” and we will be happy to get back to you.

Hello Town of Center Residents,

By the time you read this, most of our road ditches will be mowed. They look great. Some residents think we are over mowing, but I noticed that less garbage has been thrown in our ditches.

Our one town plow truck has motor problems and after looking at the cost to fix the truck, we figured it was time to do something different. We decided to purchase another tractor with a snow blade. The one we used last year worked great. The cost of a tractor and blade is considerably less than a new truck. Another advantage of a tractor is you do not need a CDL to operate.

We are starting to set up a 5-year plan for the town, fire department and first responders to help us set up our budget. It probably will not be followed to a tee, but serve as a guideline for future needs of the town.

Lastly, please if you have issues with the way the town is doing things, talk to someone on the Town Board. It seems we have been hearing things second or third hand at different locations around town. Please come to town meetings to express your opinions.

Thank you, Gary Timm – Chairperson

**2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will be held to approve the 2024 town tax levy to be collected in 2025. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

**ELECTION INFORMATION – Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – Polls open from 7 a.m to 8 p.m.**

**Would you like an absentee ballot mailed to you?** Per State Statutes, absentee requests must be received in the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Go to [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) to request an absentee ballot or send a written request by mail or e-mail to the Clerk’s office and include a copy of your Photo ID (*No verbal requests can be accepted*).

**In-Person Absentee Voting** – The town hall office will be open at the following times or by appointment from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>:

- Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Do you need to register?** Proof of Residence in the town is required. Most common is a current and valid WI DOT Driver’s License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or paystub. You can register at the town hall any time or at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) up until 20 days before the election.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR TOWN BOARD?** - If you want your name included on the spring ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2024 and must be returned to the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2025. Contact the Town Clerk for more information. The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Chairperson, Town Board Supervisor #1 and Town Board Supervisor #3.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE?** – We occasionally have openings on the Town Planning Committee. If you are interested in serving in this volunteer position, please notify the Town Clerk. Planning Committee Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. as needed.

**CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS** are always looking for new members to serve on one or both departments. If interested, contact Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker, or First Responder President, Lori Pynenberg.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS CHANGE FROM WEDNESDAY TO MONDAY** – During the holiday weeks of Christmas and New Year’s, the office will be open on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**2025 DOG LICENSES** — Available at the Town Clerk’s office mid-December — *Can I include my dog license payment with my taxes?* Yes! It is a good practice to renew your dog license(s) when you pay your taxes! Dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Per State Statute, you must get a new license every year from your municipality. The Certificate of Vaccination must be included with your payment. The fee is \$4.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$9.00 if your dog is not spayed or neutered. If your dog is new to your household and more than 5 months old, you must obtain the license within 30 days of getting the dog. If the following information is included on the Vaccination Certificate, a separate dog license application form is not required: your name, address, phone #, dog’s name, color and if they are spayed/neutered. PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. Note: The Certificate of Vaccination will be returned with your license.

**PROPERTY TAXES** — 2024 Property Taxes payable in 2025 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are due by January 31, 2025. After January 31st, payments need to be made to the Outagamie County Treasurer. **You have four different options to pay your taxes as noted below.**

1. **ONLINE (preferred):** Go to [www.outagamie.org](http://www.outagamie.org) and click on “Property Taxes”. **No fee for payments using an e-check.** The debit card fee is \$3.50 and the credit card fee is 2.2% of the paid amount with a minimum fee of \$1.

2. **MAIL:** Mail to Town of Center, N3990 State Road 47, Appleton, WI 54913. Payments by mail will be **posted as paid by the post-marked date on the envelope.** Include your check, payable to the “Town of Center”, and the “1<sup>st</sup> INSTALLMENT OR FULL PAYMENT” stub from your tax bill. If you need a receipt, please also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment stub and check. **Please be sure the numeral amount and written amount are the same on your check. If your escrow check is payable to you & the town, be sure to endorse the check.** Please include your phone number on your check or your tax stub in the event of any issues with your payment.

3. **IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL:**

• Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. (except for holidays)

• Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

• Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

• Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

• Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

• Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

4. **AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK: The bank is open for payments through January 31st,** located at 2200 North Richmond Street, Appleton. Bank lobby hours are 9:00 – 4:00 weekdays (drive through 8:00 - 5:00). You must present the tax bill stub and **exact payment** amount as stated on the tax bill.

**TOWN HALL & PAVILION RENTALS** — To rent town facilities, **you must be a resident and property owner in the Town of Center** and 21 years of age. You can check available dates on the calendar on the town’s website and then call the Town Clerk’s Office to make the reservation. The rental charges are \$75.00 for the hall and \$25.00 for the park pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. The security check will be returned to the renter if the premises are left in an acceptable condition. Reservations will be accepted up to 1 year in advance of the desired date. If you are planning on bringing a bounce house to your event, please notify the town clerk.

**HELP OUR EMERGENCY CREWS!** Please be sure your address sign is visible to allow prompt location of your residence if you need emergency response. Also, keep driveways clear of low hanging branches so emergency vehicles can navigate your driveway.

**TOWN PROPERTY** - State law does not allow the building of any improvements or the placing of any personal property on Town Property. Town Property includes roads, road right-of-way, Town Hall properties, parks and any other property owned by the Town. The only exceptions to the above are the placing of a permitted driveway and culvert, a mailbox meeting federal postal requirements and emergency address signs. Without limiting the generality of the above, no person may place a fence, landscaping, signs, buildings, cars or any other property or improvement on Town property.

**ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WORK IN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY?** – **You must get a permit before starting any work! No boring, filling or changes of any kind shall be made to the Town of Center road right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Center.** An application for a permit must include a detailed written description of the work to be performed along with a map of the work area. Any ditch enclosure in the Town right-of-way requires a Ditch Enclosure Agreement and/or Permit issued by the Town. The Ditch Enclosure Application and Ditch Enclosure Detail sheet shall be obtained from the Town Clerk or on the Town website. Permit fees are reviewed annually and set by resolution of the Town Board. All costs are the property owner’s responsibility.

**DO NOT PLOW, BLOW SNOW OR MOW GRASS CLIPPINGS** onto or across Town, County or State Roads. Persons found doing the above are subject to fines as established by Town, County and State regulations.

# Thank you!

The Center Fire Department would like to thank Crystal Print for their generous donation again this year.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the Fire Department’s Annual Summer Picnic and EMS’ Annual Cookout!

- \* = Donated to EMS Cookout
- = Donated to FD Picnic

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•Community First Credit Union

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•Custom Wood Creations by Jacob Smith

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•DeCoster Trucking & Farms

•Dillenberg, Sam

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•Fire Services, Inc

•Fox Communities Credit Union

•Fox Valley Sandblasting & Painting

•Foxy Pedaler

•Funset Boulevard Entertainment Center

•Game Day Sports Bar

•Garrow Oil & Propane

•Gary’s Old Fashion Mix

•General Beverage

•Geno’s Steakhouse

•Gilbert’s Sentry Foods Hortonville

•Gnarly Grain Coffee Company

•Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

•\*Green Bay Packers

•Greener Vision Recycling & Waste

•Hank & Karen’s Pub & Grill

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•Heenan, Hunter & Kristen

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•Hoffman, Carol

•Home Tavern

•Hupy & Abraham Personal Injury Lawyers

•Jacobs, Brian & Carol

•Jacobs, Taylor

•JG Restoration

•Jim Hofacker Masonry

•\*JMW Transfer

•Kaiser, Markus & Kerstin

•Keenan, Andrea & Mark

•Keller, Inc

•Kelsey’s Country Kitchen

•\*Kountry Bar

•\*Kramer Family Farms

•Kramer, Al & Dorothy

•Kuba, Cameron, Stephanie & Bridget

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•Kurt’s Services

•\*Kwik Trip #205

•L&K Painting & Staining

•Lamm, Eileen & Andrea Waalkens

•Lingnofski, Jerry & Kathy

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•Lutzewitz, George

•Mackville Forest Products

•Marcus Theaters

•Mark’s East Side

•Marks, Eli & Stacie

•\*Matt’s Welding

•McGlin, Shirley

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•Miller Electric

•Miller, Brett & Sarah

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•O’Reilly’s Auto Parts

•Outagamie Conservation Club

•Outagamie County Sheriff’s K9 Unit

•Parallel 44 Vineyard & Winery

•Patino, Ben

•Peterson, Jeremy & Jenny

•Pickens, Brent & Lorri

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•Porter’s Patch

•Premier Construction Group

•Printech, LLC

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•Skyline Comedy Club

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•Stadler, Dave & Glenda

•Stage Coach

•Starbucks

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•The Chiropractic Advantage, LLC

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•ThedaStar

\*Thrivent Financial

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•Timm, Gary & Barb

•TremI, Dorothy

•Tri-County Machining, Inc

\*Tureks Plumbing

•Two of a Kind

•Van Camp, Wayne & Carol

•\*Van De Loo Feed & Grain

•Van Handel Heating & Cooling

•Van Rossum Masonry, Inc

•Vermeer

•Vortex Optics

•Wisconsin Distributors

•Wisconsin Herd

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\*Wishing Well Bar & Grill

•Wittman, Danny

•\*Y Go By Bar & Grill