

TOWN OF CENTER
N3990 STATE ROAD 47
APPLETON WI 54913

CURRENT RESIDENT
(INSERT ADDRESS)

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2027 ANNUAL MEETING will be Tues, Apr. 20, 2027. 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- Travis Thiel.....	920-716-4686	First Responders: Lana Burchill ...	920-595-0294
#2- Gary Blank.....	920-475-5473	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.....	920-213-2119	Assessor, Borree Appraisal:	920-766-9166
Town Hall Office:	920-731-7229	Harter’s FV Disposal:.....	1-888-804-8556

Regular Town Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Committee Meetings: 1st 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

TOWN WEBSITE – Visit centerwi.gov for information on dog licensing, facility rental forms & calendar of availability, recycling and garbage pickup dates, Fire Department and First Responders information, Town Board agendas, minutes and more.

Get Town Meeting Notices as soon as they are posted! On the town website, select “Community”, then “Subscribe to Updates” to subscribe to e-mails or text alerts for the latest meeting agendas, minutes, news and notices.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK – Search for “**Town of Center WI**” to find us. The page provides meeting and election updates, road reports, emergency information and other general town information.

Questions or comments? Please call, email, or use “Contact Us” at centerwi.gov . Public comments are not enabled on the Facebook page, but we’re happy to help.

THE “CENTER” NEWS
Fall/Winter, 2026

Your Vote Matters! – Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Do You Need to Register? Register if one of the following applies to you:

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| ✔ Moved recently | ✔ Changed your name |
| ✔ Never voted before | ✔ Not voted in more than four years |

Proof of Residence in the town is required to register. Most common is a WI Driver’s License or State ID card, a property tax bill, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or paystub. You can register by mail, at the town hall or at myvote.wi.gov up until 20 days before the election. All registrations within 20 days of the election need to be in person at the Clerk’s office or on Election Day.

Need a ballot mailed to you? Your request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov, or send a written request by mail or email to the Clerk’s office. Be sure to include a copy of your photo ID. *Verbal requests cannot be accepted.*

In-Person Absentee Voting at the Town Hall

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|  | Wednesday, October 21, 2026 1:30-5:00 p.m. (no appointment needed) |
|  | Wednesday, October 28, 2026 1:30-5:00 p.m. (no appointment needed) |

Appointments other than Wednesdays, from October 20th – 30th may be arranged by calling 920-731-7229.

2027 ELECTIONS– Mark your Calendars!

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|  | February 16, 2027 – Spring Primary (if needed) |  | April 6, 2027 – Spring Election |
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If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you for the 2027 elections, you must submit a new request each year unless you are an Indefinitely Confined Voter.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR TOWN BOARD? - Contact the Town Clerk for more information on how to get your name on the ballot.

The following contests will appear on the Spring 2027 ballot:

- Town Board Chairperson
- Town Board Supervisor #1
- Town Board Supervisor #3

Important Dates:

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|  | Nomination papers available: December 1, 2026 |
|  | Filing deadline at Clerk’s Office: January 5, 2027 |

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE? – The Town Planning Committee occasionally has openings for volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Town Clerk for an application. The committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, as needed.

2027 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – The public hearing will be held Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will follow to approve the 2026 town tax levy to be collected in 2027. A detailed budget summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office and on the town website.

 **2027 DOG LICENSES** – Available early December at the Town office. Dog licenses can be renewed when you pay your taxes - include your payment, vaccination certificate, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No separate application needed if the vaccine certificate lists your name, address, phone #, and the dog’s name, color, & spay/neuter status. Your vaccination certificate will be returned with your license. License dogs older than 5 months within 30 days. Licenses expire December 31st and must be renewed each year. **Fees:** \$4 if spayed/neutered; \$9 otherwise; Add \$5 late fee if renewed after March 31st.

TOWN HALL & PAVILION RENTALS

- **Who may rent:** Town of Center residents and property owners age 21 or older
- **Reserve:** Check available dates on the town website, then call or e-mail the Town Clerk’s office
- **Fees:** Town Hall—\$100 | Park Pavilion—\$45
- **Security deposit:** Separate check equal to the rental fee is required & will be returned if the facility is left in acceptable condition
- Reservations may be made up to one year in advance
- Planning a bounce house? Please notify the Town Clerk.

PROPERTY TAXES — 2026 property tax bills payable in 2027 will be mailed in early December. First installments are due by January 31, 2026. After January 31st, pay the Outagamie County Treasurer. American National Bank will no longer be a payment location following its acquisition by Landmark Credit Union. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please choose one of the three payment options below.

-  **ONLINE (preferred)** – Visit outagamie.org and choose “Property Taxes.”
 - E-check: No fee
 - Debit card: \$3.50 fee
 - Credit card: 2.2% fee of the paid amount; \$1 minimum
-  **MAIL** – Send payment to: Town of Center, N3990 State Road 47, Appleton, WI 54913.
 - Make your check payable to “Town of Center” - Make sure the numeric and written amounts on your check match
 - Include the “1st INSTALLMENT OR FULL PAYMENT” stub from your tax bill
 - Add your phone number to the check or tax stub
 - Endorse escrow checks from your lender payable to both you and the town
 - For a receipt, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope
 - The envelope’s postmark date will be used as the payment date

-  **IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL**

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS

-  Wednesdays in December, 1:30–5:00 p.m.
-  Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.–noon

JANUARY OFFICE HOURS

-  Wednesdays in January, 1:30–5:00 p.m.
-  Saturday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon
-  Friday, January 29, 9:00 a.m.–noon

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, Lana Burchill.

EMS Update: It’s been a busy year for the Town of Center First Responders! Our volunteer responders continue to answer medical emergencies throughout our community while completing regular training to keep their skills sharp and stay prepared when you need us most. As we head into the fall and winter months, we’d like to thank our residents for their continued support. We are proud to serve our neighbors and our community! Interested in becoming a Center First Responder? We are looking for community members interested in joining our team and making a difference right here in the Town of Center. For more information, email president@centerems.com. Stay safe and have a wonderful fall!

 PLEASE HELP OUR EMERGENCY CREWS!

1. **Keep address signs visible.** Maintain your address signs and trim anything blocking the sign so crews can find your home quickly.
2. **Keep driveways clear.** Please make sure we have the needed clearance to get an emergency vehicle down your driveway. Fire trucks need at least 12 feet of width and 12 feet of height.

 **DO NOT PLOW, BLOW SNOW OR MOW GRASS CLIPPINGS** onto or across Town, County or State Roads. Violations may result in fines under Town, County and State regulations.

WORKING IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY? — The Road right-of-way generally extends 33 feet from the center of the road. **Get a permit before starting work** such as cleaning, boring, filling, or enclosing a ditch. Include a written project description and map with your application. Ditch enclosure applications are available from the Town Clerk and on the town website. Permit fees are reviewed annually by the Town Board. All costs are the property owner’s responsibility.

CENTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION — The Town of Center is proud to announce the creation of the Town of Center Community Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to help secure new funding opportunities and support projects that enhance the quality of life for current and future residents. While the Town continues to responsibly manage public resources, many grants and charitable donations are available only to nonprofit organizations. By establishing the Town of Center Community Foundation as a 501(c)(3), our community is now better positioned to pursue additional funding sources that were previously unavailable to the Town government alone. The Foundation can help bring additional resources into our community to support EMS and public safety programs; and parks and recreation improvements without increasing the tax burden on residents.

 **PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AT THE BALL DIAMOND** — A new advertising sign sponsorship program will be coming to the Town of Center ball diamond fence! Revenue is intended for the park fund, initially to help repay the fence cost.

- **Annual rate to rent fence space and installation:** \$800 (sign not included)
- **Annual Term:** April 1–March 31
- More information will be shared in the months ahead at centerwi.gov

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 and all anonymous donors for the Fire Department Annual Summer Picnic and EMS Annual Cookout!

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

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•Allied Cooperative	• Fischer, Brian & Karen	• Meat Block/Haen Meat Packing, Inc	•Skyline Comedy Club
•*American Quality Homes	• Fond du Lac Dock Spiders	• Mel’s Coffeeshouse	*SS Machine
•*AP Plumbing	• Fromm, Mike & Mary	• Melchert Sales	•Spectators Sports Bar & Grill
•Appleton Axe Throwing	• Funset Boulevard Ent. Center	• Michalewski, Carl & Susan	•Stadler, Craig, Sara & Family
•Appleton Solar, LLC	• Garrow Oil & Propane	• Mid Vallee Golf Course	•Stadler, Dave & Glenda
•Badger Sports Park	• Gary’s Old Fashion Mix	• Mile 22 Coffee Shop	•Stingle, Wayne & Donna
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*Bauman Grading & Landscape, LLC	• Harbor Freight	• OB1, LLC	•Swiderski Power, Inc
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•BenShot	* Helen House	• Olson, Joe & Amy	Chute
•*Beyer Dryall	• Hill & Valley Riders, Inc	• Orin J Peterson Sons, Inc	*TGS Construction, LLC
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*Brian Gorges Construction	• Hofacker, Joe, Lorrie & Family	• *Pete’s Electric	•The Wishing Well Bar &
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•Broehm, Keith & Barb	• Jim Hofacker Masonry	• Popp, Michael, Stacy & Family	•Timm, Andrew & Katie
•*Calmes Verkuilen Construction	• *JMW Transfer	• Popp’s Repair, LLC	•Timm, Gary
•Cedar Crest Ice Cream	• Keenan, Mark &Andrea	• Primal Eats	•Tureks Plumbing
•Center Valley Store	• Keller, Inc	• Printech of Wisconsin, LLC	•Van Camp, Wayne & Carol
*Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group	• Koleske, Rod & Elaine	*PRN Home Health & Therapy, LLC	•Van Handel Heating &
•Craig Ihde Construction, LLC	• *Kountry Bar	• Pro-Tec Fire Services, Inc	Cooling
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•Dani Warren, LLC	Bridget	Equipment	•VanHoof, Jack, Patti &
•Darrin Stingle Trucking &	*Kurey Bros	• Red Robin	Family
Excavating, LLC	• *Kurt’s Services	• Riesterer & Schnell	•WFP Transportation,
•DeBruin, Dan & Linda	• Kwik Trip #205	• Road America	LLC/Granite Valley Forest
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•Don Olmsted Trucking	• Lamm, Eileen & Andrea Waalkens	• *Romy’s Nitingale	•Wieckert Real Estate
•Doug Reese Trucking, LLC	• Lauters, Chuck & Yuhac	• Roskom Meats	•Wisconsin Distributors
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•Ebben, Mike & Brittany	• *Lowney’s Landscape Center, Inc	• Salmon Season	•Wisconsin Timber Rattlers
•Ebben, Ron & Sue	• Lutzewitz, George	• Saving Paws Animal Rescue	•Wittman, Danny
•Eclectic Wood Works, Custom Wood	• Magnolia Coffee Co.	• Scheels	•Woodman’s Markets
Creations by Jacob Smith	• Mark’s East Side	• Schuh, Lynn	•Y Go By Bar & Grill
•Erbert & Gerbert’s Sandwich	• Marks, Eli & Stacie	• Shakin’ Rock Vineyard & Winery,	•Y-Not Maple Syrup
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