Town of Stockton

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Summer Newsletter July, 2014

Dates to Remember

2nd and 4th Mondays Each Month -Town Board meets at 6:30pm in most cases except when the Portage County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association meets the same night. *April* 1st – Dog license fees were due for 2014. Fine per unlicensed dog is \$169. Forms are available upon request. Late fee is \$5 per dog. **April to October** – According to the DNR, avoid cutting or wounding oaks from April to October to prevent oak wilt. Insects that carry the fungus are *most active April 15th to August 15th.* **June 1**st to December 31st – Burning Permits are **not** required in Portage County but you must still check the restrictions on the day of the burn by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN or at www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn. Call the Sheriff's Office at (715) 346-1400 at start and end of burn to reduce false alarms.

August 8th - Last day to register to vote in Clerk's office for August 12th Election. Election Day registrations are permissible with Proof of Residence.

August 12th - Partisan Primary Election, 7am to 8pm, Town Hall. Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Assembly Dist. 71, County Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk of Circuit Court, and Congressional District 3.

August 12th to 14th – Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. Expect road closures on 5th St. and Burbank Rd. August 18th – Assessment Roll for the Year 2014 open for examination, 3pm to 5pm, Town Hall. Information about the assessment, how to file an objection, and Board of Review procedures will be made available at that time.

August 18th – Board of Review convenes to consider objections to assessments, 5pm to 7pm, Town Hall.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Garbage Truck Broke My Cart... Please contact Advanced Disposal at (888) 271-7176 and they will deliver a replacement in 7 to 10 days.

The Snow Plow Hit My Mailbox...
Mailboxes should be on breakaway posts
(no larger than 4" x 4") located at least
3 to 4 feet from the pavement with 42 to
48 inches of clearance from the ground
to the bottom of the mailbox. We will
replace mailboxes we damage with
mailboxes of similar value as long as
these guidelines are followed. Contact
USPS for more info.

When do I need a Building Permit? A Town Building Permit is required for any additions, alterations or remodeling of a dwelling or any part attached to, or less than 5' from, a dwelling. Exempt: Minor repairs, door & window replacement of the same size units or reroofing where no structural alterations are involved, replacement of furnace or water heater provided the venting and fuel type remain the same, and detached accessory structures more than 5' from the dwelling. Call Building Inspector Mike Bembenek at (715) 570-8378. A Portage County Zoning Permit, (715) 346-1334, is also required for all new structures and all additions that increase the footprint or volume of the structure.

Where Can I Take Yard Waste?
Zblewski Bros. LLC in Plover (715) 341-5350 is the only outlet we know of. The fee is \$5 to \$25/load and they may discontinue the service at any time. The Town no longer accepts yard waste due to abuse. Dumping in the ditch/right-ofway is illegal. Please consider composting.

How Can I Adopt a Road?

Please contact the Town Hall. There's no charge for applying or supplies. A minimum of one Spring and one Fall effort is requested.

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Help Us Prevent Road Damage and Protect Your Investment

Proper road drainage is essential to the long life of any road. Ditches drain water away from the roadbed, keeping the soil under the road dry and firm to reduce road flexing when a load is applied. The road right-of-way is 66' wide or 33' from center of the road. Ditching filled in by tillage or fill into the road right-of-way impedes drainage and destroys roads.

By State Statute 86.021 you are prohibited from interfering or altering the road drainage and can be fined and/or imprisoned (harsh, but true) as well as subject to paying the cost to restore the road to its previous condition. Farm tractors and equipment driving onto the road, turning, and returning to the field breaks up the blacktop is also not allowed. Town ordinance allows for a single driveway into the field. We are fortunate to have a good road system in the town. Please help us prolong the life of our roads by reporting or stopping such practices.

Housing Rehab Loans!

Portage County and the CHR
Community Development
Block Grant program has 0%
interest, deferred-payment
loans for income qualified
homeowners and 1.5%
rehabilitation loans for
landlords. Call the Juneau
County Housing Authority at
(608) 847-7309 or email
juncoha@frontier.com

Heavy Equipment Operators Update

As of April 23, 2014, the State Senate Bill 509 has gone into effect, known as Act 377. These new laws and changes substantially affect you regarding Implements of Husbandry. We have put a web page together to make it easier for you to find out how these changes may affect you. Look for the web page on The Town of Stockton Web Site http://www.stocktonwi.com/Blog/?page id=47&title=farm-equipment-and-town-roads

Supermen & Wonderwomen!

Be a hero and join the Stockton Fire
Dept. or First
Responders.
Wages and Paid
Training. Call the
Town Hall or Fire
Dept. at telephone
numbers on front
page for details.