#### **Town of Stockton**

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### **Spring 2020 Newsletter**



#### Mark your calendar

July 31<sup>st</sup> – The second installment of the Portage County Real Estate Taxes due.

The Town of Stockton does not accept property tax payments. MAIL TAX PAYMENTS TO: PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER, 1516 CHURCH STREET, STEVENS POINT WI 54481
The Portage County Treasurer's Office is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm. You may also issue payment for your Portage County property taxes with a credit card or echeck by calling 1-877-782-4828, or by visiting: <a href="https://www.co.portage.wi.us">www.co.portage.wi.us</a> Visa debit card \$3.95 fee. Credit cards and non-Visa debit card fee 2.39%. E-check fee \$1.50.

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Partisan Primary Election – Congressional, State, Legislative & County Offices. Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote absentee prior to the election or in person at the Town Hall, 7252 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Custer. Photo ID is required. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Election – Presidential, Congressional, State, Legislative & County Offices. Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote absentee prior to the election or in person at the Town Hall, 7252 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Custer. Photo ID is required. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

## SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety of our residents & volunteers is at the top of the priority list. Not only do we want to stop the spread of the virus, but we also want to be health conscious of the many members that assist during the event - Fire/Rescue/EMS members, Public Works employees and other volunteers. The 2020 Spring Clean Up event has been cancelled for this reason. The event will not be rescheduled. For items not able to be disposed in your regular garbage, please contact the Portage County Transfer Facility, located in Plover, by calling (715) 343-6297.

# Advanced Disposal will not collect trash/refuse or recycling that is not "containerized"

Advanced Disposal's Motto is "Service First, Safety Always". At Advanced Disposal, the safety of our employees, our customers and the general public is of the utmost importance. EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2020, ADVANCED DISPOSAL WILL NOT COLLECT ANY TRASH/REFUSE OR RECYCLING THAT IS NOT CONTAINERIZED. All trash/refuse and recycling must be placed in the carts. LOOSE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE CART WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

#### **DNR Suspends Burning Permits**

Annual Burning Permits: These are suspended indefinitely due to fire danger and to reduce contacts in-regards-to COVID-19. This means no debris burning in a barrel or out in the open.

Special Burn Permits: Special burn permits are also cancelled except for agricultural purposes (clearing brush to plant crops etc.) or new construction (i.e. lot clearing for new construction) and are time sensitive. These are still allowed and DNR will address each request on an individual basis.

Cooking or Warming Fires (i.e. campfires):
Although discouraged cooking and/or warming fires are allowed with legitimate firewood in a legitimate location (i.e. campfire ring or pit).
Burning brush or yard debris in a campfire ring or pit is a debris fire and not a cooking or warming.

#### **Smokey the Bear Sign Stolen**

The corner of County Highway J and County Highway HH is usually adorned by our Smokey the Bear sign. However, recently, "Smokey" was stolen. If you have any information regarding the disappearance, please contact either the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the Clerk's Office or one of the members of our Fire Department. Please help return him to his rightful home!



#### **Town of Stockton Meetings**

**Town Board Meetings:** The Town of Stockton Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm.

**EMS Department Meetings:** The Town of Stockton EMS Group members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**Fire Department Meetings:** The Town of Stockton Fire Department members meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**Plan Commission Meetings:** The Town of Stockton Plan Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

#### **Election Information**

There are two more elections in the 2020 calendar year.

If you are a first-time voter, new to the area, have an address change or a name change; you will need to fill out the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application. Prefer in person options? Contact the Clerk during regular business hours. Tech savvy? Log on to <a href="https://myvote.wi.gov">https://myvote.wi.gov</a> You will need a photo ID as well as proof of residence. If you prefer, email stockton@wi-net.com and an application can be emailed to you.

If you are not sure if you're a registered voter, you can inquire easily by going to <a href="https://myvote.wi.gov">https://myvote.wi.gov</a>; you will

If you prefer to vote Absentee, you may do so. You don't need a reason, it's your right. To vote absentee, contact the Clerk to obtain an Absentee Ballot Application, utilize the myvote.wi.gov website or stop by in person to complete the request. Photo ID is required.

#### Roadside/Ditch Clean Up and Maintenance

Living in a rural community, we often encounter littering along the roads and ditch lines. There are individual families and volunteer groups that participate in the Adopt-A-Road program, helping to clean up the roadsides and make our community a cleaner place. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact our Town Clerk for further details. Thank you to all that help keep our Town clean. In addition, the Town Board reminds you that it is unlawful to plow, cultivate or otherwise work any land within the road right-of-way. We also recommend that farmers do not enter onto the road to turn equipment on the blacktop as this action damages the road surface. Violation can result in fines and cost of restoring the ditch or highway or both to their former condition. Refer to state statute 86.021.